

Take Care of Yourself.

A farmer dropped two grains of corn in the cold, dark earth one April morn...

The warm sun shone, and the soft rain fell, The grain in the earth began to swell...

"Nay," answered the other one from the earth, "Only from pain and death comes birth..."

September's fields stand brown and bare, Now comes the "fall corn in the ear."

OIL SPRINGS.

From our own Correspondent.

Mrs. Wm. Esson and her little daughter Mary, mother and sister of Maggie...

Mr. Thomas Scott, uncle of Percy Scott, of your school, has moved to Petrolia.

Mrs. Walter Millar, aunt of Messrs. Wark, returned home after spending a few days with her friends in Petrolia.

Mr. M. Merchant, uncle of the Messrs. Wark, left here lately for London, where he will spend the winter with his son, Mr. Frank Merchant, Principal of the Collegiate Institute.

The Presbyterian congregation celebrated the last St. Andrew's day (Nov. 30) by a grand supper and concert in the Masonic Hall.

Mr. Hugh Beaton will continue to be the principal of the public schools here during the ensuing year.

The result of the visit here of Dr. May, the Inspector of provincial free libraries, some time ago, was that a free library has been established.

Last month Mrs. Bernard, nee Mrs. Lorenzen, and mother of Mrs. McDermid of the Winnipeg School, was in Petrolia on a visit to her niece, Mrs. Proctor.

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The letters in the CANADIAN MUTE and Silent Echo, written by Angus A. McIntosh, soliciting assistance for the pitiable condition of the mute school in Calcutta, India, are remarkable and eloquent especially in the latter.

The Presbyterian Christmas entertainment was held in the Masonic Hall on Christmas night. Among the entertainers were John and Gilbert Esson, older brothers of Maggie, now at your school, who rendered a good piece entitled "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother."

Hon. Clifford Sifton, the now Minister

of the Interior, was brought up here and attended the public school with several prominent citizens.

I was sorry that I omitted to mention in my Christmas letter that the "Ironing Girl" was represented by a senior boy of 15.

I was much pained to learn of the death of that good man, William Bappte. I never forgot his kindly attention to me when I was only a small boy at the old school in Hamilton, over 30 years ago.

I was surprised to notice in the "Homo News" of a recent issue about Mr. McKillop's refusal to say what his age was when he was congratulated on his birthday, (Oct. 20).

The Way to Learning.

The well known ignorance of some of the rural school teachers of long ago makes it a matter of surprise that so many boys who received no instruction but that the schools afforded went out into the world to become the great men many of them did become.

"Come, come children; can't you set up a little more ereeter?"

But this is not equal to the awful slaughter of the king's English of which a certain western teacher was guilty. Some one asked him if he had been to a lecture given a few nights before; "No," he replied; "I didn't know of it in time. If I had of knowed I would of went."

The writer once heard a somewhat irritable teacher say to his pupils; "It does seem as if I can't never learn you nothin'."

The county superintendent of schools in a western state says that he was once visiting a school when a reading class was called up to recite. A girl stood up to read and after reading a line or two she came to the word "sancer," whereupon she hesitated because she could not pronounce the word.

"What," said the teacher, a big, burly fellow with an important and all-wise air, "you can't pronounce a little word like that? Well, let some one else in the class pronounce it for you."

The girl spelled the word aloud, but no one in the class offered to "pronounce" it and the disgusted teacher said:

"Is it possible that I've got to pronounce that word myself? I'm ashamed of you. Well, now listen while I pronounce it and don't you ever forget it. The word is sancer?"

The same teacher, who was really regarded as an excellent teacher, always rebuked his pupils for leaving the door ajar by saying; "You go right straight back an' show that door shet."

It was but a year or two ago that the writer heard a rural school teacher say to a boy who did not know his lesson:

"Well, I'm plum ashamed of you. A body would think I hadn't taughted you a thing this whole term. It's awful to be so ignorant."—Detroit Free Press.

The Meddler.

The meddler is a disagreeable and despicable person who takes great pleasure in busying himself or herself with the affairs of other people.

Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION. West—1:15 a.m., 4:30 a.m., 6:15 a.m., 11:25 a.m., 5:05 p.m.

For Calcutta Deaf and Dumb School. AN APPEAL.

To the Friends of the Deaf in Canada as well as the Teachers and Pupils in the Deaf Schools in Montreal, Halifax and St. John.

All the deaf-mutes and friends interested in deaf-mute education the world over are requested to respond to the appeal so as to assure the permanence of the school before the Imperial Government can grant the aid needed.

The Calcutta Deaf School has been maintained for three years. It requires funds for its maintenance, for a suitable house of its own, and for the gratuitous education of destitute deaf-mute children.

A. A. McINTOSH, Canadian Collector, 62 Collier St., Toronto, Ont.

Wanted—An Idea Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth.

TORONTO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES are held as follows every Sunday: West End Y. M. C. A., Corner Queen Street and Dovercourt Road, at 11 a.m.

HAMILTON DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION

Messrs. GRANT AND DUFF conduct religious services every Sunday, at 3 p.m., in Treble Hall, John St., near King.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Classes:—

SCHOOL HOURS From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Drawing Class from 2:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of each week.

Articulation Classes:—

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Religious Exercises:—

EVERY SUNDAY.—Primary pupils at 9 a.m. senior pupils at 11 a.m. General Lecture 2:30 p.m. immediately after which the U. C. Class will assemble.

PROGRAM VISITING CLERGYMEN: Rev. Canon Burke, Right Rev. Monseigneur Arceley, Rev. F. J. Thompson, M. A., Presbyterian; Rev. Chas. J. McIntyre, Methodist; Rev. H. Cowser, Baptist; Rev. M. W. Macleod, Presbyterian; Rev. Father Connolly.

Clergymen of all Denominations cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Industrial Departments:—

PRINTING OFFICE, BLOK AND CARPENTERS from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for pupils who attend school; those who do not from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on each working day except Saturday, when the office and shop will be closed at noon.

THE READING CLASSES are from 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock, noon, and from 1:30 to 5 p.m. those who do not attend school, and from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for those who do. No work on Saturday afternoons.

The Printing Office, shop and news room to be left each day when work ends in a clean and tidy condition.

Teachers, Officers and others are not allowed to interfere with the performance of the several duties.

Visitors:—

Persons who are interested, desirous of visiting the Institution, will be made welcome any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays except the regular chapel exercises at 2:30 on Sunday afternoons.

Admission of Children:—

When pupils are admitted and parents come with them to the Institution, they are kindly advised not to linger and prolong leave taking with their children.

Visitation:—

It is not beneficial to the pupils for friends to visit them frequently. If parents must come, however, they will be made welcome to the classrooms and allowed every opportunity of seeing the general work of the school.

Clothing and Management:—

Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent. No correspondence will be allowed between parents and employees under any circumstances without special permission upon each occasion.

Sickness and Correspondence:—

In case of the serious illness of pupils letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or guardians. IN THE ABSENCE OF LETTERS FRIENDS OF PUPILS MAY BE QUITE ASSURED THAT ALL WILL.

All pupils who are capable of doing so, will be required to write home every three weeks. Letters will be written by the teachers for the little ones who cannot write, stating, as far as possible, their wishes.

No medical preparations that have been used at home, or prescribed by family physicians will be allowed to be taken by pupils except with the consent and direction of the Physician of the Institution.

Parents and friends of deaf children are warned against Quack Doctors who advertise medicines and appliances for the cure of deafness. In 99 cases out of 100 they are frauds and only want money for which they give no return. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of a ventitious disease and be guided by their counsel and advice.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent.