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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

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Hard not poor teacher, though thy way
 be rough, like thy sailor's trail,
 through cold and stormy lower day,
 this path of suffering leads to God.
 —ANDREW NORTON

Lecture about China.

On Saturday evening, the 29th ult., Mrs. Balis treated the pupils to an exceedingly interesting and instructive talk about China. Mrs. Balis had made every possible preparation for conveying her information in as graphic a manner as possible and illustrating it as vividly as careful research after curios and other available material would enable her to do. She exercised a thorough familiarity with her subject and succeeded in so presenting her address that it was understood and thoroughly enjoyed by even the youngest pupil present.

On the chapel platform were a couple of small tables upon which an assortment of Chinese clothing, dishes, writing materials and models of various articles in use by these interesting people was displayed, among them some burning joss sticks which perfumed the air. Lanterns of various sizes and styles served to decorate the wall.

The children having taken their seats and the first flutter of eager hands having subsided, the speaker gave a short description of China, its great size and immense population, then the wonderful wall was dwelt upon.

She remarked upon having secured the presence of two of the inhabitants for the evening, whoroupon every head whirled around and faced the main doorway through which soon entered the rest of little Chinese women and a Chinese man, and made their way to the platform where they were seated throughout the discourse that followed.

The great variety of climate in China was then commented upon, and the products of the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms mentioned. The children were told of what their money made its shape, size and the manner of carrying it.

The form of Government was explained and they were informed how much ceremony surrounded the Emperor, and his great power throughout the Empire. The ceremony of the first turning of the soil each year and later the sowing of the first seed in which the Emperor and his sons and Viceroys all over the country participate.

The personal appearance of the people was described and a large colored chart which had a good representation of the subjects was shown them. Their ideas of beauty, their manner of compressing the feet of their women were alluded to to illustrate which a woman's shoes were shown them. Then the origin of the pig tail was given and the children were told how the Chinaman lengthened his appendage with silk thread and how he did it.

The wearing of badges and buttons, the significance of the peacock feather and the yellow gown was the next subject discussed. How women are treated in that distant country and their relation to the silk-worm and weaving

of beautiful silks followed. Various articles of silk were here shown and the fine embroidery upon some of the pieces remarked upon.

The mechanical skill of the people was well illustrated by fans and models of articles in use in their country. Their manner of using piano and saw was exemplified to the great amusement of the boys. Their houses were then described and their manner of living therein, quite a number of examples of their porcelain ware were on the tables and were exhibited to the children. Their mode of worship next demanded attention, an idol was shown them and the manner of prostration illustrated, then the buying of prayers, and the burning of the prayers and joss-sticks was illustrated. Sedan chairs, wheelbarrows and other modes of locomotion increased the interest of the youthful audience. Chop sticks and the manner of their use caused considerable amusement. Their schools were compared with ours and the children were told how the scholars all read at once at the top of their voices and how a pupil recited with his back to his teacher. The manner of conducting public examinations followed next in order.

Girls were shown to be of little account in China, and not infrequently were strangled or drowned at birth, while the boy stood far better chances. The marriage ceremony commanded close attention and a description of the tragic death of a young bride, by suffocation from fire, which had originated from a lantern in her closed sedan chair, sent shivers of horror through the audience.

Death, and burial of the dead, their superstitions and their belief in an invisible world wherein all articles necessary here are needed, and the method of sending such articles to the departed by burning paper representations of them on the graves, was the next topic in order.

Criminals and their horrible punishments of such persons furnished some gruesome stories.

Lastly followed some amusing stories of the doings of Chinese men who filled the places of servants in the households of the speaker's relatives in California.

At the close of the address a vote of thanks to Mrs. Balis was moved by Miss Lobinger and heartily adopted. The pupils often find Saturday evening to be exceedingly wearisome and were accordingly very grateful to Mrs. Balis for providing them with such a pleasant and instructive address, and they would like to very much if other teachers would occasionally follow the example set by her.

Hockey.

