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THE CLOSE.

Another session of our Institution has come to an end. That it has been one fruitful of many blessings will not be difficult of admission. Considering the number of children under the same roof, the health has been such as to evoke thankfulness. Two or three have, we regret to say, been ailing for some days past, but we expect soon to see them around again. Faithful work has been done in every department, and that "sweet sauce of labor" comes not amiss to any of us. To the assurance and feeling of duty accomplished, all shall bring home with them many happy recollections. True, the loss of our warm friend, Mr. Ashley, brought a cloud as deep as it was unexpected, yet had we to bow to higher decrees than those of affection and continue to guide the bark towards the part of the general good. The events connected with the vice-regal visit shall ever be a source of warmth, sunshine and delight. As, in life, pleasure and grief but too often come to meet, our minds, we trust, must ever be ready to carry joint recollections of sorrow and of joy. But one more issue of THE CANADIAN MUTE will appear this session, which will inform our readers of what may be done at the forth coming Convention. To all we cordially extend wishes for most enjoyable and profitable holidays.

Lord Aberdeen's Visit.

His Excellency Lord Aberdeen, in a letter to the Mayor of Belleville, has been pleased to remark:—

"I was favorably impressed by all the institutions which I visited, and what I saw at the well known Institute for the Deaf and Dumb of Ontario, induced the belief that it is one that should be regarded, not only by the Province but by the whole Dominion, with thankful satisfaction."

A man may succeed without a correct knowledge of arithmetic or grammar, but without morality all else will fail.—*Supt. H. M. House.*

Lord Aberdeen's Reception.

"It is all over," and every one is pleased with the right royal reception given to Lord Aberdeen in Belleville and the Institution. We at the Institution are especially gratified that the demonstration was such an unqualified success, as it was the invitation tendered from here that induced Lord Aberdeen to favor the city with a visit, and now that he has come once he is likely to come again. The singular unanimity, enthusiasm and hearty manner in which the members of the City Council co-operated and seconded the efforts of our Superintendent, Mr. Mathison, to make the reception and His Excellency's stay in Belleville a long-to-be-remembered occasion, calls forth his and our best regards, and each and every one of them is cordially remembered for his interest. We have already alluded to the handsome and liberal manner in which the Governor-General was entertained by Mr. Thos. Ritchie and Mr. H. Corby, M. P., also to the dignified discharge of duty by Mayor Walmesley, the efficient services of Mr. John J. B. Flint as Marshal, and it only remains now for us to place on record the names of the gentlemen composing the General Committee so that they may receive the deserved honor they are entitled to. They are:—W. B. Northrop, M. P., W. H. Biggar, M. P., Aldermen Clarke, Collins, Diamond, Doyle, Foster, Graham, Green, Haught, Hart, Landenberger, Laroche, Lazier, Luscombe, Marshall, Moon, Petty, Poutor, Robinson, Shovlin, Starling and Willis, ex-Mayor Bogart, J. L. Biggar, Hugh Walker, L. W. Yeoman, Thos. Willis, C. E. Thompson, J. E. Thompson, J. N. Doyle, A. McAllister, W. W. Pope, John Johnston, City Clerk D. B. Robertson, City Treasurer and Solicitor L. H. Henderson, and others. There was an omission in the report in our last issue that we feel ought to be supplied. To our talented and popular young townsman, Mr. J. N. Doyle, President of the Daisy Lyric Club, much credit is due for the success of the children's entertainment and which was so heartily enjoyed by His Excellency as to merit from him unstinted words of commendation. Miss Dora Frost, Miss Ethel and Alice Coleman, Irene Brignall and William McLean also deserve most favorable mention.

As Others See Us.

The *Western Times* has an account of the visit of the Hon. Mr. Gracibus and Superintendent Swiler to this Institution a few weeks ago. This is what is said:—Leaving Flint at 11 p. m. on the Grand Trunk Railway, after a good night's rest, involving an unconscious transfer to the Queen's Dominion, daylight came near Hamilton, and breakfast at Toronto. Continuing the journey through the fertile well tilled fields of the best portion of Ontario, the railroad skirting the north shore of green Ontario past Cobourg and Port Hope, Belleville was reached at 1 p. m. and the hearty greeting of Supt. Mathison, and Prof. J. C. Balis assured us that, as ever, in all hospitable intentions and in a sincere way of showing hospitality, Canada beats the world.

