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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

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... with heart and hand
... on its flowery strand.
... occasions drifting by.

Dr. J. H. Brown.

The staff of this Institution and the deaf-mutes throughout Ontario congratulated Mr. J. H. Brown, M. D., on his appointment to the Principalship of the Belfast Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind. Dr. Brown was a teacher in this Institution for some six or seven years, and he was eminently successful. While here he won the affection of the deaf with whom he came in contact and the esteem of his fellow-teachers. After leaving here he taught for over two years at the Pittsburg Institution and two years at the Kansas Institution, and in the meantime took the degree of M. D. at Jefferson College. When Prof. Walker removed from Kansas to become Superintendent of the Jacksonville School, Dr. Brown accompanied him as second teacher, where position he still occupies. His position as Principal of the Belfast Institution will be an important one, and one which he is well qualified to fill. British institutions are hardly up to present day standards in methods for the education of the deaf, and no doubt Dr. Brown will use his best endeavors to place the Belfast Institution on a par with the best American schools. We hope and feel quite confident that Dr. Brown's career in his new sphere will be a very successful one—it certainly will be if his success is commensurate with his talents. He has many friends in Belleville who will be glad to hear of his prosperity.

Toronto Saturday Night is now printed from new type and issued from its new printing house, erected specially for the purpose, and increasing business of the company. Saturday Night is a unique paper, and the weekly articles of "Don" and "Mack" make it one of the most interesting publications printed in the Dominion.

In these days of progression, not regarded as it has often occurred to us as a matter that while mankind is being educated to acknowledge woman's equality in some instances her superiority to man should still be so strong with regard to a question of salary. In national matters this is more than elsewhere. Women are better qualified than men as teachers, but they receive in many instances but half the salary accorded to men for the very same grade and amount of work. We do not refer to the well-to-do novices, of which class there is always a greater supply than for men, but to the experienced. An experienced woman receives less than an experienced man. It would seem that common justice should be done in some salary.—Sylvia Chapin

HOME NEWS

WM. NOURSE LOCAL EDITOR

During the late cold snap, our thermometer more than once registered 35 below zero and once got down to 38.

On Ash Wednesday, the Catholic male pupils attended church in the city, there was too much snow for the girls to go.

Our Annual Report is out and besides being very interesting reading the cuts of some of the classes and the work rooms make it a special feature. Each of the teachers and officers received a bound copy.

Through the kindness of the manager of the Belleville skating rink, each of our boys can get permission to attend and always admitted free to witness hockey matches with outside clubs. The boys appreciate the privilege very much.

Mrs. Terrill, while driving out to school one morning last week the roads being badly blocked with snow, was upset on the way and thrown out of the sleigh. She was so much prostrated that she had to relinquish her class for that day, but is quite well again now.

Our boys read with envy, among the items in the school papers from the sunny south, that flowers are blooming there and foot-ball is all the rage while we up here are half buried in snow. Never mind boys, your time is coming, you may console yourselves with what they have not got, good skating and hockey playing.

The Literary club of the city was entertained by Miss Walker, in her parlors at the Institution on the evening of Tuesday last. Miss Walker, Mrs. Mathison and the Superintendent belong to the club and seem to enjoy going to its meetings, which are held at the homes of the members in rotation on Tuesday evening of each week during the winter months.

Cora Pierce, one of our bright little maids, was called home on the 15th ult., her mother being very ill. All were sorry to lose her. Only a brief hour before the message came she was one of the happiest of the crowd of boys and girls gathered on the skating rink and was enjoying herself heartily. We hope that her mother is recovering. She will not return to school this term.

The refuse fat from our kitchen has lately been put to good use. It has been utilized for the manufacture of soap for dining room, dish washing, etc., and has been found far superior to any thing we could buy for the purpose. The fat is boiled down in the laundry soap boiler with the addition of lye. Already several hundred pounds have been made and the results are so satisfactory the practice will be kept up.

For the first time in ten weeks, our isolated hospital is empty of patients. Little Jas. Hartwick was the last of the scarlet fever patients to leave, and he is very happy that his enforced seclusion is over and to be back among his school mates again. Everything has been thoroughly disinfected, a large bonfire of the bedding, etc., was made out on the play ground and we hope that it will be long before the building will be again required for infectious diseases.

It is a great cause for thankfulness that our pupils are now all progressing towards health and that our sick reports are daily growing smaller. We have had so much sickness, much of it of a very serious nature, during the past three months that it is truly wonderful that we have escaped losing more of our children. Four of our boys who have been ill with pneumonia for seven weeks are now able to take up their studies again and will strive to make up for lost time.

During the late meeting of the County council, they passed permission for the Belleville Traction Company to build and operate a line to run from the city up past the Institution to the cemetery. We understand that it will be built immediately the winter breaks up, so we may reasonably hope for an electric car service before very long. An electric light company at Trenton also obtained permission to string their lines along the road to supply Belleville with light and power.

The appeal through the deaf-mute press for aid to the deaf of India, did not pass unnoticed by our pupils, they cheerfully gave of their small store of

pocket money to help their brother mutes in that far off land to gain the blessings of an education. Miss James on the girls' side and Mr. McKillop on the boys' passed around the hat and \$5.27 was quickly raised without the least pressure. It has been forwarded to the proper persons and will go to help swell the Calcutta School Fund.

Several hundred friends of the Epworth League, from all parts of the country, met in the Bridge St. Church, Belleville, last week. Mr. Mathison sent a cordial invitation to all who desired to visit the Institution during their stay in the city. We expected a large party out, but the stormy weather and bad roads deterred many, so we only welcomed about forty of them, and they were only able to make a brief stay as the meetings were then over and they were anxious to be off home.

We have been trying to analyze Mr. Douglas's feelings when, just as he nears his home in the evening thinking his day's duties are over, he meets a load of hay or straw on the way out, and he has to go back to weigh it, wait till it is unloaded and check off the tare. In summer time he can trundle home on his wheel, but during the late stormy weather when every inch of the road is blocked up it is rather rough on him. The Institution expects every man to do his duty, and he does it with grace.

We were lately visited by two brothers, mutes, who claimed to be from Chicago. We are always glad to welcome respectable brother mutes from any where, but were glad this time that our visitors did not stay long. The discrepancy in their statements of themselves, and the personal appearance of one of them made us suspicious that there was something that would stand as a bar against them in respectable society and it was soon proved that we were right. The brutal occupation that they had been engaged in was very apparent and when away from the eyes of the officers and among the boys they seemed to glory in it. We certainly do not want the minds of our boys to be imbued with such low tastes, so we were glad to have them go after a few hours here. They appeared flush with money but we have since found that they are probably the persons who begged a railway pass to Belleville from the mayor of a city between here and Montreal.

Our small boys played their first hockey match with a team of city boys of their own age and size on Saturday 22nd ult., and turned what seemed to be certain defeat into a brilliant victory for themselves. The city lads were a clever lot of young players and at some points outplayed our boys, who had never played in a match before. The way our young visitors handled their sticks, lifted the puck and shot on goal would have done no discredit to much older players. The city lads got their first goal which our boys soon duplicated, the hearing boys then scored again three times in succession making the score 4 to 1. This looked discouraging and all predicted a defeat for our youngsters, but they stuck to it with dogged perseverance and during the last fifteen minutes of the game they raised their tally notch by notch, two, three, four until it was a tie just as time was called. By mutual consent they agreed to play until one side scored again. Both sides started the play in the most resolute manner, but our boys played with too much determination to be denied and in a few minutes scored their fifth goal and gained the game. The boys who played on our team were, Alton, Crough, point, Henry, cover point, W. Gray, forwards, Leslie, Lougheed, Orser and Armstrong.

