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CONVENTION.

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JUNE 10, 17, 18 AND 19.

As previously announced, the fourth meeting of the above Association will be held at the Institution, Belleville on the dates mentioned.

We wish it to be clearly understood that this Convention is not exclusively for the pupils and ex-pupils of the Ontario Institution alone, but all the deaf of Ontario, of good character, who can be benefited in any way, will be welcomed to the meetings, without regard to nationality or where educated. To those who may be added friends of the deaf from the United States and elsewhere.

The aim of the Association is the advancement of the deaf morally, physically and intellectually. It is the desire of those in charge of arrangements to make the meetings as pleasant and profitable as possible, and to draw the deaf closer together in sympathy.

The opening meeting, at which I hope all will try to be present, will be held at 8 p. m. on Saturday, June 16th. This change in time is thought advisable to enable the delegates to be present when come in on the evening trains from east and west. During the evening the following will be the order of business:—An address of welcome by Mr. Mathison, President's address, addresses by teachers and others, reading of minutes, Treasurer's Report and other preliminary business.

On Sunday, 17th, the following services will be held—

10 a. m. Subject: "The Ten Commandments."—Prof. Coleman.

3 p. m. Subject: "Grace and Truth."—R. Byrne and D. Hayne.

7 p. m. Subject: "Prayer."—P. Fraser and Wm. Nurse.

Others engaged in mission work among the deaf will also address the meetings. Bring your pocket bible with you.

On Monday and Tuesday, 18th and 19th, several instructive papers will be read and addresses given. Among the papers are several on practical subjects,—"Woman's Work and Mission," "Home Studies for the Deaf," "Bars to Social Success," "Thrift," "Independence," "Relations between Employer and Employee," "Mission work among the deaf."

Several others have been promised and will be ready for the programme. Weather permitting, the members will be photographed, and if possible the photo will be copied into THE CANADIAN MUTE, of which a special number will be issued on July 1st, with a report of the proceedings. On one of the above days, an excursion will be taken on the Bay of Quinte, and time will also be set apart for athletic contests.

Members will be entertained at the Institution free of charge, nothing will be asked of them but a small fee to meet the expenses of the Association.

Looking forward to a grand gathering, pleasant and profitable meetings, and a happy reunion of many old friends and former school-mates.

I remain, yours faithfully,

Wm. Nunn, Pres. Ont. D. M. Assn.

HOME NEWS

The Queen's Birthday.

On the 24th of May, our beloved Queen Victoria celebrated her 75th birthday. She was born in 1819 at Kensington Palace, London, England succeeded her uncle, William IV. on June 20th, 1837, and has reigned over the British Empire 57 years. Her rule has been distinguished by wise and good laws, she has been a pure womanly woman, revered for her many virtues by her subjects, and has merited the esteem of rulers the world over. Long may she reign, is the sincere wish of millions and millions of her people.

The unpropitious weather made the day rather dreary at the Institution. The usual games were postponed until the first week in June, and beyond hoisting the Union Jack, which floated from the flag-staff, and the putting off of some fire-crackers by the boys, there was nothing to distinguish it from other wet and cloudy days.

The lawn mowers have been busy lately, the wet rainy weather has made the grass on our lawns to grow rapidly.

The chere that our boys gave Mr. Swiler, were a revelation to him. Since his visit we shall feel more interest in the Wisconsin Institution.

As the daylight lengthens, the pupils get more play in the evenings. The study hour begins at 7:30 now instead of 7 p. m. as formerly.

The improvements and new buildings on the farm are now about complete. Our carpenter has built a board fence around, making the whole look very neat and compact.

Boys who come to school to have a good time and do as they please find, sooner or later, that they have come to the wrong place. This was evinced in the case of one of them recently.

The maple trees with which our Institution is surrounded are now in full leaf, and very beautiful they look. The boys have some delightfully shady seats along the front of the "Wood Hall," from which the view is charming.

Now that our foot-balls have the Corby Cup in safe keeping for the next six months, they seem to have lost most of their enthusiasm for the game. Perhaps it is better so, the approaching examinations should receive their whole attention.

