



CONVENTION OF GRADUATES BRANTFORD, 1896.

Silent Worship.

Thy Sabbath eve the hour of prayer,
 A waiting congregation bow
 They hear no music in the air
 They wait no solemn responses low
 They kneel in every aisle and aisle
 No words their burning thought convey
 The hushed knee, the anxious eye
 They hear not, speak not, yet they pray

From the dark chambers of each soul,
 Through the bright eyes strong reason looks—
 No sound of solemn organ roll
 No hallowed words from well worn books
 Solemn Te Deum, glorious hymn,
 Kyrie Eleison, humble prayer,
 To them are mystic shadows thrown
 But angels listen—God is there

Oh, ear that boasts thy magic power
 Oh tongue that prides thyself in speech,
 Draw near unto this silent prayer
 Learn what these worshippers can teach
 Needs our Great Teacher ear or tongue,
 That He may understand our prayer
 He who hung speechless stars on high,
 And makes the silent flowers His care

Has He not mystic telegraphs
 Reaching from earth to heaven above?
 May not these silent builders find,
 In His calm temple, rest and love?
 And each mysterious untold sign
 Like Jacob's ladder based on earth
 Shall with utter glories shine
 And bring down beings of heavenly birth

Oh! blessed work of charity,
 To pour into these souls of night
 The glory of the perfect day,
 The blessings of the Holy Light
 Oh! sweet reward, to stand at last
 With these around, no longer dumb
 And hear amid the Archangel's blast,
 The Master's welcome, "Faithful come!"
 —Wayide Plovers.

The Wise Men of Gotham.

More than six hundred and fifty years ago, there reigned in England a king named John. He was a cruel king and most of the people hated him. Now there was in England then a town named Gotham. It was hidden away in a quiet part of the kingdom and not many travellers went that way. The people were quiet and industrious, but very smart, as you will see. Word came once that King John was making a journey and intended to ride through Gotham. Whenever the king rode on any road, that road became a public highway and was called, "The King's Highway." The people of Gotham did not want a highway through their town. So they held a council and debated how they could keep the king away. Finally it was decided all the men should go and cut down trees on the sides of a hill, over which the king must pass. Thus they did. When the king reached there and saw the trees in his way he was angry. He saw two countrymen near and said to them: "Go to Gotham and tell the people that I will send a company of soldiers to cut off their noses." The countrymen ran away frightened, and told the people. The people of the town met again for consultation. What was to be done to save their noses? There were wise men in Gotham and one of the wisest, named Fitz Peter, arose and said: "I have heard of people who were punished for being wise but I never heard of any one punished for being a fool." So they all resolved to act foolish and make the king think they did not know anything and then he would not punish them. Early in the morning old and young men went out on the hills. The old men began to roll large stones up the hill and the young men stood by

and grunted. By and by along came the king's sheriff and some soldiers on horses. When they saw the old men rolling the stones, they stopped and asked, "Why are you doing that?" "We are rolling stones up hill so the day will come," said one old man. "You old fool," said the sheriff, "go home and go to bed and day will come itself." "Why do you carry that door?" said the sheriff to another man. "Left my money at home." "Then why did you bring the door away?" "Afraid of thieves," said the man. "If I have the door the thieves cannot break it down and steal my money." "You old idiot!" said the sheriff. "Leave your door at home and take your money with you." The sheriff let the men go. "The people are all fools here," he said. "Fools all," said the horse-men. "Let us go back," said the sheriff, and tell the king the people in Gotham are fools." "Right," said the men. And so they did. The king gave up riding through Gotham and these men of Gotham became known far and wide as "The Wise Men of Gotham, and so I think they were." Don't you? —Adapted.

Dislike their Professions.

The almost universal disinclination of parents to bring up their children to the trades or professions they themselves follow would suggest a large number of workers in uncongenial fields. You ask a dressmaker if her daughter is likely to take to that line of work, and nine times out of ten she will answer, "I'd rather see her dead than slaving away her life as I do; no, ma'am, she won't be a dressmaker if I can help it." And the theatrical people usually say: "We keep the children away, they seldom see a play. We don't want them to take to the stage. It's too hard a life." The doctors seldom encourage their sons towards pills and plasters. So it goes, and I wonder if it's because what you know seems hard and everything else seems easier because you don't know. —New York Recorder.

A recently opened guano cave in Georgia was found to be inhabited by great swarms of white flies, having yellow legs and pale pink eyes.

Little Johnny has been naughty, and had to be sent from the table without having any dessert. For an hour he has been sitting in the corner of the room crying. At last he thinks it time to stop. Well! I hope you have done crying now, says his mother. Haven't done, says Johnny, in a passion, I'm only resting.

Kind Old Gentleman (to small boy crying on a doorstep) What is the matter, little boy? Small Boy P p pop is puttin' down e e e carpet! And does that unpleasant task of your father make you so sorry, then? N n no! Pop p-p-pounded his thumb! Ah! Sympathy for your father's pain! Is that what made you weep? N n no! I-I-I laughed!

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Classes

SCHOOL HOURS: From 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1 30 to 4 p. m. DRAWING from 4 10 to 5 p. m. on Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

GIRLS' FANCY WORK CLASSES on Monday afternoon of each week from 3 30 to 5.

PAINTING SET BY from 7 to 8 p. m. for senior pupils and from 7 to 8 for junior pupils.

Articulation Classes

From 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1 30 to 4 15 p. m.

Religious Exercises

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

EACH SCHOOL DAY the pupils are to assemble in the Chapel at 8 45 a. m. and the teacher in charge for the week, will open by prayer and afterwards dismiss them so that they may reach their respective school rooms not later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon at 10 o'clock the pupils will again assemble and after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.

REGULAR VISITING CLERGYMEN: Rev. Canon Burke, Anglican; Monsignor Farrell, S. J.; Rev. F. J. Thompson, M. A., Presbyterian; Rev. Chas. L. McIntyre, Methodist; Rev. A. H. Cowart, Baptist; Rev. M. W. Maclean, Presbyterian; Rev. Father Connelly, S. J.; Rev. R. Cole, D. D.; Rev. J. Rice, Rev. N. Hill.

BIBLE CLASS, Sunday afternoon at 3 15. International Series of Sunday School Lessons. Miss Annie Matison, Teacher.

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

Industrial Departments

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND CARPENTER SHOPS from 7 30 to 8 30 a. m. and from 1 30 to 5 30 p. m. for pupils who attend school for those who do not from 7 30 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1 30 to 5 30 p. m. each working day except Saturday when the office and shops will be closed at noon.

THE SEWING CLASS HOURS are from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon, and from 1 30 to 5 p. m. for those who do not attend school, and from 3 30 to 5 p. m. for those who do. No sewing on Saturday afternoons.

The Printing Office, Shops and Sewing Room to be left each day when work ceases in a clean and tidy condition.

Permits are not to be excused from the various classes or industrial departments, except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.

Teachers, Officers and others are not to allow matters foreign to the work in hand to interfere with the performance of their several duties.

Visitors

Persons who are interested desirous of visiting the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays except to the regular chapel exercises at 2 30 on Sunday afternoons. The best time for visitors on ordinary school days is as soon after 1 30 in the afternoon as possible as the classes are dismissed at 5 0 o'clock.

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. It only makes discomfort for all concerned particularly for the parent. The child will be tenderly cared for, and if left in our charge without delay will be quite happy with the others in a few days, in some cases in a few hours.

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 class-rooms and allowed every opportunity of seeing the general work of the school. We cannot furnish lodging of messes or external guests at the Institution. Good accommodation may be had in the city at the Quince Hotel, Hoffman House, Queen's, Argyle, American and Dominion Hotels at moderate rates.

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 SURE THEY ARE WELL.

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, so 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 these 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 adventurous deafness and be guided by their counsel and advice.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent

Grand Trunk Railway

TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION
 WEST 7 15 a. m., 10 30 a. m., 6 00 p. m., 11 15 a. m., 2 45 p. m., 5 55 p. m.
 EAST 1 30 a. m., 6 00 a. m., 10 47 a. m., 12 00 p. m., 2 40 p. m., 5 40 p. m., 8 50 p. m.
 MIDLAND AND PETERBORO BRANCH 5 40 a. m., 12 15 a. m., 2 45 p. m., 5 55 p. m.

Uneducated Deaf Children

It would be glad to have every person who receives this paper send me names and post office addresses of the parents of deaf children not attending school, who are known to them, so that I may forward them particulars concerning this Institution and inform them where and by what means their children can be instructed and furnished with an education.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent

TORONTO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION

REGULAR SERVICES are held as follows every Sunday:
 West End Y. M. C. A., Corner Queen Street at Dovercourt Road, at 11 a. m.
 General Central up stairs at Broadway Hall Spadina Ave. in or 12 doors south of College Street at 1 p. m. Lewlers Messrs. Nassall Bridgen and others.
 East End meetings, Cor. Parliament and O Streets. Service at 11 a. m. every Sunday.
 MUSIC CLASS: Every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, corner Spadina Ave. and College Street and our Queen Street and Dovercourt Road.
 Lectures, etc., may be arranged if desired. Address: 271 Clinton Street.
 Miss A. Fraser, Missionary to the Deaf Toronto.

Institution for the Blind

THE PROVINCIAL INSTITUTION FOR THE Education and Instruction of blind children is located at Brantford, Ontario. For particulars address:
 A. H. DYMOND, Principal.