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Third - To be a medium of communication between the school and parents, and friends of pupils, now in the Institution, the hundreds who were pupils at one time or other in the past, and all who are interested in the education and instruction of the deaf of our land.

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Changes in the Institutions.

Several changes have recently been made in the superintendency of some of the Institutions in the States. Mr Stewart, of the Kansas school, has been replaced by Mr Hammond, the former superintendent. Mr Stewart, though he held his position for only a short time, proved himself to be a most able and efficient principal. He made a very favorable impression at the Convention, and by his removal the profession has lost the services of a man who would have assumed a leading place in the ranks. Mr Hammond also is an able and experienced educator of the deaf, and has a most honorable record as a superintendent, and we hope he will remain in undisturbed possession of his position for many years yet to come.

The resignation of Superintendent Dulloy, of the Colorado School for the Deaf, on account of ill health, will be heard of with regret by every friend of the deaf. He has been a most successful and efficient superintendent, and his services to the deaf have been unquestionable. He, however, has a worthy successor in the person of Mr W. K. Aigo, a very successful teacher, and once superintendent of the Kentucky School. The Colorado school will not deteriorate in his hands.

Another change has taken place in the Texas school. Mr McNulty is the new superintendent. He is an able man and no doubt will make for himself an excellent record. One of his first acts was to reinstate Mr. Blattner, who had been removed from the principalship by Superintendent Rose. Mr Rose will no doubt feel relieved by his retirement. His inclination seemed to run more towards hunting than towards educational work, and he will doubtless be much happier now in being free to indulge in his favorite pastime.

Agriculture by Chas. C. James.

When the first settlers came to this country, they brought with them the knowledge of the art of agriculture, and the science of the soil.

It has been well said that Agriculture is the oldest of the arts and the most recent of sciences. The practice of farming, in at least a crude and imperfect manner, is nearly coeval with the existence of mankind, but it is only in very recent years that people have begun to investigate the principles on which the successful tilling of the soil depends, and to reduce these to the form of a more or less exact science.

In this work Canada has always assumed a leading place. Among the first and most successful agricultural colleges and experimental farms established were those at Guelph and Ottawa, and the value of the work accomplished there has been fully recognized in all parts of the world. Agriculture, of course, is the leading industry of Canada, and the foundation of our national prosperity, and therefore anything that enhances the success and increases the profits of our farming community must be fit also all other industries. Hence the unanimous approval that is given to any measures proposed by our governments for the advantage of our agricultural interests. For some years past there has been a strong agitation in this and other countries for more practical instruction in our schools, especially along the lines of manual training and technical information. In accordance with this sentiment the Ontario Minister of Education has decided that agriculture shall in future be a part of our regular school course, and in anticipation of this a text book on this subject has been prepared by Prof. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and is now on sale in all bookstores. This book has been pronounced the most complete and suitable work of the kind that has ever been written. Prof. James is recognized as one of the best authorities on all matters pertaining to Agriculture on this continent, and no more competent man could have been found in Canada to prepare such a work as this. The book is a complete compendium of the science of agriculture. A more padding has been eliminated and only solid meat retained, and the author has succeeded in making what is regarded as one of the driest of sciences attractive and interesting. The work first narrows briefly the processes of germination and growth of plants, and describes clearly but succinctly the structure of plants and the functions of their various organs. The soil is next dealt with. The characteristics of various kinds of soils are pointed out, the best methods of tilling and draining described, and the chemical properties of various soils and the subject of fertilization discussed in a general way. The next chapter deals in detail with each kind of grass, cereal and root, and the requirements for their successful growth are pointed out. Reference is also made to the various noxious weeds, injurious insects, and the diseases of plants, and the best methods for abolishing these described. The garden, the orchard and the vineyard constitute the subjects for the next chapter, which contains many valuable hints and much useful information. The following chapter takes up the subject of live stock and dairying, and points out the characteristics of the most valuable breeds of fowls and animals, and the tools best adapted to each requirement. The scope and timeliness of the next chapter is sufficiently indicated by the following sub-heads: - Bees, Birds, Forestry, Roads, The Rural Home. The appendix contains a list of trees and weeds, giving both the popular

and the scientific names, and some receipts of the best spraying mixtures. From the above summary of contents it will be seen that the work is a very comprehensive one, and cannot fail to be of very great benefit to the farming community. We would strongly advise our old pupils, who are engaged in this occupation, to get the book, if it costs only twenty-five cents, and thoroughly master its contents, and we venture to say that they will find it to be the best investment they ever made. Order it at the bookstore near your home.

