### The Birds Have Come.

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to folias them, how they sing,

to still the art with meledy,

to the ske the whole world ring,

to black bird and the robin,

to the birds of spring.

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verse in such the sky lockerk and chill, tel wind blow flerce and wild? it is now the flowers will bloom again where often they have smiled , the the blids are singing there songs of springting field.

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### PUPILS' LOCALS.

Unperbuted by Pupils of Mr. Denys' Class.

Barnes tatkins. Suallows. Front's least tarpet beating. tople blossoms. Men disappear. They will return. Our lawn is pretty. Nature weaves her carnet Who will so our Examiner? Empire day and Queen's Birthday.

Was it warm enough for you some II Ago '

blombke is an Indian word which ons the " Dog River."

Philosophy teaches us how to reaon religion how to live.

We are all happy that summer is approaching. It is a nice session,

We are very glad that the leaves are coming out. They look very protty.

heviewing for examination is in br now and the test will soon come.

We were surprised that German's tel show last week, about two juches

Our team is practicing base-ball this outh. They seem to play very well this session.

Del you ever drop anything in your sees that did not run under the bureau

of the lead? I new monthly has appeared in Bedeville It is called The Mirror.

orderts enterprise The girls are learning how to play baseball every afternoon and they are atting on very well.

Our matron, Miss Watker, was cone for a few days. Miss Dempsoy was our little matron then.

We had a thunder-storm on Mon-We hank the shower did good.

Chas Dool saw a now bicycle in the the of the carpenter-shop. It belonged

 We Downe, who rides very well. When you see the trunks being brought down for a little "fixing up, then you may know the end is nigh.

Shakespeare wrote " Dear my Lord," and Walter Scott "My little two dogs,

be tittle mortals are not allowed to do All the girls are looking out for

100115 birds. Miss Walker likes birds out mivises the girls and boys to be r ud to them. The the 2 rd mst. William Cormsh

of a letter from his sister saying his codina is not well, but he hopes sho and he better woon. Ethel Allen's mother's birthday was

in the 7th mst. She intended to send sand presents, but when she goes home (a) can give them to her. Birdie Lett and Charles Dool asked

We built to let them go for a walk I is san a big snake in the grass I harbe fought the anake We hope that we will have a or aut time on the Queen's birthday

W. think Mr. Mathison will give fire works but we are not sure. We were very sorry to hear of the rath of Mr. D. Bayne's father. Mr

Doub Bayno has done a great deal for the deal of Ottawa and vicinity. W are sorry our dear friend Olive that wick had to go home on account of has sister's illness. We hope God will have her and grant her recovery.

-Last week Blanche Sager go a letter from her dear sister, Phoche, saying she will have a new bicycle When Blanche and Mand go home, they will learn to rate

-Anna Allendorf got word from home that Mr and Mrs Heaton, her uncle and aunt, are going to Chicago to live. Anna thinks it is too far away, and hopes they will stay in Canada.

The papers state that a young electrician named Reese Hutchinson succorded in making a deaf man hear with an audiphone connected with electric wires. Do you believe it?

- During the Franco Prussian war, there was formed a corps of deaf and dumb France Turners who marched to battle with the gallantry of their hear ing comrades, the majority meeting with a heroic death, not catching at a given moment the order to fall back. Were courage the only requisite for culistment, we could muster as valuant. a company as ever were the Queen's uniform. As it is, we must be content with plucking faurels in the fields of maily sports and storning the rain parts of the city of Letters.

-We have a little colt about three weeks old It is very cute looking. The other day it frisked into Mr Dowrio's preserves, much to the sur prise of our genial master carpenter who asked it if it wanted a share. Neigh, was the instant reply I am looking for the shoe-shop that's awl. And, with out being a bit shy and taking time by the forelock his sprig of the equino our foreman. How many of these lads have you broke my Have you held the reins long? Do the boys ever hick? Was there ever a hitch? No, little friend, was the fitting rejoinder. We try to do the square thing and carve our way into the hearts of our boys. I pour this our little pet shook its head up and down to show it understood, and with out further parleying, frolicked out with all its time might and made. Now, this is truly an April foal.

### OTTAWA NOTES.

From our own Carregeowlent

Mossrs, 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 thus summer. Affect profess deaf mates to a sesset him and will go to a good door of trouble to procure one.

We understand Noah Labelle is going to hang out a shingle in some large village in Ressell 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 loanself this year

The bicycle fover has struck the mute ladies in the city, who are all expert wheelswomen now

Mass Jameson lost an aunt by death a week ago.

Miss Mactariane has returned from her visit to Montreal.

Seeding operations are well under way now, by this time last year wo

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 Blrd.

An interesting bird is the "weaver It seems to be fond of making enormous nexts merely for the purpose of exercise in the art of construction. Supply these birds with strings and straw, and they will use them up rapidly, and their fabric is woven with a perfectness that is astonishing. In some countries it is the custom of the weaver birds to colomze and build one big flat topped platform, two or three yards across, which is so admirably put together as to shed the ram as well as any roof could do. Under this roof they unike individual pocket shaped nests, bringing up under this unique structure a large and interesting family of little weavers. There is another bird called the "tailor," which, instead of weaving its nest, incloses it in big leaves and stitches the latter together with plant fibers, just as one would sew a piece of

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

If then deare to be held wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue. -Quarles.

## The Birds' May-basket.

64 L. R. M.

On the fragrant apple blossoms,
On the branch of an old tree
Just before my bamber window,
Some one hung one day for me
May basket, old his dainty
And within what should I see
But four little downy birdings,
And above them in the tree
but the "grown up" golden robin
Singing sweet May songs to me

#### TORONTO TOPICS.

From ant are 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. When a number of deal ladies come together from scattered homes, when the versatile ingenuity of the sex to make talk is taxed to the atmost, one would naturally expect an orbibition of thre-work activity but little more substantial than the wind-backed blessing of "Bo ye warmed and filled." If on such occasions the play of fingers over the work had indeed more show than their labour at it, he would surely to a churlish for rof silence who would feel disposed to had fault. We should reckon such a temper much akin to the inspiration of an artist and literary man of fame, that we ence knew; who deep in an article for a famous paper that annued some people by cutting up others, during the lunch hour in his atcher, heaved a chunk of wood into the midst of a group of his deaf ap-prentices to still the russe of their fingers Ou two or three occasions we have been privileged to look in on these gatherings of the leading spirits in the homes of Toronto's deaf, and saw needles flying to and fro like swallows at breeding time. No room full of operatives under the stress of piece work could have been more intent on the business in hand, and the results would do credit to any Church Society in the city. The piles of work on the table at the final meeting—only a part of the whole mgathering—reminded us of the serried sheaf ranks on some of the best farm lands of Ontario that we saw last summer. But if our Dorcas Society can pile work out of proportion to issummers, we will back it to run talk. in due season, against any society any where. With the appearance of the tea and cake, we have seen the overflowing reservoir of a week's experiences burst its barriers and out class the rush of a prairie fire. It is not to be wondered therefore that the meetings have been popular and that the double blessing of chanty has kept them warm. The meetings are always concluded with a short address, at one of which we were present. A very interesting account was given by Mrs. Nasmith, of mission experience in the centre of Africa, with special reference to the condition of women there and what the gospel does for them. At the last meeting the address referred to the many offerings from the hearts and hands of christian women that might be made to day, that have taken the place of the long tests of sacrifices at 1 offerings that were the privilege and joy of the church of old and which we might otherwise only. The report of Miss Fraser, the secretary, will give some idea of what has been accomplished.

The closing meeting of the Dorcas Society was held at Mrs. Nasmith's home, Thursday afternoon, so here the season's work was laid out for inspection. The society has sowed faithfully and notwithstanding tiio well and IAC that some of the members had several unter to go and come for the meeting, a boy and girl have had complete out its made for a year and will be sent to Belleville in September. We have made a supply of clothing for poor children and sent them to the Toronto District Nurses. In addition to this, three quilts were made, one for the Old Folks' Home and two for the Nurses' Home, and we have had such kind letters schnowledging the clothing and quilts and thanking the society for its help and sympa-We believe our happiness depends thy. on what we do to make others happy and comfortable. Twenty one meetings have been held during the season, be-ginning October 13th, being entertained at cloven different homes. Mr. Brigden very kindly photographed the sewing circle while at work in Mrs. Nasmith's largo dining room and has presented each of the members with a copy of it. At each of these meetings tea was served, I ployed at the Rossin House.

after which a Bible lesson was given, so that the sowing 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. Donations have been given by kind friends and two collections were taken up during the season to carry on the work.

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. Quite a few of the signing folk have called and found strangers and we doubt if blessings are hovering around there now. 88 Denison St., is the place you want. It is not far off and you are sure of a welcome. 88 has been placed on the faulight in the largest sized enamelled figures procurable for your special behoof.

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

We are sorry to report that Mr. II. Moore has been laid up for a week with inflammatory rheumatism, but are pleased to learn ho is now recovering and we expect to see him around again

as usual in a few days. Through the ewnership of the house in which Mr. and Mrs. Inddell are living, on Borden Street, having chang-ed hands, they are compelled to vacate the house and will remove to Brunswick Ave., near College St., about the middle of this mouth.

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. He drew an illustration of a vine with fruit, branches, shoots, etc., on a large sheet of paper and hung it on the wall at his back and explained each as applied to the lesson, in a clear ad masterly manner. These meetings are proving very instructive and are being botter attended than over before.

By request of some of our friends who had not an opportunity to listen to Mr. Brigden's first lecture a year or so ago on "The Pilgrin's Progress," he was induced to deliver it again in a series of three lectures during the last couple of weeks. It was delivered in his usual cloquent and dramatic style. He was listened to by a large and appreciative audience.

During Mr. Nasmith's absence from the city last Sunday, Mr. Frost conducted the services at the Central Hall with

Miss Fraser interpreting.

Owing to the stekness of her father,
Mrs. J. Flynn was called away to Lindsay last wock. 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 unother Correspondent.

Mrs. Ogilvio is in Toronto on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Slater.
Miss Minuio Slater, of the Eatou

departmental store, has been on the sick list for a week, but is all right

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 Winni-

daughter Gussio, teacher in the Winnipeg 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 pre-nic in Brautford last August.

One the day recently Marie Steet.

One fine day recently Messrs. Shoppard, Pickard and Gillam whoeled out to Oakville, and mot Mr. Waggener, of Hamilton, there. Mr. Waggoner accoupanied the boys on their return home and after spending a day in the city went back to Hamilton.

Mr. Percy Allan, of Mountain Grove. Frontense 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

Porth, as he got dissatished with the management of affairs under the new general foreman, and was getting tem-perarily laid off too often. Quite a lot perarry raid 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 fermer position. He says there is no place like Toronto.

Our married men spend their leisure hours out in their gardons at present, while the young bachelors take an out. ing to the parks on their whoels.

There are two deaf-mute ladies em-