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THE CANADIAN MUTE

WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 1900.

...with best who weareth best
...both great and small
...the dear Lord who loveth us
...he made and loveth all

The Dufferin Literary Society.

...last meeting to be held this ses-
...in the chapel on the even-
...the 21st ult. After the usual pro-
...business had been disposed of,
...parture was put on the pro-
...In place of the usual debates,
...series of questions bearing mostly
...and modern history were
...Fifty of these questions
...on the large slates in the
...and Messrs. Shilton, Jaffray,
...and Wallace were appointed to
...Many of the questions
...and would have puzzled
...heads, but they were answer-
...most satisfactory manner. At
...the critic, Mr. Nurse, instead
...his usual cutting criticisms,
...but praise for the members
...conduct of the meeting. It
...the last meeting of the society for
...to be desired to close with high
...of the president, Mr.
...for his incessant efforts to
...the objects of the Society and
...members. A hearty vote of
...was tendered Mr. Madden and
...an ovation from the pupils
...which he made an happy
...Mr. Forrester, who was present
...was called on to say a few
...and he too praised Mr. Madden's
...to the Society. He had watched
...and thought that they
...a most profitable evening and
...and much useful information.
...returned to Scotland, he
...have plenty to tell his friends
...about the Canadian deaf and their
...Society. The questions and
...were allowed to stand on the
...to give the pupils who so desired
...to copy them off into their
...books for future reference. On
...the meeting adjourned at 9 p. m.
...Dufferin, Secretary.

Death of Miss Carrie Coleman.

Prof. Coleman has the sympathy of all connected with the Institution in the sad bereavement he has been called upon to sustain in the loss of his eldest daughter, Miss Carrie. After his first return from Philadelphia we had all hoped, as he had confidently expected, that she was on the road to speedy and complete recovery but she soon after had a relapse, other complications set in, and despite all that medical skill could do she passed away on the 10th ult. Her mother was with her to the last but Mr. Coleman had returned to Belleville a few days before. The deceased was a very estimable young lady and her demise on the very threshold of life was a great shock and grief to her very large circle of friends in Belleville. The interment took place on the 10th and was largely attended the floral tributes being numerous and very beautiful. The pupils were all lined up on the sidewalk and nutely expressed sorrow and sympathy in their expressive manner, the boys with uncovered heads and the girls with bowed heads and with hands placed over their hearts.

Mrs. P. F. Canniff Deat.

Word was received in the city last week, of the death of Mrs. Philip F. Canniff, which occurred in Chicago on Tuesday, April 24th. The deceased was well known in this city where with her husband and family she resided for years. Mr. Canniff was for a long period an official at the Deaf and Dumb Institute. They removed from here to London and thence to Chicago, where they have since resided. For some time Mrs. Canniff has been ill and her death was anticipated. She was an estimable lady and whilst here had a large circle of acquaintances who will regret to hear of her demise. Deceased was 77 years of age. In addition to her husband one son survives, Mr. G. H. Canniff, who lives at Chicago.

Our boys are entering heartily into foot ball this spring and hope to have a few games with the city before school breaks up. The Belleville Foot ball League has re-organized but we shall not join it, as we are nearing the close of the session. The examinations will soon begin and our boys need the closest application to their studies. It is one thing to play a friendly game or two when convenient, but quite another matter to train down and play scheduled matches for a championship.

On Easter Sunday the Methodist pupils attended service at the Tabernacle in the city. It was a special service for the young and the Rev. Mr. Hill delivered a fine address, which he made very clear and interesting. His subject was, "Consider the Lilies," and he made a good object lesson of it, showing by means of flowers, the difference between those that were well cared for and those that were neglected. The sermon was ably interpreted by Mr. W. J. Campbell assisted by Mr. Forrester, and the rendering in signs of several well known hymns, was most impressive. All present were much pleased, one of the members in particular thought that it was the most beautiful and delightful service they had had for a long time.

Good Friday was the only holiday we had during the Easter season and it was unfortunate that the weather was so bad, but still the pupils quietly enjoyed their release from school and shops for the day. In the morning Mr. Denys, who was on duty, came up and gave the pupils an address, the scenes of the Crucifixion being his theme. On Easter Monday work went on as usual but without evening study, instead the pupils assembled in the dining room for a social hour or two, when boys and girls joined in hearty games with each other. During the evening, well filled bags containing nuts, candies, pop corn and fruit were distributed, so between the consumption of goodies and games with each other the time passed pleasantly until 9.30 when the party broke up.

HOME NEWS
LOCAL REPORTER.

Georgina Fairbairn, one of our senior pupils, returned home for good last Saturday. Her father being in poor health was the cause of her leaving.

Mrs. Canniff's funeral took place on Friday last from Bridge St. Church, where the body was taken on its arrival in Belleville. The pupils were lined up along the sidewalk to show their respect in the usual way.

Mr. Langmuir has painted up the lawn seats and they are now distributed over the front grounds under the shade trees. The new workshop, that is to be, is now receiving his attention and is being painted up.

Mr. Downie and his boys are replacing worn out side walks around the buildings and repairing the fences. We hope some day to have cemented walks laid the wear and tear of plank walks on the boys side is very heavy.

Mrs. Douglas, while house cleaning last week, got a fall from a step ladder that might have had serious consequences. She was laid up for a few days, but we hope beyond that nothing worse will result from her mishap.

Mr. Chas. Barlow, for several years in the employ of the Institution as teamster, resigned last week and left immediately for Calgary, N. W. T., where he will push his fortune. Charlie was a favorite with all around here and we hope he will succeed away in the far west where he has gone.