We were carried rapidly behind a big Canada horse, through the crowded streets of the prosperous city, joined by Mr. George Mathison, the superintendent's son, and passing a little later to see Mrs. Sylvia Chapin Balis, we soon arrived at the porter's lodge of the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and thence into the handsome grounds, with the shining waters of the bay of Quinte glittering in the sun, and the happy faces of scores of deaf girls and boys smiling on either side.

The Superintendent's house is near the main building, and no reception could be more gracefully offered than that which we received from the accomplished wife and charming daughters of the Superintendent.

Nothing was omitted which the most thoughtful attention could bestow to make the day a pleasant one.

Fortunate for situation, happy in its environment, the Belleville Institution is still more fortunate in possessing a Supt. who, like "Abou Ben Adhem," loves his fellow men, and consequently the children under his care. Happy the house where love is, and blessed the school in which the spirit of love rules.

Passing through the buildings—it being

Saturday school" was not in session—there was everywhere evident neatness, system and order with contentment and happiness written on the faces of the pupils.

The Superintendent's office is furnished with the utmost regard for time and space, and seemed to consider convenience and the dispatch of business in all his appointments. Desks, cases, paper-files, and an extensive electrical service, places all departments within reach of the Superintendent. Under the guidance of that excellent matron, Miss Isabel M. Walker, we were shown school-rooms well filled with pictures, charts, drawings and illustrative apparatus; dining-rooms pleasant and airy, and kitchen, each well equipped for its own especial work.

But the printing-office is the most remarkable place in the whole establishment. We may expect clean type and neat presswork, but here floors, walls and sinks were as clean as the tidy apron of foreman Burns. No wonder THE CANADIAN MUTE is so faultless in its bi-monthly presentation of the news, when the source of its being is so clean and fresh. A water motor furnishes power to run an English News Press, and a Canadian Jobber.

A spacious, and convenient hospital building has just been completed. It is in the rear and some distance from the other buildings. Here we met the Supervising architect of the Public works, Mr. Tully, a robust and vigorous Englishman for whose opinions the Superintendent has the most profound respect.

The girls and boys at Belleville look as stout and hearty as those in Wisconsin, an important fact, not elsewhere noted. The girls play tennis and are much out of doors; the boys, strange to say, do not play base-ball, but they do play foot-ball all the year round. In games with hearing-teams they frequently win, the game we witnessed—a close contest—was a tie.

Through the courtesy of the Supt., and in company with his daughters a ten mile trip was taken up the bay, by boat, to Trenton, and returning, an exhilarating drive, behind a good team, over one of the best of roads, through a country rich in the early history of the province, brought us back to Belleville in an hour.

At an evening meeting in the chapel—the whole school appeared with every evidence of alertness and intelligence, in their faces.

Prof. and Mrs. J. C. Balis were met at dinner. They are friends of many years standing, and deservedly hold a high place in the estimation of their friends in Belleville. Regrets on leaving such a place are apt to be enduring, and especially so in this case, for we do not know when we shall see our host again.

Criminals Swept Up.

WORDS OF THE AFTERMATH OF LORD ABERDEEN'S VISIT.

Lord Aberdeen has come and gone, and all who wished to see and hear his Excellency had an opportunity to do so. The entertainment provided for him was excellent and he put in on Wednesday one of the busiest days of his life, and one of the pleasantest. There are no misgivings taking his sincerity when he expressed his unbounded delight with the city and its surroundings, with the reception accorded him, and with the handsome manner in which he was entertained. This admiration, it is hardly necessary to say, is mutual, for all who came into contact with His Excellency were strongly impressed with the nobility of his character and with the charm and courtesy of his manner. He is a nobleman by inheritance. But he is what is more and better than that—he is every inch a man, true of heart, pure of life and lofty in sentiment and purpose, and he fittingly represents our Gracious Queen.