Inspector Chamberlain dropped in among us unexpectedly on the 25th. He met the pupils in the chapel in the afternoon, and in the course of an address, expressed the pleasure it gave him to note the good work that was being done. He praised the progress of the pupils, and the management of the Institution.

The plot in front of the new hospital has been ploughed, levelled and will be sodded. A fence will also be put around, which with a flower bed or two will make it look like a little oasis among the rear buildings, and something pleasant to see. Our Superintendent believes in making the surroundings of the Institution look as nice as he can.

The boys and girls are carefully keeping their best clothing, hats and shoes for the home going, which is the most important event of the school year, more especially to the little ones who are going home for the first time. Teachers and older pupils who have seen many home goings can sympathize with the hope and joy which fills each little heart as the time draws on to pack the boxes, bid farewell to books and school, board the cars, and off to home and mamma.

J. A. Ishister has been working in the cutting and fitting department of our shoe-shop through the winter, and purposes to start in business for himself next Fall. It would be well for them, if more of our pupils who have the ability followed his example, gave an extra year for a cutting course in the shop, and then starting in a small way for themselves, and patiently work their way upwards. By such a course they would be independent of hearing employers, and a comfortable livelihood would be assured them.

We regret to learn that Moses Sicard, who went home on account of ill health, is slowly declining and that grave fears are entertained for his recovery. We hope the fine weather will bring health and strength to him. He has good care from loving friends at home.

A mother writes— "We are very much pleased to hear that our little girl is getting along so well, and we are so thankful that we sent her to the Institution. It was very hard to part with her, but as she has made such improvement we cannot tell you how grateful we feel now." This is the experience of all the parents.

About thirty-five of our pupils will remain over to the Convention. The parents will have to give direct permission to their staying, and so relieve Mr. Mathison from all responsibility for them on the homeward trip. Every care will be taken to see them started off right. At the breaking up of the Convention, parties will be going to almost every point so that none need go far alone.

When visitors, who have never been through a school for the deaf, call to see us, they usually expect to find our deaf students dull or stupid. A walk through our classrooms soon proves their mistake, and they find that our pupils know as much geography, history and mathematics as the average public school boy. If they are backward in language it is only to be expected. Our new pupils of one session will usually learn to write a better hand than hearing children in twice the time.

On the 12th inst, our own second eleven met the Centrals of Belleville and the match resulted in a draw, neither side scoring. Last Saturday the two teams met again in the city, but the end was another draw, although both teams tried very hard. Our boys played a better game than during the first one and hope to still further improve when they meet the Centrals again. Mr. McAloney in goal and Willie McKay at back saved our goal many times and proved themselves efficient players. We shall need them on the senior team next year.

Contrary to the usual custom, the Queen's Birthday was very quietly spent here, the most quiet in fact for many years, and perhaps it was just as well that no programme was arranged, for the weather would have spoiled every thing. In the morning many of the boys visited the city, and again in the afternoon several attended the lacrosse match between Belleville and Madoc. Owing to the disappointing weather, Mr. Mathison has promised the pupils a whole day holiday before school closes, and a programme of sports will be arranged.

Mr. P. F. Caniff, now superintendent of the farm, Asylum for the Insane, London, gave us a hurried call on the 24th of May. He had formerly charge of the agricultural operations at this Institution when the building was first opened. He had a good deal of the hard work to do in laying the foundations for its present inviting condition and he was surprised to note how greatly improved everything appeared now. An absence of fifteen years makes considerable difference in any place, but as far as he personally is concerned his residence at London has made him look hale and hearty and younger than when he went away. His many friends were glad to see him.

