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**THE CANADIAN MUTE**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1898.

The little daisy white  
 turns its face toward the light  
 and brightens up its heart of gold  
 from the blackness of the night,  
 as truthfully may I  
 seek the fairer scenes on high,  
 reaching out from sin and night,  
 into brighter broader light.

**"Good and Bad Manners."**

On Saturday evening, the 5th inst., the pupils assembled in the bright, well lighted chapel, and were most beautifully instructed by Mrs. Balis in the manners of polite society. Now that the subject has been brought to their notice it is with some certainty that the pupils will henceforth act upon the instruction and behave as young ladies and gentlemen. As a sign maker Mrs. Balis is simply beautiful, and the subject was treated with care and grace. Incidentally the thought recurs to me of those charming stories that emanate from the inspired pen of Eliza (Mrs. Alden) in a way that she delights the audience while the other does her readers. If other lady teachers would only follow the example thus set, the pupils would indeed consider themselves fortunate and thankful for the interest shown. In opening, Mrs. Balis suggested that as our parents pay taxes for our maintenance in education, we were bound to do justice to ourselves in return for the benefit thus conferred, in the earnest endeavor to get well educated not only in language, but also in good manners. The accomplished lady then proceeded to enumerate, in a clear, emphatic way, the improprieties that are ignorantly committed against the rules of etiquette, and to counteract these insisted that we, as pupils, try to learn what we have learned improperly and to act in a manner creditable both to ourselves and to this our institution. Those improprieties were specifically classified under the following headings—Personal manners, table manners, chapel manners, conversation manners, every day manners, visitors manners, etc., the correct forms in each case being given. By way of illustration a cup and saucer, a glass of water, plates, a knife, fork and spoon, and slices of bread, a napkin, etc., were brought in and arranged on a small table, and the proper use of these articles explained. This illustration must be clear enough, and the pupils will no doubt remember it to their advantage.

Mr. McIntosh, on being asked, came forward and supplied a story appropriate to the instruction already given the subject being a bashful young man reluctant to appear in society, but painfully conscious of his uncouth manners. The poor fellow made one ridiculous mistake or two at the table

that set the other guests laughing, and then got up and rushed out of the house in confusion and shame, avowing never again to go in society until he got into the habit of acting decently and gentlemanlike.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks, moved by Miss Wylie, was tendered jointly to Mrs. Balis and Mr. McIntosh, and the meeting broke up after a very profitable evening.

**To the Members of the Ontario Deaf-Mute Association**

DEAR FRIENDS, The Executive Committee after due consideration have decided to call the next convention to meet at Grimsby Park about the middle of June next on a date to be announced later. The park is situated a few miles from Hamilton on the G. T. R. It is a beautiful place on the shores of Lake Ontario and is aptly named the Chautauqua of Canada. There are two good hotels for the accommodation of visitors, a temple for meetings, conveniences for out door sports as boating, lawn tennis, croquet etc. and we feel sure that the decision of the committee will be heartily accorded with by the members. The committee have arranged for reduced rates at the hotels for board lodging use of hall for meetings and all conveniences the cost will only be 80 cents per day. We expect to be able to publish views of the park as well as fuller information in future issues of THE CANADIAN MUTE. Members and friends are cordially invited to prepare papers, addresses, etc., for the entertainment and instruction of the gathering and they will please notify the Secretary of the same as soon as possible that the programme may be prepared in good time.

Faithfully yours,

Wm. Nurse	DAVID BAYNE
Secretary	President

**Sporting Pastimes.**

One of the best matches of the season took place on the Belleville rink on the afternoon of the 5th inst. when our Junior players defeated the "Victorias" by 2 to 0. The deaf boys thoroughly enjoyed the game, which was fast and clean throughout. The "Victoria" team is a good one, having defeated every other team in the city. The "Victorias" are much older and heavier than our players, but the combination and splendid defence work of the latter told. Our team, although they have been unable to practice for nearly two weeks, played a splendid game. "Jack" Crough played a good game in goal and watched the puck all the time for he did not want the "Victoria" to score any goals, and he gave them a goose egg. Willie Loughheed did fine work at point but during the game he got a very bad cut on his upper lip. So he had to leave the rink. B. Lett took his place and W. J. Gray played in forwards instead of W. Loughheed. Lett played the game very well. O. Orser worked hard all the time at cover and was always in his place. Too much cannot be said of the work of the forwards. Harris, Leslie, Armstrong and Gray have worked up a combination hard to beat but the ice was in bad condition so they got some tumbles and missed the puck and lost some other good scores. It was reported that some of our team played a star game. At the end of the first half, Armstrong scored one goal for the mutes, and the second half Harris scored another one for the mutes and the result was 2 to 0 in favor of our team. The team were: J. Crough, goal; B. Lett, point; O. Orser, cover; point; Harris, Leslie, Armstrong and Gray, forwards. Referee, Jos. Dubois, one of our best hockey players, whose refereeing was satisfactory to both teams.

**HOME NEWS**

The boys are already eagerly discussing the prospects for the football season.

Mr. Shrum, of our engine room staff, had to lay off for a week on account of illness. Mr. Middleton took the duty during his absence.

The first robins of the season were seen on the 10th inst. Last year these harbingers of spring made their first appearance on March 12th.

Three new tables have been placed in the boys' study room and there is now accommodation for all the boys who have slate work in the evenings.

Fine is written on our skating rink now. The past winter has been a most unsatisfactory one for good skating. Ice Thaws and frequent snow storms disgusted the boys till they got tired of keeping the rink clear.

Willie Lightfoot was suddenly called home last week, the demise of his grandmother being the cause. His home is in Toronto and he will probably soon return to school to prepare for the promotion examination in June.

