

In the Garden.

There's a tender Eastern legend,
In a volume old and rare,
Of the Christ-child in his garden
Walking with the children there.

And it tells this strange, sweet story
True or false, ah, who shall say?
How a bird with broken pinion
Died within the garden lay.

And the children, child-like cruel,
Lifted it by shattered wing,
Shouting, "Make us merry music,
Sing, you lazy fellow, sing!"

But the Christ-child bent above it
Took it in his gentle hand
Full of pity for the suffering
He alone could understand.

Whispered to it, oh so softly,
Laid his lips upon its throat
And the song life, swift returning,
Sounded out in one glad note.

Then away, on wings unwearyed,
Joyously it sang and soared,
And the little children kneeling
Called the Christ-child Master Lord.
—Trance D. Goodwin

The Story of Santa Claus.

Long, long ago, so the story tells, it was the night before Christmas, in a north country far away.

A little boy named Hans and a little girl named Freda sat before the fire. The flames lit up the small room. Hans and Freda were very poor, and their father and mother were dead; so they lived with their old grandmother, who was sitting in a small wooden rocking chair knitting.

Now Christmas time had come, Grandma had told them it was a time for giving, and Hans and Freda had been working for weeks making little gifts and thinking how to make each other happy.

They were happy as they sat thinking of the glad surprise they had prepared for Christmas day, how the widow who lived near by would find her winter fuel gathered for her, and how they had made a crutch for a poor little boy who fell on the ice and broke his leg, and of their pot pigeons for which a Christmas feast of seeds and crumbs had been prepared, and they were very happy when they thought of the surprise they had for dear grandmamma.

At length the light faded in the room and grandma said, "It is time children were in bed. They undressed by the fireplace, and as grandma helped remove their little clothes, she said, 'What makes your stockings so damp, my dears?'"

"Oh we had to walk many places in the snow to-day getting ready for Christmas you know, the children answered with happy smiles.

"Well," said grandma, "hang your stockings in the chimney corner to dry and get to bed." The children obeyed and were soon fast asleep in their little cots.

They slept on till late in the night and suddenly awakened to find the room was full of light. They turned to the fireplace where the logs were still burning a little, but there they saw for a moment the kind loving face of an old man. He wore a long beard that was white as snow and his eyes shone with the beautiful light that filled the room.

Suddenly he went up the chimney, and the room was dark again. The children listened and heard a faint sound of sleigh bells. They ran to the window and saw for a moment, two wonderful reindeer bounding away over the house tops, drawing behind them a sleigh in which the old man rode. As they crept softly back to bed, they whispered to each other, "It must have been one of the good Saints."

Christmas morning when Hans and Freda rose to dress they found their stockings, that hung in the chimney corner, filled with beautiful toys and Christmas gifts. The children clapped their hands in glee and said, "Now we know the old man who came to us was one of the dear good Saints."

This was long, long ago.
Now, good children all over the world hang up their stockings on Christmas eve, and they call the kind saint, Santa Claus.

A Thrilling Picture.

That Canadian patriot can be relied upon to support those whose efforts are directed to the stirring up of memories of our glorious past and hopes for the magnificent future which is possible to us, is proven by the success of a publication that for the past ten years has been growing into the good graces of Canadians.

The Toronto Saturday Night has always issued a Christmas Number little



Scene nearly like the above in the Girls' Sitting Room on Christmas morning, about 10 o'clock, when the cords of boxes and presents are distributed to our deaf children.

heralded by the press, advertised only by its merits, and acceptable to every one because of its well-told stories and prettily made pictures. For several years it used English, French and German supplements, but for the past two years it has excelled all previous attempts by issuing immense reproductions of historical paintings, original and Canadian.

This year the battle of Queenston Heights is the subject, a picture nearly three feet long by over two feet wide, painted by a Canadian artist and reproduced by Canadian processes in fourteen colors. The surroundings of the battle are the mountain up which our volunteers endeavored to climb, the historic gorge of Niagara, the blue distances which stretch through New York State, and the mists which rise from the whirl of the rapids. In the foreground General Brock is dying, supported by the arms of his lieutenants. The Regulars are charging past him, the Indians are skirmishing through the rocks and trees to the right, and Canada's hero with his sword aloft, cries out, "Push on, York Volunteers." The picture excites that strange emotion which contains so much of patriotism that one scarcely knows whether to choke up with the coming tears or to shout with enthusiasm.