We have received from E. J. I. Hoar, the secretary pro tem of the future New Brunswick Association for the Deaf an Easter Greeting with further information to the Association. We approve of frequent issues of circulars to raise an interest in the matter among the deaf, but there are some questions that had better, we think, have been left out, notably these two: "Have you any deaf enemies or foes?" "If so what names of them?" We would respectfully advise our friends to leave such matters alone and keep themselves, especially the officers, and the business of the Association free from interference with personal bonds, it will do no good and only cause a split among them which will be the death knell of the Association. Down in N. B. it seems to require a long time to awaken the deaf to an interest in anything for their benefit, and we see no reason, now they have set the ball rolling, that they cannot arrange for a meeting this summer or early fall, instead of putting it off till 1900. Let the officers, in conjunction with some prominent hearing friends of the deaf consult together and arrange a code of by-laws for the Association subject to the approval of the majority of the whole membership at the first convention, then let them decide on a place and date for the first meeting, some place preferred where lives some deaf friend with sufficient business capacity to arrange for rent of hall, hotel rates, etc. and a time set that will be most agreeable for the majority of the members, then boldly issue circulars announcing the time, place, and date to every mute in the province and keep up an interest in the matter by circulars and through the press.

A new paper in the newspaper world, like a new baby in the social world, is always an object of great interest and curiosity, and it does not take long for someone to discover how like its papa the newcomer is. There came to our table a few days ago the first issue of *The School Helper*, published at the Georgia School for the Deaf, and it is just such a paper as we would expect our friend Mr Connor to produce. That is to say, it is bright, handsome, vivacious and thoroughly imbued with the spirit of devotion to the cause of the education of the deaf. The paper will be issued semi-monthly, and will be published primarily in aid for the interests of the School and its pupils. We are very pleased that Mr. Connor has at last united with the newspaper fraternity, in which, we doubt not he will be a bright and shining light, and to which he will be warmly welcomed. We congratulate him on the very creditable appearance of this issue, as regards both form and matter, and give him our warmest wishes for the abundant success of *The School Helper*.

The Official Report of the proceedings of the Convention at Columbus has been completed, and a copy sent to every member of the Association. It has been decided to sell the book to other teach-

ers of the deaf at \$1.00 a copy, to also include membership. Every teacher should buy a copy of this book, and thereby demonstrate his interest in the cause of the education of the deaf. In perhaps no other human effort has greater progress been made than in this great work, and we are engaged and this is a complete compendium of the latest developments and the most successful methods of instruction, and no teacher can afford to be without a copy. Teachers who are satisfied with the methods of former days will mechanically in the beaten track of the past decade, are simply time-wasting instead of advancing as they are bound to do.

The Ontario Government has issued a publication of unique interest and considerable value to every farmer, and especially to the farming community. It is entitled "The Birds and Insects in Relation to Agriculture," the author being Mr Chas. Nash, of Toronto. It deals more particularly with the various species of birds, such as hawks, owls, etc., and of these in more harm than good. The large majority of them are to be considered as friends rather than enemies. Except for birds, the insects and rodents would soon so abound as to destroy the milk of the farmer, and that this does not happen is due chiefly to the various species of birds who live upon those. The characteristics of these birds are beautifully described in this pamphlet, and are included. The pamphlet should be in the hands of every farmer.

LONDON NOTES

From our own Correspondent

The robins have made their appearance. Spring is here.

Mr John Pincombe, of Poplar, sells the products of his farm in the London market. He is a well-to-do farmer.

Mr Andrew Noyes, of Donfield, has and disposed of eight gallons of maple syrup during the last few weeks.

Mr J. O. Smith is working for the Watson Box Factory. Simpson Thompson is helping Mr John Noyes, of Donfield, on his farm. He will be there for a month or so until work in the painting hue calling back.

Mr Vernal Morse and W. H. Morse spent Good Friday at St. Thomas, and called on Miss Jennie Morse of the latter place.

Nelson Wood went home to England for Easter.

Miss Sarah Reid spent her Easter holidays in Port Huron.

Miss Lily A. Bryco was in Stratford at Easter time, on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. Culver Bowby and their child, of Simcoe, passed through London on their way to Delaware, where they enjoyed their Easter holidays at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Leitch. Mrs. Leitch is the mother of Mrs. Bowby.

It is with much regret that the many friends of the Rev. Ira Smith, of Talbot St. Baptist Church, London, have heard of his removal to St. John's New Brunswick, in May. He is brother-in-law of Misses Eva and Laura, and Mr. Chas. Elliott, of Toronto.

Nelson Wood entertained a number of his friends on Easter Monday evening. Among those present were Miss Emily Wood, Miss Hattie Leitch, and Miss Eliza A. McIntyre, also Messrs David Alexander, Andrew Noyes, John Noyes, A. J. Cowan, W. H. Gould, Simpson Thompson and Richard Leitch. All present had a good time.

Mr Richard Gould, grandfather of W. H. Gould, jr., died on the 5th of April, of old age, being 81 years of age. His death is greatly regretted by many friends.

Passionate people always deny the anger, and cowardly often boast the ignorance of fear.