We have got to hear of the first boy or girl who ever regretted learning all that they could in our work rooms while at school. But we often hear of pupils who wasted their opportunities while here, and who, after class hours, preferred doing the odd pieces of work around the buildings to the exertion of steady labor in the shops, years afterwards, regretting it deeply, and begging for another chance to retrieve the past and learn a trade. This is hard to refuse and equally hard to grant. Now pupils are crowding in and space is limited, so it happens that "Ho who will not when he may, may not when he will." Teachers and officers are constantly pressing on the minds of the pupils that this is their opportunity, and that the foundations of their future success or failure is being laid now. But the deaf are naturally over-sanguine. Too many of them imagine that they can rise to the emergency when the time comes. So they enjoy the present and let the future care for itself. Parents should also use their influence and see that they belong to one or other of our industrial classes, and give them all needful time to complete the course.

PERSONALITIES.

Elias O. Robbins, an old pupil, is working in the saw-mills at Vasey, Ont. He intends to be at the Convention.

Rev. W. F. Wilson, Toronto, and Sheriff Broddy, Brantford, were welcome visitors at the Institution on the 16th, ultimo.

Mr. R. O'Meara has returned home after several weeks spent visiting friends in Montreal and other eastern points. He is looking much improved.

Wilson Brown was called home suddenly on the morning of the 26th, as his father had died the day before. He has the sympathy of all his friends here.

Dr. Day, of Belleville, Mrs. G. C. Holland, of Ottawa, and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Conger were interested visitors at the Institution during the last week.

Mr. F. G. Jefferson has written to us from St. Louis, Mo., complaining that the items against him in the Chicago Exponent are not truthful and written out of malice.

Mr. Wm. Baprie, of Lakefield, has charge of a dredge on Lake Scugog for six months, he will therefore not be able to leave work to attend the Convention, which he regrets.

Mrs. James F. Watt, of Brantford, has been visiting at the Superintendent's for a week or so, but we are sorry to learn does not intend to stay long. She is always a pleasant visitor in the classes and departments, and when Miss Smith, spent a number of happy days here.

Mr. Dowitt, a deaf and dumb farmer near Colwell, Ontario, was killed a few days ago. His horses became frightened at a passing freight and ran away throwing the man from the wagon, and leaving him so terribly mutilated that he died shortly afterwards. He leaves a wife and five small children.

Our good friend, Edward Marchand, does not forget us. He writes a note to the Superintendent expressing his sympathy for the friends and relatives of the late Mr. Ashley. He regrets he cannot attend the Convention on the 16th, but he hopes everyone who attends will have a good time. He is in Glenoco, Missouri, doing well at tailoring.

A. J. McLaren, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is sorry that he cannot meet his old friends and school-mates at the Convention. Had the meetings been held in September or October he would have come without fail. The wire works, where he is employed, are working night and day to fill orders and will be very busy all summer. He sends his best wishes for the success of the meetings.

Maud Andrews, who is now at Spanish River, writes the Superintendent that she has not been very well since she left school, but her health is better now than it was during the winter. She hopes the change of air from Owen Sound to where she is will benefit her, and in this hope she has the cordial good wishes of teachers and pupils at the Institution. She sends greetings to old friends and is sorry she will be unable to come to the Convention.

William Houston, Esq., M. A., Director of Teachers' Institutes for the Province of Ontario, paid us a brief visit while attending the Annual Meeting of the South Hastings Association. We have pleasant recollections of a day spent by Mr. Houston in our class-rooms six years ago and we are looking forward to another visit, when he comes back to Belleville, during next winter, to deliver several lectures before the students of Albert College.

On Tuesday afternoon, 16th ult., a party of visitors comprising Rev. J. Peako (Brighton), Mr. and Mrs. M. Robinson, Miss Minaker (Cobourg), Miss Chisholm and Miss Baker were shown through the Institution by Mr. McAloney. They expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the work carried on in the industrial departments and with the neatness of everything about the Institution. They regretted that they arrived too late to see the work in the class-rooms.

Before Squires Schleichauf and McColl at West Lorne, Dugald and Malcolm McLean appeared for having along with Dugald Patton, run over Duncan Blue, south of Dutton village. Patton failed to appear and the others were dismissed on the criminal charge. A civil action had also been entered against the parties, which was withdrawn on the defendants agreeing to pay all costs. We are glad to hear that Duncan's injuries were not so serious as we at first supposed and he will soon be around again all right.