To Mr. Mathison is primarily due the pleasure of his visit, and to him also is largely due the success of the reception. His suggestions to this end were timely and his labors assiduous, while the reception and entertainment he provided at the Institute was most cordial and pleasing. His Excellency was delighted with the Institution and its management and was unstinted in his expression of admiration for the excellent work being done.

Mayor Walmesley did himself and the city proud, and all classes of citizens are loud in their admiration of the dignified courtesy and good taste he manifested throughout the whole of the two days. He was there as the representative of

the whole of the people of Belleville and they are proud of the manner in which he discharged his duty. The gentleman—an opponent of Mayor Walmesley's at the last election—said he had seen many similar receptions in the large cities of England and Canada and had never seen a mayor that equalled Mayor Walmesley on this occasion.

Mr. Ritchie, also, cannot receive too much credit for the manner in which he entertained His Excellency at his own residence. The culinary arrangements were perfect while the illuminations of the house and grounds were the finest ever seen in Belleville and equal to any private house illumination ever seen in Canada.

Mr. Corby, also, did the honor of the yacht and at the park in a most comfortable and sumptuous manner and contributed not a little to the pleasure of the Excellency's visit.

Mr. J. J. B. Flint also deserves warm commendation for the manner in which he discharged his duties as marshal. All his arrangements were perfect, and before he left His Excellency thanked him for his assiduous care and attention and complimented him on the manner in which he discharged his duties.

While Lord Aberdeen was in Belleville with all parts of the reception it was especially pleased with the reception by the school children. On Wednesday night before going to Bridge St. church he called the members of the School Board together and personally thanked them for what he termed "The remarkable and very remarkable scene witnessed and enjoyed at the Central School building this morning."

The citizens of Belleville are under a deep debt of gratitude to all these gentlemen, and especially to Messrs. George Mathison and Ritchie, for the trouble and the very considerable expense in which they went in providing proper entertainment for His Excellency. The entertainment furnished was prominent in its character and in taking on themselves an expense that the corporation was not willing to undergo they have manifested a most commendable public spirit.

But it is now all over—except the grateful memories and the pleasant recollections. His Excellency will always occupy a warm place in the hearts of the people of Belleville and one and all will hope that he will return again and bring Lady Aberdeen and little Maud with him.—*Ontario, June 1st*

For the first time in a number of years the people of Belleville will this evening be given an opportunity of welcoming a Governor General of Canada and that the representative of our beloved Sovereign will be received with the loyalty and hospitality for which the Bay of Quinte district has long been famous, is evidenced by the programme of the arrangements which have been made for his reception and entertainment during his stay amongst us. In Belleville Lord Aberdeen will find the principal centre of trade and population which has grown up in the Bay of Quinte country, which was settled by C. E. Loyalists, the descendants of whom will form no inconsiderable portion of the throng which will give him a loyal welcome to our beautiful "City of the Bay," of which, and of its institutions and its people, we are pleased to learn that he will see as much as is possible during his visit.

While Lord Aberdeen will be formally greeted in his official capacity as the direct representative of the throne in Canada, he will find a warm welcome amongst our people because of his own high character as a Christian gentleman and a public man of unspotted reputation. He has proved himself an earnest worker in the cause of humanity and on behalf of many objects which he deemed deserving, and during his stay in Canada he has shown himself worthy of his high position. Side by side with him in all good works—assuming public functions and discharging public duties on behalf of humanity which but few ladies would have the talent, the courage or the industry to successfully discharge, has been his amiable Countess, who has won all hearts wherever she has appeared. It is gratifying that this distinguished lady will be unable to visit us at this time, but we will no doubt read with pleasure the references to herself in the columns and learn with satisfaction the details of the vice-regal trip to Belleville.

We trust that His Excellency will find occasion in after years to recall with pleasing recollection to his first official visit to Belleville. *Intelligencer, June 29th.*