The story of the war is written by George Taylor Demson in so vivid a style that one can almost hear the musketry and the shouting of charging brigades. Saturday Night's Christmas this year is incomparably the handsomest and most worthy production of Canadian art, and should be sent by overdone to absent friends who live afar but whose hearts have not grown cold when the name of Canada is mentioned. For sending to absent or loved ones in the Old Country, where they know so little of our history, it is the brightest and most thrilling Canadian souvenir ever provided. It can be found at all newsdealers', price 60 cents, or mailed directly from the office of publication at the same rate. It may be added that the book is crowded with interesting stories and illustrations—no story being contributed by the Marquis of Lorne, ex-Governor-General of Canada.

For Calcutta Deaf and Dumb School.

AN APPEAL.

To the Friends of the Deaf in Canada as well as the Teachers and Pupils in the Deaf Schools in Montreal, Halifax and St. John.

All the deaf mutes and friends interested in deaf mute education the world over are requested to respond to the appeal so as to assure the permanence of the school before the Bengal Government can grant the aid desired. From one cent upwards will be most gratefully acknowledged.

As regards the Calcutta School see particulars in the Collier for a letter in the CANADIAN STRIFE of Dec 1st.

A. A. McINTOSH,

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TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION
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3:15 p.m.
East 1:00 a.m. 6:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:25 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
MADON AND PETERBORO BRANCH 8:45 a.m.
11:45 a.m. 5:10 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S CHRISTMAS, '96

Great Pictorial Supplement.

The BATTLE OF QUEENSTON HEIGHTS is the subject of a large colored reproduction of a painting of this historic battle, by Mr. J. D. Kelly. Its size is 24 x 11 inches. It appeals to the patriotic instinct. Exclusively produced for and given away free with each copy of Saturday Night's Christmas.

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TORONTO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES are held as follows every Sunday:

West End Y. M. C. A., Corner Queen Street and Dovercourt Road, at 11 a.m.
General Central, up stairs at Broadway Hall, Spadina Ave. W. or 12 floors south of College Street at 4 p.m. or Ladies' Messrs. Nassault, Bridgen and others.
East End meetings, at Parliament and Oak Streets, service at 11 a.m. every Sunday.
Music Classes, every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, corner Spadina Ave. and College Street and at Queen Street and Dovercourt Road.
Lectures, etc. may be arranged if desirable. Address, 273 Clinton Street.
Miss A. FRASER, Missionary to the Deaf in Toronto.

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HAMILTON DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION

MESSRS. GRANT AND BIFF conduct religious services every Sunday at 7 p.m. in Tickle Hall, John St. north near King.
The Literary and Debating Society meets every Friday evening at 7:30, in the Y. M. C. A. Building, corner Jackson and James Sts., President, J. H. Byrne, Vice-President, Thos. Thompson, Secy., Treasurer, Wm. Bryce, Sergt-at-Arms, J. H. Moher.
Meetings are open to all mutes and friends interested.

Uneducated Deaf Children.

I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE EVERY person who receives this paper send me the names and post-office addresses of the parents of deaf children not attending school who are known to them, so that I may forward them particulars concerning this Institution and inform them where and by what means their children can be instructed and furnished with an education.

R. MATHISON,
Superintendent.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Classes:—

SCHOOL HOURS: From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.
DRAWING CLASS from 3:30 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.
HIGH CLASS for Junior Teachers on the afternoons of Monday and Wednesday of each week from 3:10 to 4.
EVENING STUDY from 7 to 8:30 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 3.

Religious Exercises:—

EVERY SUNDAY Primary pupils at 8 a.m. and 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 schools not later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon 1 o'clock the pupils will again assemble after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.

REGULAR VISITING CLERGYMEN: Rev. Cap. Burke, Right Rev. Monsignor Farrelly, V.C. Rev. F. J. Thompson, M.A. (Presbyterian) Rev. Chas. F. McIntyre, (Methodist), Rev. H. Cowart, (Baptist), Rev. M. W. Macdonald, (Presbyterian); Rev. Father Connolly.
HIGHER CLASSES, Sunday afternoon at 1:15. International Series of Sunday School Lessons. Miss ANNIE MATTHEW, Teacher.

Clergymen of all Denominations cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Industrial Departments:—

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOP, AND CARPENTERS' ROOMS from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. for pupils who attend school. Those who do not attend school from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. each working day except Saturday, when the office and shop 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, Shop and Carpenter's Room to be left each day when work is done in a clean and tidy condition.

Pupils are not to be excused from 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 to unduly interfere with the performance of the several duties.

Visitors:—

Persons who are interested in 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 12 in the afternoon as possible, as the classes are dismissed at 3:00 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 leave-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 wish to 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. Free 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 THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS 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 much as possible, their wishes.

No medical preparations that have not 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 999 cases out of 1000 they are swindlers and only want money for which they can do nothing. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of deafness. Beware and be guided by their common sense and advice.

R. MATHISON,
Superintendent.