Miss Baragar's father called to see her last week, business having called him to Belleville from the back settlements. He had come from St. Ola, a drive of about 60 miles, after supplies, and as he had to drive back again his visit was necessarily brief.

We have it that all our old boys working in the car shops at Perth will try to be at the convention. We shall be glad to see them and all our old boys and girls, but we want it understood that we do not advise any one to risk the loss of a situation by coming.

The teachers on study duty now have the pupils spell the grace at dinner time in concert, also the Lord's Prayer in the afternoon. This is in line with our rule to communicate with the pupils as much as possible by spelling, and to use signs as little as possible.

It is an unusual thing for Mr. D. J. McKillop to be absent from his class room through illness, but he has been compelled to lay off for a few days and go under the doctor's care. His many friends need not be under any anxiety, he will be patched up to weather a few more storms yet.

It was Mr. Campbell's birthday on the 3rd inst. and his pupils did not forget it. They presented him with a nice address and in addition were going to give him a very acceptable present of something of which he is fond, but as it might cause envy Mr. Campbell wisely declined it with many thanks.

Our carpenters are taking a short breathing spell just now before beginning outside spring work and Mr. Dowrie is away for a brief holiday. During the summer vacation while others are taking a turn off he is too useful a man to be spared from needed repairs around the Institution, in fact it is his busiest time.

Superintendent Mathison was in Ottawa last week attending the meeting of the Canadian Press Association, of which he is an honorary member. He was present at the magnificent banquet in the Russell House and at the reception given by Lord and Lady Aberdeen in honor of the Association. He returned on Saturday.

The general excitement in connection with the recent election contest was fully shared by the pupils here. The reds and blues were by no means backward in advocating their respective views and the election returns were as eagerly scanned by them—with corresponding exultation or depression as by the general public.

The weather during the early part of this month was simply perfect, and did much to lessen what is usually the dreary monotony of March. Only for Mr. Campbell might be enjoying the spell of halcyon days even yet. If only there were five or six teachers on study duty we would have much less bad weather. Doubtless Mr. C. would not object to being relieved from that duty entirely, but that would never do, for of course we need storms sometimes.

Our shoe-shop boys seem to think that they are much abused individuals and that no one in the Institution has to work like they do. They frequently let out a deep groan as they march into the shop and view the big pile of boots sent over from the girls' side for them to re-

pair. We would advise those boys to visit the girls' sitting room and note the heaps of boys' clothing that Miss Dempsey and her aids have the weekly task to go over and repair, they would return convinced that others have a good deal to do on work not so pleasant as their own. In winter time when application is made for an afternoon's skating the question is not—can the boys be spared from the shops, but how high is the pile of mending in the sitting room or how does the laundry work stand and yes or no depends on this.

—What a happy surprise it was for Miss James, one of our lady teachers, on going into her class-room last Thursday morning, to see on her desk a letter, some presents and three vases of red and white roses and other flowers, all expressive of the best sentiments of loving hearts upon the anniversary of her birth. Moreover, many of us, both teachers and pupils, being in the secret, gathered into the room and showered congratulations. By the way it may here be said that the letter (as the writer was privileged to read it) is a gem of composition, replete with beautiful thoughts and indicative of the cultured mind as well as fond heart of the author, "Edith," one of Miss James' favorite friends. May the honored lady teacher enjoy many years of health and happiness.

**PERSONALITIES.**

—Miss Bella Mathison is visiting Miss Alice Wood, in Madoc.

—Mr. Keith spent a few days in Toronto on a visit to his family in the early part of the month.

—Mrs. Chas. Barlow and her little girl have returned home after a two months' visit to the paternal home in Marmora.

—Miss Dean, of Port Hope, is the guest of Miss Burns and accompanied by Mr. Osborne of Belleville they visited the Institution last week.

—Miss Daisy Keegan, the well known and accomplished actress, and daughter of the former matron of this Institution, was the guest of friends in Belleville for a few days.

—Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Mathow, Miss McCammon, of Gananoque, Mrs. T. Ritchie, Miss Ritchie and Mrs. Alox. Matheson, Belleville and S. Ducey, were interested visitors at the Institution on Wednesday last.

—Mrs. Bollhouse, of Napanee, came to Belleville to attend the W. F. M. Society of the Presbyterian church, and was a welcome guest of her cousin, Miss Walker, at the Institution. Her stay was altogether too short.

—Mr. Wm. L. By delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture before the members of the literary society on Saturday evening, Feb. 26th, on the first attempt at educating the deaf, with a brief history of the Schools for the Deaf in Canada and the United States. —*Silent Echo.*

—At the recent meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Kingston Presbytery, Mrs. Alox. Matheson, wife of the Bursar, was elected unanimously to the Presidency. She was also elected to represent the Society at the general meeting in Toronto. Mrs. Matheson will be an efficient and commanding presiding officer.

**A Champion of the Birds.**

A teacher in one of the primary schools of Brockton was somewhat surprised recently by the startling effect of her heretofore unsuspected eloquence. She was talking to the children on the subject of "birds' nests," and proceeded in the usual fashion to describe the infinite labor necessary for the little birds to gather the bits of wool and thread and weave them into a safe nest in which to rear their young.

By means of pointing a little moral, she dilated on the tender care of the parent birds and how their joyous life would be saddened if the nest, so laboriously built, should be stolen or the young disturbed.

During her discourse, she noticed that one small lad was working himself up into quite a fever of interest. His round eyes filled with tears and his cheeks flushed with suppressed indignation.

Finally he could restrain himself no longer, and scarcely had the teacher finished when he jumped from his seat and shaking his fist at the other pupils, cried: "If one of you fellows ever dares to touch a bird's nest, I—I—I'll smash your head!" *Boston Journal.*