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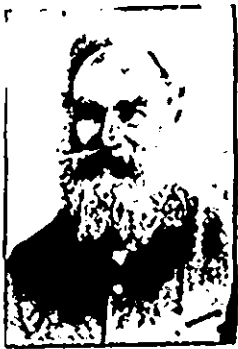
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1896.

The Coming Convention.

The bi-annual Convention of the deaf-mutes of Ontario will be held in Brantford on the 18th to 21st of June. The date has been so arranged that pupils from the Institution may stop there on the way home if they so desire, and also in order to secure the attendance of the teachers who are in charge of the pupils or who may be passing in that direction. A good programme is being prepared which all will enjoy, and it is hoped the Convention will be a success in point of numbers as it undoubtedly will be in interest. It is very desirable that the deaf throughout the Province should keep in touch with each other in order that their mutual interests may be conserved; and the opportunity afforded by these Conventions for the discussion of matters pertinent to the welfare of the deaf should not be neglected. To most of the deaf, however, the chief attraction of the Convention is the privilege it affords of renewing old acquaintances. To a very large extent the deaf are isolated from hearing people and many of them rarely meet anyone with whom they can hold free and sympathetic intercourse. To such, therefore, these Conventions are veritable oases in the somewhat dreary desert of life, which they look forward to with eager anticipation, participate in with keen enjoyment and afterwards dwell upon in memory with very fond recollection. Our Brantford friends are anxious that this shall be the most successful and enjoyable Convention ever yet held and we hope that the members of the Association will see to it that their efforts shall be crowned with success.

False praise can please and calumny frighten none but the vicious and the hypocrite.—Horace.

It is a man's duty to have books. A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life.—Beecher.



The Late Thomas Wills.

Died.—On Tuesday May 5th at his residence, D. & D. Institution, Belleville, Ont. THOMAS WILLS of Garrygliss, Queen's County, Ireland, aged 72 years, 1 month and 23 days.

The news of Mr. Thomas Wills' death on the morning of the 5th inst. could not be said to be unexpected, since all hopes of his recovery had been abandoned some days before, yet it none the less called forth an expression of sincere sorrow and regret from all who were connected with the Institution, as well as from his many friends in the city and the country round about. For a few months past his health had not been good, but he attended faithfully to his duties as long as he could move about at all, and after most men would have yielded to growing infirmity, he seemed to have a premonition that his days were about numbered and he was anxious to leave none of his duties undone that he could possibly attend to. Several weeks ago, however, he had a severe attack of what proved his fatal illness and the implements of his service were forever laid aside. From the first he divined that the attack was a mortal one and on the night when his illness laid him low he remarked to his son that "this is the beginning of the end." And so it proved. During his remaining weeks of life his sufferings were very great but he bore them all with fortitude and resignation and welcomed death at the last as a happy release. He passed peacefully away shortly after two o'clock on the morning of the 5th inst.

The deceased was born at Kilkenny, Ireland, 72 years ago. His parents were in affluent circumstances and he fell heir to the fine estate known as Garrygliss, Ireland, with a rent roll of £1200 a year. This, however, he subsequently lost through circumstances that redounded to his own credit and proved him to be possessed of a scrupulous honesty such as is rarely found. He came to Canada in 1862 and settled first at Fredericksburg, Ont., and then lived a year or two in Amherst Island. He had acquired an excellent education in Ireland, and soon after coming to Canada he obtained a first-class Normal School certificate and took charge of a school at Adolphustown. After a year or two of successful service in this capacity he was compelled to relinquish the profession owing to deafness, and in 1867 he moved to Belleville. He worked a year or two in Flint & Holton's mill and then worked for Mr. Evans as gardener till 1871, when he was appointed gardener at the Institution here, which position he occupied till the day of his death.

Personally, he was a man who was highly esteemed by all. Owing to his defective hearing he did not mingle much with his fellows, nevertheless his marked intelligence and his sterling worth of character won for him a wide circle of acquaintances and many devoted friends. He was a sincere Christian and before his death gave a clear testimony of his assurance of pardon and acceptance.

In 1844 he was united in marriage to Agnes Kydd, with whom he has enjoyed 52 years of uninterrupted felicity, and who survives him. They had twelve children, all of whom are alive, this being the first death that has ever

occurred in the family. The names of the children are Robert, who lives in Montreal; Mrs. (Dr.) Berrington, Florida; Mrs. J. P. Smith, Wheeling, West Virginia; Henry, Thomas, Casper and Rebecca, Belleville; Mrs. Short, Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Teasel, Mrs. Clockoy, and Charles, all of Toronto.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon and was largely attended. On the previous day many of those connected with the Institution viewed the remains, which were very natural in appearance. Many noticed within the dead man's hand a red rose. This was one of two flowers that were placed in the hand of Mr. Wills' mother when she died. Mrs. Wills still has the other flower. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Cadé, pastor of the West Belleville Methodist Church. The pall bearers were Messrs. Cunningham, Burns, Keith, McMillan, Nurse and Lang, all of the Institution. A half-holiday had been granted and all the boys and girls were ranged along the sides of the road and gave fitting expression to the respect they all felt for the deceased. The boys also followed the remains to the cemetery, where Mr. Coleman interpreted the service to them. The floral offerings were numerous and very handsome.

The death of Mr. Garbutt at Trenton, and that of G. P. Logan, at Frisco, N. S., adds two more to the long list of the deaf who have been killed while walking on the railway track. It really seems incomprehensible that anyone who cannot hear would ever take his life in his hand in this foolhardy manner, yet scarce a week passes without its record of one or more fatal accidents from this cause. Papers published in the interest of the deaf have warned their readers time and time again against walking on the track, but all without avail in very many cases, though we would fain believe that some have taken heed and doubtless saved their lives thereby. Yet once again with the emphasis borrowed from these two deaths, we would say to the deaf, never walk on a railway track, and when at a station or any place in the vicinity of a railway have eyes in all parts of the head and every sense on the alert.

The conclusion arrived at by editor Fay in the *Annals*, relative to marriages among the deaf is a very striking one. He shows that when both partners are deaf the union is less likely to result in deaf children than when one partner only is deaf. If this conclusion is correct then the question as to whether or not the deaf should marry the deaf is solved once for all, and Dr. Bell's bugbear of a deaf variety of human race has as little foundation in fact as his pure-oral propaganda has in reason.

A leading physician declares that rocking is very promotive of deafness, and also injures the eyes and makes people near-sighted. If this be true it might be pertinent to enquire whether the use of cradles is not responsible for a considerable portion of deafness as found in children. The motion a child undergoes in a cradle is an unnatural one and it would not be surprising if even greater violence than injuries to eyes and ears could be traced to this source.

A farmer in Virginia brought a suit against a Frenchman for selling him a deaf mule. He said he had "good, whom' and hawed" until he was hoarse, but the mule would not pay the least attention to his orders, consequently he must be a deaf mule. The Frenchman replied the mule was not deaf, but the trouble was simply that the mule could not understand the English of the farmer. The case went over to the next term of court.—*The Deaf-Mute's Friend*.

An Old Legend

King Solomon—so runs the legend—walked with his favorite angel in the midst of converse. A silent, shrouded figure in a shrinking, the favorite cried, "Who's your stranger?" "A mighty angel, he, whom thou dost not know the healing in his hand. But pallid with fright grew he. "Oh, save me, Solomon! Send me in farthest India to die. That so I may escape Death." And Solomon, in pity for his fear, Granting his wish, conveyed him. But the death angel questioned, "Who walked with thee, O King?" "Twas Asahel," the King made answer. "Then death, in wonder, "Asahel, why, I am bid to bring his soul away. This night from India's farthest shore."

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To the Editor of THE CANADIAN MUTE.

DEAR SIR.—I am a Chicago deaf-mute, and let me reply to the notices of "A Detroitian," and "A Greenway" in "Peddling." Those who carry peddlers and a license is required. It is good to kick against one class of peddlers who do not carry clean clothes, but for a license or for their license, Gallaudett, of New York, got some licenses to sell things, and Mr. Gregor states that he does not object to deaf mutes selling useful things. All factories must have agents to sell their sales or they cannot stand. In Chicago, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa and Michigan I met hundreds of mutes out of their own farms and gardens and sell their produce. I favor Miss M. and her fund and wish her success because I have subscribed to it for many years in England. Yours respectfully, F. G. JAYNES, 1338 Wabash Ave. Chicago.

A Keen-eyed Engineer.

An old engineer was getting sight tested by a doctor who lived in a house facing a large park. The doctor had to say to his patients, "Look over the park and tell me what you can see." When the engineer learned that his sight was to be tested, he had arranged with his son to take his bicycle half a mile into the park and be oiling it. In the time the old man was led to the window, the doctor saying, as usual, "What do you see?" The old man, peering out, saw a young man stooping beside his bicycle. "Do you?" said the doctor. "I see nothing at all." "Nonsense," said the engineer, "The doctor took up a pair of field glasses and plainly saw the same." "Magnificent sight!" he said. The engineer is still drawing his wages.—*Elmira Telegram*.

Puzzling Questions

After puzzling yourself over the following questions, try them on your schoolteacher and the head boy in your class. If a goose weighs ten pounds and had its own weight, what is the weight of the goose? Who has not been tempted to reply on the instant fifteen pounds, the correct answer being, of course, twenty pounds. How many days would it take to roll up a piece of cloth fifty yards long, the yard being cut off every day? A snail climbing up a pole two feet high ascends five feet every night and slips down four feet every night. How long will the snail take to reach the top of the post? A wise man having a window ten feet high and one yard wide, required a pane of light, enlarged the window to its former size; yet the window was only one yard high and one yard wide. How was this done? This is a question in geometry, as the panes are catch questions in arithmetic. The window was diamond shaped and was afterwards made square. As to the former, perhaps it is not necessary seriously to point out the answer to the first is not but forty-nine; and to the second, twenty days, but sixteen, since who gains one foot each day the top of the pole and there remains Well-Spring.