OUR BOYS GO TO TRENTON AND PLAY AN INTERESTING GAME.

Accepting the cordial invitation of the second Trenton club, our team went up there and played a friendly match on the 4th inst. They boarded the Trenton stage in the afternoon and after a pleasant eleven mile drive arrived at their destination and were cordially welcomed by the Messrs. Filion Bros., of the Royal Hotel, who are enthusiastic hockeyists and the back bone of the Trenton club, they furnishing four brothers for the first team. The long ride and bracing air had given our boys keen appetites for tea and they entered the dining room well prepared to do full justice to the excellent repast provided. They then prepared for the game, which was to take place in the covered skating rink. Here our boys found a good light and the best ice they have skated on this winter.

At 8 p. m. the contest started, the Trenton team taking the aggressive and scored after about ten minutes play. This roused our boys and Dubois soon after overed the score. Trenton scored the next two. The next incident was a rush by our boys and the puck went through and the goal post went down at the same time leaving it an open question which event took place first. Our boys think that as the puck struck the inner side of the goal post before it was broken that the rubber must have been through first. Trenton, however, received the benefit of the doubt and our boys lost their chance. After half time our boys laid out to pile the score, but the Trentons had found out that Dubois

was the most dangerous on our forward line and watched him too closely to give him much latitude; he however, dodged his opponents and made the score two to three. The bell rang for time just as Dubois was conducting another raid on the Trenton goal with good prospects of tying the score. A pleasing feature of the game was the goal feeling among the players and the fairness of the spectators who applauded both sides alike. Dubois came in for the lion's share, Trenton players acknowledging that if he had been more ably supported by the other forwards they would have been beaten, but all our boys did very well indeed. Mike Noonan was goal umpire for us and during the last half hour found himself in a hot box, the Trentons so peppered our goal with high shots Mike had to give more attention to dodging the rubber than to his duties. One of our bachelor teachers accompanied the boys and enjoyed the outing immensely, so much in fact, he was quite broken up and we had to gather up the fragments and pull him together, we found everything but his heart and that we had to leave behind. After the match the Trenton players entertained us for an hour and then a fast span of horses and a comfortable sleigh whirled us rapidly home where we arrived at midnight all safe and every one pleased with the trip. The following composed the teams —

TRENTON	GOAL	INSTITUTE
H. Bull	Goal	J. A. Matheson
F. Marble	Point	J. K. Matheson
N. Crowe, capt	Cover Point	A. Lett
W. Polly	Forward	J. Chambers
H. Filion	"	W. Watt
F. Clark	"	A. McMillan
H. McValey	"	J. Dubois, capt
Referee: W. E. Filion	Goal Umpires: F. Filion and M. Noonan	

Birth-day Greetings.

THREE OF OUR TEACHERS CELEBRATE THEIR NATAL DAYS.

Mr. Campbell held quite a reception on the morning of the 4th inst. On that day he celebrated the thirty-fourth anniversary of his first appearance on this mundane sphere, and a crowd of the boys and girls, with faces wreathed in smiles and brimful of good wishes greeted him with many happy returns of the day, while his own class remembered him with a short but felicitous address. Mr. Campbell did not expect to be so kindly remembered and felt deeply touched by the children's regards.

Miss James was the next to be flooded with birthday honors on the 11th. We were not able to elicit how many she had previously seen, the only answer we could get to our queries was, she was a little over sweet sixteen. Many little tokens of remembrance came from her friends, fellow teachers and former pupils, and two very affectionate birthday addresses from Misses Hutchinson and DeBellefemille, both breathing a wealth of love, good wishes and respect for her as their companion and friend. A most pleasant surprise greeted her as she entered her classroom in the morning, it was a vase of beautiful roses brought from a long distance to give her pleasure. May each passing year bring her many of such joys and may her friends never grow less.

On the 12th inst., Mr. Coleman had his turn and was the recipient of congratulations and warm good wishes from every one in the Institution. He received two addresses from his class—one from the girls and one from the boys—warmly expressive of the high esteem and affection they entertain for him. These addresses further illustrated the harmony that does prevail in his class and that should prevail everywhere, one address being tied with the brightest of orange ribbons and the other with the greenest of the green. The Mute adds its congratulations to those of the others and hopes that Mr. Coleman's years yet to come may be as many and as full of useful service as those that have passed.

Last Saturday, two of our young lady teachers took the idea of enjoying a ride on the electric railway to the station and back, so walking up to the next car that came along they waited for the conductor to open the door and hand them on board, but that gentleman was either wanting in politeness, moonstruck, or thought them capable of helping themselves and so left them to take a walk or wait for a more obliging conductor.

HOME NEWS
 WM. NURSE, LOCAL REPORTER.

—Our pupils are still enjoying good skating on the rinks, but we may look for a general breaking up of the winter any day now.

—Mr. Downie has been making a number of magazine holders for use in the teachers library. The standard magazines supplied have been constantly disappearing, much to the disappointment of the readers. Hereafter they will be securely locked down and those who want to borrow them will have to take the stand also.

—Last week a team of young lads came up from the city to play hockey with our youngsters, expectlug, no doubt, an easy victory. The two teams were well matched in size, but our boys proved by far the hardier, seemed as tough as shoe leather and gave them a bad whipping. At the end of forty minutes play, our boys had seven goals to their credit, their opponents only getting a solitary one. When our present boys grow up a bit we may confidently look for them to hold the supremacy at hockey as they now do at foot-ball.

—The other morning Miss Linn was proudly exhibiting a beautiful moth butterfly which she had raised. Three weeks ago Mr. Wills found the cocoon in the garden and made a present of it to Miss Linn, who put it in a screen and placed it in a warm spot in her room. She did not expect it to develop before May, but her room has a summer temperature and she was surprised and pleased one morning to notice that the insect had attained its growth and had spread out its wings in beauty on the top of its cage. She will try to keep it alive until the weather out doors is warm and then let it go.

PERSONALITIES.

—Mr. Langmuir is going through the longest spell of illness that he has had for many years, but is recovering.

—George W. Reeves, an old pupil, has a steady situation in the Warrier office, Lindsay, and is doing well.

—Bamber Brown, of Ancaster, is doing very well at shoemaking at his home. He delighted his friends in Brantford by a visit a short time since.

—James Somerville, M. P. for North Brant, came up from the House of Commons, Ottawa, on Friday evening, on a visit to the Superintendent. He is an old-time friend of his.

—Right Rev. Monsignor Farrelloy and Rev. Father Carson, visited the Institution on the afternoon of the 10th inst., and had an interesting session with the Roman Catholic pupils.

—On the 4th ult., Mrs. A. White, of Chatham, nee Miss Rosa Mackie, called on Miss Mabel Steel at her home in Delaware. Although attending school at the same time, they had grown out of each others recollection. It is pleasant to meet old friends and talk over happy school days.

—The Right Rev. W. J. Burn, Bishop of Qu'Appelle, paid us a friendly visit in company with the Rev. Canon Burke, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The Right Reverend gentleman expressed himself as much interested and pleased with all he saw here, and we were certainly delighted to have him with us.

—Mr. J. Nicklin, of Aberfoyle, and Miss Maggie Watt, of Guelph, were guests of Miss M. Hames for a few days. During their visit they drove to Dundas and visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam. Smith, Messrs. George Bridgeford and James Sutherland, a Scotch deaf mute, were there. They are all doing nicely.

—William Summers, an old pupil, who learned the shoemaking trade at the Institution and worked at it for several years after leaving here, has now commenced working on his father's farm. He finds the out door exercise very conducive to his health, which was somewhat impaired by laboring in door.

—Mr. Coleman and Mr. Campbell, two of our teachers, take quite an interest in all that pertains to the advancement and entertainment of young people. During the winter they have ably assisted the Young People's Association in connection with John St. Church in the city. We understand they are now arranging to give the pupils of the Institution several entertainments which we feel sure will be both profitable and pleasant.