

The Protentious Seed.

The seed lay in the ground, and soon began to sprout: which of all the flowers around it should I call it? Shall I come out? ... Its face is fair and proud, but just a trifle cold; ... The violet is very well, but let a flower I'd choose, ...

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Boys' Side of the Institution.

BY DAVID LUDDY.

It is the first of March; two-twelfth of 1905 has passed away. Our ice-house has been filled with the summer supply of ice, which is about 22 inches thick. A number of the boys have been laid up for a few days with sore throats, but they are better now. ...

John Smallton got a photo from his cousin, of the flax-mill in which he worked last summer, and of the men working in it, two of which are his relations, one his cousin and the other his father. He was surprised to learn that the mill closed in February. He expected it to close in April as there was more flax this year than last year. The mill will open again in July when John expects to work in it again. ...

THE MACKAY INSTITUTION.

Five additions have been made on our roll of pupils during the past month. — two girls and three boys, thus increasing the attendance to our utmost capacity. Our boys are having a series of hockey matches with the boys attending St. John's school. As nearly all of them are good skaters, although only beginners in this particular sport, they greatly enjoy competing with outsiders. ...

LONDON NOTES.

I suppose some of my friends are under the impression that I am no more, but you see I'm very much alive indeed, and am going to send you news occasionally from our quarter, that is if you all promise not to criticize my writing. Mr. David B. Dark and wife are residing with Mr. Dark's parents, till they can set up house keeping on their own account. They are always to be seen at the Bible Class at Miss Smith's residence, when they are held, and Mr. Dark takes the leading part. ...

WATERLOO NOTES.

Messrs. Robert B. Hoy and William Schweitzer have been visiting at O. Nahrgang's. Mr. Hoy had all of his children down with mumps, lately, but they are getting better now. Mr. James H. Buel of Aylmer, is the happy father of a bouncing son, who arrived on the 29th of January. A painful accident occurred to Lovinia, the youngest speaking sister of the Misses Nahrgang, last week near Elmira. ...

ANCASTER NEWS.

The cold weather of the past week has been the severest known here for years, several people have reported frozen noses and ears. The oldest residents never remember so long a siege of it. A good many farmers find out that their cellars are not quite what they should be, and frozen potatoes, turnips, etc., are the result. ...

TORONTO TOPICS.

There has been a great deal of talk about getting up a sleighing party some fine afternoon, but so far none has been arranged. It is hoped we shall have one before the snow entirely disappears. We will now have more comfort at the Spadina Ave. Y. M. C. A. meetings, since there is a stove put up. The grates would not heat the room sufficiently to make it comfortable. ...

From another Correspondent.

It is seldom the mutes get up surprise parties, but such a one composed of about 35 mutes headed by Miss Ogilvie and Messrs. Bradshaw and Pickard, raided the premises of Mr. Slater last Friday night. The company were also well supplied with baskets of eatables. Mr. and Mrs. Slater were quietly talking to a couple of guests and seemed agreeably surprised indeed. ...

STRATFORD STROKES.

William Berjman is kept busy at shoe-making. He is married but his hearing wife deserted him, with her two children, about eight years ago. Thomas Bradshaw, of Toronto, was employed as a mattress maker in this city for five weeks previous to Christmas. ...