It takes an expert cyclist to steer a wheel, raise a hat and make a graceful bow to the ladies. One of our people essayed the task the other day and sad to say came to grief. Hereafter we would advise our friend, when he wishes to salute ladies, to dismount for the operation at least until he is more experienced.

Last week Mr. Peppin and his aids had a hot job on hand in the engine room. Some of the pipes in the centre boiler leaked and had to be replaced. In summer time when the fires are out the job is not so hard, but when steam has to be kept up, with a fire on each side, they found themselves in a warm corner.

Mr. Downie was called away suddenly on the 14th ult. to Hamilton, his mother having passed away after a long illness at the good age of 68. At the funeral Mr. Downie met many of his brothers and sisters whom the same sad event had called from many distant parts some of them he had not seen for many years.

It was with much regret that we heard of the death of Mrs. R. C. Slater, of Toronto, and we sympathize with Mr. Slater and family in the loss they have sustained. The Superintendent sent the following telegram to Mr. Slater: "Your many friends in the Institution sympathize with you and yours in your great bereavement."

A mother of a boy in sending money to purchase boots at the Institution says: "It is more convenient for me to send the money than the boots, and besides one pair of boots made there will wear very much longer than any I can get here. One pair made at the Institution is equal to three pairs that I can buy in the stores." She is a sensible mother.

A few weeks ago Miss Templeton invited her class to spend a Saturday afternoon at her hospitable home, and the invitation was promptly accepted. The day first fixed was, however, very stormy so the visit was postponed till the 12th ult. The boys and girls were regaled with a tempting array of good things, and the afternoon was spent in various interesting games and pastimes, and all of the guests reported having a right royal good time.

The weather in this vicinity has been very beautiful and exhilarating during the past two or three weeks. Winter lingered long in the lap of spring, but the transformation was sudden and complete. Vegetation is now advancing rapidly the steamboats are again plying back and forth on the waters of our beautiful bay, and nature in all its varied phases is now assuming that charming aspect and exerting that invigorating influence which this season always and everywhere manifests, though in no place more delightfully than in this vicinity.

PERSONALITIES.

Miss Dempsey spent a few days at Easter time with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Terrill spent Easter in Kingston with her daughter, Mrs. Forster.

Two of our old pupils, Mr. and Mrs. Ormiston, of Raglan, are bringing up a family of eight children, all of whom can hear and speak.

Miss Crepar, a friend of Miss Linn, was a very interested visitor to our industrial department last Tuesday. She arrived too late to visit the classes.

Mr. Chas. Theakston, of Itavonna, father of Mrs. Chas. McLaren, died on the 12th ult., after a long illness. His daughter feels his death very keenly.

Mrs. Mathison had a severe attack of a grippe which confined her to her bed for some days in charge of a trained nurse. We are pleased to know that she is nearly all right again.

Mr. Jno. Flynn, of Toronto, spent Easter visiting friends in Raglan, among whom were Messrs. Chas. and Geo. McLaren, also Mr. and Mrs. Ormiston. He returned home much benefited by his trip.

We are requested to correct an item in a former issue stating that Mr. Gustin and family would shortly remove to Flint, Mich. They have no such intention and their home is and will be at Forest, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey and their little daughter, of Orillia, came up at Easter to see their son, Ferguson and were at the party on Monday evening. Needless to say that Ferguson was a very happy little boy on that occasion, but he was somewhat lonely after they went away.

Mr. Alex. Shelp, a nephew of Mr. Chas. McLaren, was married lately. Mr. Shelp can both hear and speak, but his father is a mute and was one of the early pupils of the Belleville School. Young Mr. Shelp resided in Belleville for some months while attending the Ontario Business College, and frequently visited his father's old school and got acquainted with the present pupils.

During the past few weeks death has been very busy in the ranks of those who were formerly connected with this Institution. Since the first of the year five of those have passed away, viz, Mrs. Taylor, formerly our matron, Mr. Matheson, the ex bursar, Dr. Brown and Miss Carrie Coleman, both of whom were formerly on our teaching staff, and Mrs. P. F. Canniff, wife of a former farm superintendent.

Tom Hill writes that his birthday will be on the 8th inst. and he feels sure a great many of his friends are interested in the event. He thinks that after visiting the Pacific Coast he will go to the Old Country and stay with friends at Glasgow where he was at school before coming to Canada. Tom is much better in health now and is doing very well at his business and he says all his friends consider him very clever. Tom takes this praise very modestly. He met Mr. D. Ross, of Walkerton, Bruce Co., in Winnipeg, who although deaf has a good situation and is a first class stone mason.

The Strathroy Despatch, of the 18th April, says—While sitting in a chair in the Commercial hotel on Monday last Mr. Solomon S. Frank, painter and paper hanger, suddenly expired, the cause of death being attributed to heart failure. The sad event occurred shortly after one o'clock. He was sitting in a chair reading a newspaper, and although it was noticed that he breathed heavily little was thought of it. Mr. C. C. Jay, who had been with him not more than ten minutes before, and who was in another room close by, went to him, when it was discovered that he was dead. Deceased was a son of the late John Frank, and was born in Strathroy, where he has continuously resided, with the exception of a term or two at the Deaf and Dumb Institute. Although deprived of speech and the sense of hearing from his birth he was naturally clever and was able at all times to provide for himself and family. He was catcured by all as an industrious and strictly honorable citizen, and his familiar figure will be much missed on our streets.

It's a difficult matter to convince a young man that a girl knows the meaning of a kiss until he has it from her own lips.

A man who lives in a flat says that if some of the keys of a piano were used to lock it up the world would be brighter and better.