The ice men have at last completed the work of filling our ice-house. The boys have had some stiff work to keep the rinks clear of snow. Willie Lightfoot, who went home to thoroughly recover from a severe attack of pneumonia, has returned to school again. Mr. Downie has been making a number of picture frames for the class rooms. He uses a contrivance of his own for holding the frames square while joining them and the work is done rapidly. Mr. Langmuir was ill for a few days. F. Ross has left the school room and will hereafter work all day in the shoe-shop.

Nelson Wood is turning out some fine work with his scroll saw and has made several useful articles with it. W. T. Dand has been laid up for several weeks with an injury to his leg received while at play in the sitting room. Freddy Terrill, who has been sick, is recovering.

PERSONALITIES.

The death of Mrs. Black, aunt of Mr. McKillop, of this Institution, and mother-in-law of Mr. Archibald Blue, of Toronto, is announced. Her maiden name was Brown and her mother-in-law's name was White. It is unique for four generations to have the names of White, Brown, Black and Blue. Will the next generation keep up the chromatic tendency of the family?

Misses Eunice and Mary Pettypiece, formerly pupils of this school, but of late years residents of Winnipeg, are enjoying their visit to Ontario immensely. When last heard from they were at Wingham, and the Advance of that town says:—"Misses Eunice and Mary Pettypiece, of Winnipeg, Man., daughters of our former townsman, George Pettypiece, are guests of the Misses Kerr at present. Their many friends in town were glad to have the pleasure of shaking hands with them again." We are sorry we shall not have an opportunity of seeing them before they go to their Western home.

"Dummy" Rowan and George Glover of Montreal, fought a ten round short distance out of Montreal on Tuesday night, and on Thursday morning at 12.17 the Dummy and his brother, also a Dummy, came to Cornwall on the blind baggage car. They heard Cornwall was quite a sporting town, and that there was a chance of getting up a scrap here, but the temperature was too cold, and all the "dead game" sports had gone to Mexico to see the big fight there, so the two dummies got a free pass on the tin train for Belleville, tired, cold and hungry.—Cornwall Freeholder.

Donations to Calcutta, India, School Fund.

Table with 2 columns: Description of donation, Amount. Includes entries for 'Previously acknowledged' and 'Total to date February 21st, 1896.'

The progress I am making with this collection is slow but sure as the above will show, and in spite of the opposition shown by a few there are many who recognize my appeal in behalf of the deaf of India as being a cause worthy of support. They say, (those who have shown opposition to my stop) that "Charity begins at home." Right here at home there is a crying need. All this I am not backward in acknowledging as being true, but at the same time I also think a case like the deaf of India is just as much deserving of aid possibly just a little more when it is a good education they need to help them through life and to enable them to stand up for their own rights.

G. E. Maxwell, Collector, 1108 West Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Partners.

A sturdy little figure it was, trudging bravely by with a pail of water. So many times it had passed our gate that morning, and curiosity prompted us to further acquaintance.

"You are a busy little girl to day?" "Yes'm." The round face under the broad hat was turned toward us. It was freckled, flushed, and perspiring, but cheery withal.

"Yes'm it takes a heap of water to do a washing." "And do you bring it all from the brook down there?"

"Oh, we have it in two cisterns, mostly, only it's been such a dry time lately." "And there's nobody else to carry the water?"

"Nobody but mother, an' she is washing."

"Well, you are a good girl to help her." It was not a well-considered compliment, and the little water carrier did not consider it one at all, for there was a look of surprise in her gray eyes, and an almost indignant tone in her voice, as she answered, "Why, of course I help her. I always help her to do things all the time, she hasn't anybody else. Mother and me's partners."

We looked after her as she picked up her pail and walked on, bending under her load a little, but resolute, and with no thought of complaining or slinking. A stout, old-fashioned, homely little body she was, but we call her mother a rich and happy woman.—The Young Idea.

He who is most slow in making a promise is the most faithful in the performance of it.—Rousseau.