

The Birds Have Come.

The birds have come! The birds have come!
They fill the air with melody.
They make the whole world ring.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

Contributed by Pupils of Mr. Denys' Class.

Parrots.
Catskin.
Swallows.
Frog's legs.
Carpet beating.
Apple blossoms.
Men disappear.
They will return.
Our lawn is pretty.
Nature weaves her carpet.

Last week Blanche Sager got a letter from her dear sister, Phoebe, saying she will have a new bicycle.

Anna Allendorf got word from home that Mr and Mrs Heaton, her uncle and aunt, are going to Chicago to live.

The papers state that a young electrician named Reese Hutchinson succeeded in making a deaf man hear with an audiphone connected with electric wires.

During the Franco Prussian war, there was formed a corps of deaf and dumb Frenchmen who marched to battle with the gallantry of their hearing comrades.

We have a little colt about three weeks old. It is very cute looking. The other day it frisked into Mr Dowrie's preserves.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Messrs. Clarke and Allen have lately been in Ottawa in the course of their business, but your correspondent did not see them.

We are informed that Mr Pettit will assist Mr Gray with his farm work this summer. Alfred prefers deaf mutes to assist him and will go to a good deal of trouble to procure one.

We understand Noah Labelle is going to hang out a shingle in some large village in Russell Co this year.

Mr. McEwan was over to Mr Bayne's for seed grain lately. He expects a prosperous summer's work and will work the whole of his hundred acre farm himself this year.

The bicycle fever has struck the mute ladies in the city, who are all expert wheelwomen now.

Miss Jameson lost an aunt by death a week ago.

Miss Macfarlane has returned from her visit to Montreal.

Seeding operations are well under way now, by this time last year we were nearly through.

We were informed that Mr. Holland intends to make a visit to Newfoundland this summer and return in the fall.

The Clever Weaver Bird.

An interesting bird is the "weaver." It seems to be fond of making enormous nests merely for the purpose of exercise in the art of construction.

Everyone has a fair turn to be as he pleases. Jeremy Collier.

If thou desire to be held wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue. -Quarles.

The Birds' May-basket.

BY L. R. M.

Among the fragrant apple blossoms,
On the branch of an old tree
Just before my chamber window.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent.

The women of our silent world have done well this winter. Your reporter was present at the last meeting of the Dorcas Society and makes this statement with sincere respect for what they have accomplished.

The closing meeting of the Dorcas Society was held at Mrs. Nasmit's home, Thursday afternoon, so here the season's work was laid out for inspection.

after which a Bible lesson was given, so that the sewing was but a part of the afternoon's pleasure. We trust we may all meet again for work in the fall and feel sure none will be sorry when the time comes round.

We wish again to draw the attention of our friends to the fact that it is lost time to call at No. 1 Major Street now, Miss Fraser is not there.

We are pleased to see Mr. D. S. Luddy with us again and are sure our friends will be the same, not excepting the fair sex.

We are sorry to report that Mr. H. Moore has been laid up for a week with inflammatory rheumatism, but are pleased to learn he is now recovering and we expect to see him around again as usual in a few days.

Through the ownership of the house in which Mr. and Mrs. Hiddell are living, on Borden Street, having changed hands, they are compelled to vacate the house and will remove to Brunswick Ave., near College St., about the middle of this month.

Last Sunday morning at the West End meeting, the lesson was taken from the parable of the vineyard. Mr. C. Elliott had charge and his treatment of the subject was both unique and interesting.

By request of some of our friends who had not an opportunity to listen to Mr. Bridgen's first lecture a year or so ago on "The Pilgrim's Progress," he was induced to deliver it again in a series of three lectures during the last couple of weeks.

During Mr. Nasmit's absence from the city last Sunday, Mr. Frost conducted the services at the Central Hall with Miss Fraser interpreting.

Owing to the sickness of her father, Mrs. J. Flynn was called away to Lindsay last week. So far as we can learn she has not returned at time of this writing, but it is hoped Mr. Brown will have recovered by this time.

From another Correspondent.

Mrs. Ogilvie is in Toronto on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Slater.

Miss Minnie Slater, of the Eaton departmental store, has been on the sick list for a week, but is all right again.

We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. Taylor, nee Mrs. Spaight, former matron of your school. Her daughter Gussio, teacher in the Winthrop Institution, is here with her.

Mr. Chris. Gillam has purchased a new "Red Bird" racer and says he is ready to challenge any of the mute riders during the summer. He won the championship among the mutes at their picnic in Brantford last August.

One fine day recently Messrs. Sheppard, Pickard and Gillam wheeled out to Oakville, and met Mr. Waggoner, of Hamilton, there. Mr. Waggoner accompanied the boys on their return home and after spending a day in the city went back to Hamilton.

Mr. Percy Allan, of Mountain Grove, Frontenac Co., was in the city lately and was the guest of his brother.

Mr. Luddy left his position in the Canadian Pacific Railway shops at Perth, as he got dissatisfied with the management of affairs under the new general foreman, and was getting temporarily laid off too often. Quite a lot of the other employees left for the same reason. Mr. Luddy returned to Toronto on April 20th, he having secured a situation in the city before leaving his former position. He says there is no place like Toronto.

Our married men spend their leisure hours out in their gardens at present, while the young bachelors take an outing to the parks on their wheels.

There are two deaf-mute ladies employed at the Hoskin House.