

The Mute Service.

Professionally devout they worship the Lord.
 Wordless, speechless, not uttering a word.
 Plainly expressing inward emotion.
 A pureness of heart, sincere devotion

They pray and repeat their service and creed
 As the preacher to them from the book shall read
 In language silent, pathetic, sublime,
 Which makes their service sacred and divine

Attentive, devout, they worship the Lord,
 Watching and praying, not speaking a word,
 Yet truly sincere they worship and pray,
 Although not a word they whisper or say

-A. P. Trull

For THE CANADIAN MUTE

OIL SPRINGS.

RECOLLECTIONS OF WM. KAY, AN OLD TUTE.

It is to be remembered that in my other letter I expressed my belief that Mr. John Peake, now of Arkona, Oregon, U. S., was your first graduate who left Ontario and moved along across the Provinces and Territories West. Well, I received some very interesting letters he wrote during his leisure moments and much to my regret, I did not preserve them except a few. While in Winnipeg, Manitoba, he held a case on the *Free Press* from 1881-84 and in a letter he described the arctic-like weather, the big speculation and dear living. He paid \$8.25 per week for his board. When in Calgary, Alberta, he worked in the *Herald* office, 1884-85, and mentioned in another letter the extensive prairie fire and the second Riel rebellion which occurred at that time. In Kamloops, British Columbia, he for the last time penned me a letter, dwelling at some length upon the country and its natural conditions in such an interesting and instructive way that I really cannot resist asking some space in your bright and useful paper for it, solely for the benefit of your mute readers as well as the scholars in all the mute schools in the East. Here with are some extracts, as follows: -

KAMLOOPS, B.C., Oct. 25, 1885.

I will likely stay here all the winter and not go to Victoria till next summer. I do not like B. C. very much as it is a very poor agricultural country. Except in two or three places the whole Province is dry and sandy, and arid as a desert. Farmers have to keep their lands flooded with water nearly all the summer in order to make their crops grow. Otherwise they could not grow any thing except the wild grass that grows on the mountain sides and which is very thin. There are a good many horse and cattle ranches all over the country, and the animals are generally very superior to most of those in Ontario or the provinces east. That is a wonder, I think, seeing that they must rustle for their own feed both winter and summer, and that the grass they get is so thin, but I suppose it is of good quality. The country is very mountainous, indeed it is all mountain and valley with scarcely any plains. They are all of height from 700 to 8,000 feet. There are, however, plenty of minerals to be found all over British Columbia, the principal being coal, iron, copper, gold, silver and lead. They require capital to work them successfully, except placer gold, which is found in only a few places and is a very uncertain means of earning a living. The C. P. R. is now nearly completed across the mountains; in two weeks more about the time you get this letter it will probably be finished, but it will not likely be in operation till spring, 1886. Travel in the railway on the mountains would be very unsafe during winter especially in the Selkirk range during January and February, when snow slides are very frequent. I think it is safe to inform the anxious Toronto friends that Mr. James Duncan is doing well in Stratford and enjoys the respect and esteem of many prominent citizens in that "classic city," and that he still has his enthusiasm for chess playing. No doubt the Toronto friends wonder how I know these facts. Well, a friend of mine living here, named Dr. Chambers, who grew up not far from that city, and who or his estimable wife always kindly allows me the privilege of perusing their paper, *The Stratford Beacon*, in which I noticed a while ago that Mr. Duncan practiced the chess with his rival chess men, including some veteran ones in their club, regularly during winter. Mr. Duncan learned his trade in that office, of which Mr. Alex. Matheson was the proprietor, who managed the paper for 25 years. I think, until recently when he was appointed to the bur- ship of your school. He worthily

deserves it on account of his long and valuable service to the Government he always supported. *The Beacon* was one of your oldest exchanges, as I well remember having read it for the first time in the library in November 1874, in company with Mrs. Terrill, who was an intimate friend of Mr. C. W. Young, formerly the local editor of that paper but now the proprietor of a newspaper in Cornwall.

HOME NOTES DURING 1870-1 SESSION.

