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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

MONDAY OCTOBER 2, 1893.

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BELLEVILLE, October 2, 1893.

Parents and Friends:—

The Institution opened on Wednesday last, and during that day and night nearly all the old pupils who were expected to return answered to the roll-call in the chapel on Thursday morning. Without exception, they were evidently pleased to be here once more, and the meeting between class mates and alumni was a pleasant to see. A number of new pupils have been enrolled, but some of them are not quite so glad and happy as those who were here last year and for several years. It is quite natural for children separated with strangers to be homesick at first, but we have a way of making the lonely, homesick ones feel at home with friends who have an interest in them and will supply as far as possible the affectionate care of the parents at home. We generally succeed so well that there is no difficulty in getting them out of one hundred at their returning to school the following year and afterwards. Parents of old and new pupils are requested when they feel they would like to see their children, particularly about their children, to come and a prompt answer will be returned. The report published in this issue of the paper will be found accurate and reliable. When children are ill parents will be notified of the nature of the sickness at once and be informed from time to time how the child is progressing. Every child will receive the best possible attention during illness. We do not anticipate much business for our Institution at the present time as it is good a sanitary condition is possible for it to be. When emergencies arise we are prepared to meet them. The parents of this girl are thanked for allowing her to come to the Institution under such circumstances. It is written them to this effect. The girl was in the hospital without any special good care and it is hoped that she will escape the infection. Yours faithfully, R. Mathison SUPERINTENDENT.

Report of Pupils' Standing.

Excellent, 10 ; Medium, 5 ; Good, 7 ; Poor, 3.

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Thirty-seven new pupils have been admitted up to date this season. Mrs. Middlemass spent a month in Chicago visiting the Fair. She returned in improved health. We want to hear from all our old contributors as soon as possible. News concerning the well being of the deaf is always welcome from any source. Each year before school opens every part of the exterior of the buildings is thoroughly drenched down with the fire hose. The work answers a two-fold purpose: it cleanses the buildings and is a test of the power of our fire-fighting appliances. The power supplied by the city waterworks was very satisfactory, and was found far in advance of the streams we used to get from our own pump-house. Robert Hanson, after spending a long holiday in Prescott and Morrisburg, returned to Belleville, and commenced work with Mr. Mills, tailor. After two weeks work he went to Kingston to spend Sunday, and the attractions there must have been much ahead of Belleville, for he only returned to get together his belongings and go back by the next train. All here were surprised at his move, and hope he will not regret it. J. A. Isbister has been working with Mr. Van Laven, of Morven, during the summer. John will probably not return to school again, as he has been employed in our shoe shop during the past three years, he will likely get work at that trade in the fall. He will be greatly missed from our Athletic Association, as he always took a warm interest in every thing contributing to its success. On the foot-ball field he always headed the right wing, and his excellent play was the pride of the team and was frequently eulogized by spectators. As a base ball catcher he had few superiors. It will be hard to find one to fill his positions so acceptably.