During the Albert College's charter day, quite a number of young ladies visited your school. It happened that the classes were over, and as Fred. Wheeler and myself were alone in Mr. Greene's class room for company, some of them came in with James McCoy as their guide, who asked me to entertain them some way, and I did so. Then one of them took something out of her pocket and presented it to me. Oh! What do you think she carried along with her? A large red apple. Another lady did likewise to my companion, much to his surprise, and so we each masticated with good relish. These ladies were sisters, and daughters of the county judge, I think. They were your frequent visitors during the seventies, in company with the late Mossie McGinn, and even with Miss Bella Mathison later. During late winter and early spring every morning before school hour, the boys ranged themselves along the eastern side of the East school-room for arm exercises, under the instruction of Messrs. Greene and Coleman, in turn every day. The girls either looked on or were dismissed after prayer. One day Mr. Greene, after his usual work, turned to Mr. Coleman spelling "Hard work," and the latter replied, "It was the same with me yesterday." Up to that time the boys' domestic work was so irregular, and Mr. Greene for the first time practically appointed all the able-bodied boys to do the different work regularly till vacation. I well remember that I stepped forward and said, "I never sweep." After he told me that my duty was to sweep his class-room, but he only smiled and said "You can learn it." For a few times during Saturday in April and May, Mr. McGinn took some boys and girls together for a walk up town and bought them oranges and at one time a few boys including myself put them away in our trunks for Sunday, at the east end of dormitory just next to the supervisor's room. The next day when we went up stairs for our things, to our disappointment we found the east door locked, knowing that Mrs. Terrill, the temporary housekeeper, did her best to keep the room looking as tidy and clean as possible. However, it happened that I left my catechism (Dr. Peck's) there and so I went for Mrs. Terrill, telling her that I wanted my book to study and asked for the key with my promise to return it at once, which she let me have, but I do not know whether she suspected my real reason or not. So we scoured our things and ate them leisurely during the day. Robert Sutton and James Braven were among us. It was not till Spring when the clothes room next to the articulation class room east was practically occupied, which contained the shelves to hold the bedding and drawers to hold the belongings of the smaller boys. Every Saturday evening Mrs. Terrill, in her motherly manner, saw that each boy received his changes properly for Sunday. I was one of them. Often Messrs. Greene and Coleman looked on; in fact they were temporary supervisors of boys, working from morning till night, generally assisted by Messrs. McGinn and Watson, the latter being the only non-resident teacher. Mr. McGinn's bed chamber was in the eastern part of the articulation class room and the western part was the teachers' private parlor, and in 1878 the partition was taken away from that class room. During spring the housekeeper's old chamber just opposite the matron's was the girls' sewing room with only one sewing-machine in it. One day I went there with my three new handkerchiefs I got from home, connected together, asked Eliza Brown, now Mrs. Alexander, who was sitting at the machine, to have them cut and edged. Mr. Coleman came in from his room across south to see what I was doing and said I was not polite enough, learning me to act more properly, and I did so to his satisfaction. Mrs. Terrill's room was next to the Matron's, west, where she occupied till 1875, as I can remember one day I went to the girls' sitting room by stealth, just for curiosity, and found the room almost empty and bare, scarcely furnished, only

the seats, one or two tables and a large high laundry basket with a lid on it. The girls were so few, I don't think there were 35 of them, and upon inquiry I was told there were 75 in all before the sess'n closed. The boys' sitting-room had been newly furnished with handsome desks and stools, and also with beautiful oil painting pictures hung up around, so that the room was kept locked till a few weeks before vacation, when the door was thrown open, on account of the framed partition in course of construction in the East school room. The classes of Messrs. Greene and Coleman had to vacate their rooms, the former occupying the front desks in the boys' sitting-room, and the latter the housekeeper's old room. Mrs. Terrill, with her usual motherly thoughtfulness, supplied some boys with new strawhats. I well remember that I told her I preferred a nicer and more stylish one, and so she got it for me, and soon another of the same kind for John J. Ormiston, of Raglan. During the last Sunday evening before vacation, Mrs. Terrill took nearly all the pupils for a walk around on the late Mr. Gilbert's farm, adjoining Mr. Gilbert was out carrying little Alfred Terrill, aged only two years and a half. One evening in March, during supper time, with the lamps on the tables, a new tall girl came in and took her place at the girls' table, in the person of Miss Lizzie Mason, sister of A. W. and Henry Mason, who were admitted only a few weeks previously. She was the tallest girl during the session and her brother Ambrose was, next to James McCoy, the tallest boy. The way Mr. Geo. W. Grant selected Miss Mason to be his wife agreeably surprised me, and no doubt he will find his bride an excellent housewife. I first knew Mr. Grant 32 years ago, at the old school in Hamilton. One day Dr. Palmer, the Principal, was in Mr. Coleman's room, three or four years later, describing his recent trip to the country where the Mason family lived, praised Miss Mason, who was home then, for getting such a good cup of tea he partook of.

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GENERAL INFORMATION.

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Classes:

SCHOOL HOURS: From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1.30 to 5 p.m.
 DRAWING CLASS from 2.30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of each week.
 GIRLS' FANCY WORK CLASS on Monday and Wednesday afternoons of each week from 3.30 to 5.
 SINGING CLASS for Junior Teachers on the afternoons of Monday and Wednesday of each week from 3.10 to 4.
 EVENING SINGING 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 5 p.m.

Religious Exercises:

EVERY SUNDAY: Primary pupils at 9 a.m., 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 to clock the pupils will again assemble and after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.
 BIBLE CLASS: VISITING CLERGYMEN: Rev. Canon Burke, High Rev. Monsignor Fattelle, V. G., Rev. T. J. Thompson, M. A., (Presbyterian); Rev. Chas. E. McIntyre, (Methodist); Rev. A. H. Cowart, (Baptist); Rev. M. W. Maclean, (Presbyterian); Rev. Father Connelly.
 BIBLE CLASS, Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Inter-national Series of Sunday School Lessons. Miss ANNE MATHISON, Teacher.

All Clergy men of all Denominations are cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Industrial Departments:—

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND CARPENTER SHOP from 7.30 to 8.30 a.m., and from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. for pupils who attend school, for those who do not from 7.30 a.m. to 11 a.m., and from 1.30 to 5.30 p.m. in each working day except Saturday, when the office and shops will be closed at noon.

THE SEWING CLASS HOURS are from 7 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.

PUPILS 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 2.00 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 leaving-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 or meals, or entertain guests at the Institution. Good accommodation may be had in the city at the Quince Hotel, Hoffman House, Queen's, Anglo-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, as nearly 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 adventurous deafness and be guided by their counsel and advice.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent