

Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

OFFICERS
 PRESIDENT - A. E. SMITH, Brantford.
 1st VICE-PRES. - P. FRASER, Toronto.
 2nd VICE-PRES. - H. C. BLAYNE, Toronto.
 SECRETARY - D. HAYNE, Montreal.
 TREASURER - D. J. McNEILL, Belleville.
 INSURANTER - D. R. COLEMAN, Belleville.

INSTITUTION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
 Hon. President - H. Mathison.
 President - Wm. Nurse.
 Vice Pres. - Wm. Douglas.
 Secy-Treas. - D. J. McMillip.

FOOT-BALL AND HOCKEY CLUBS.
 Captain First Eleven - J. Chambers.
 " Second Eleven - D. Eaddy.
 Hockey, First Team, C. Gilliam.
 " Second " "

DUFFERIN LITERARY SOCIETY
 Hon. President, H. Mathison.
 President, Wm. Nurse.
 Vice Pres., D. J. McMillip.
 Secy. Treas., Ada James.
 Master at Arms, "

THE CANADIAN MUTE.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1895.

I count this thing to be grandly true,
 That a noble deed is a step toward God,
 Lifting the soul from the common soil
 To a purer air and a broader view.
 -J. O. Holland.

A Welcome.

THE CANADIAN MUTE once more greets the boys and girls at the beginning of another session, and bids them a hearty welcome to the Institution. We are pleased to see so many of the old pupils with us again, and no less pleased to see so many new faces. It is also very gratifying to find all of them enjoying such exceptionally good health, and we hope that it will continue throughout the session. We trust that each pupil has come back animated by the desire to learn as much as possible during this session, and that each one will at once begin earnest, faithful work, and that this will be the most successful term in the history of the Institution. We know that the officers and teachers will do all in their power to make it so; and the best results will be ensured if the boys and girls will remember that they do not come here to have a good time, but in order to acquire knowledge and to become as well fitted as possible for the duties of life. Let officers, teachers and pupils all co-operate to make this a model session as regards harmony, good conduct, zealous application, and rapid progress.

Improvements.

During the vacation a considerable number of needed repairs were made to the main building of the Institution. The building was painted on the outside, its appearance being much improved thereby. The main hall has been varnished and new carpets laid on the main hall and stairway. The reception room has a new floor and ceiling and now presents a very attractive appearance. Several of the private rooms have been re-papered and otherwise renovated, and very handsome stained glass has been provided for the vestibule doors. A number of new pictures have been hung in the main hall and other rooms. The boys' study has new seats and window-sills and new tables, and it has all been painted and grained. A number of new blinds add to the attractiveness of the boys' and girls' sitting rooms and dormitories and the old ones are used for Wood Hall. The pupils' dining room has been re-varnished and some repairs made to the kitchen and sculleries, and there is a new floor in the boys' washroom. Altogether the building presents a very attractive appearance both inside and out and everything is as clean as a new pin.

The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven. -Milton.

The Bay of Quinte Fair.

On Thursday afternoon, the 19th ult., thanks to the courtesy and kindness of the directors, the pupils of the Institution to the number of some 200 had the pleasure of visiting the Belleville Fair and of witnessing the many beautiful and interesting sights to be seen there. They marched down in charge of some of the teachers and spent over two hours in a very pleasant and instructive manner. Some were much interested in the live stock and spent much of the time in viewing the prize horses, cows, sheep, pigs and poultry. Others preferred the wam building and many of the boys devoted all their time to the speeding in the ring. The chief centre of attraction, however, was the "merry-go-round," and nearly all who had five cents to spare took a ride and some squandered several nickles before they were satisfied. The candy counters, also, were well patronized. About five o'clock they all left the grounds and arrived home in good time, many of them very tired, but all very much pleased with their outing. On their behalf we extend our hearty thanks to Mr. Ponton, Mr. Hurley and the directors for their kindness.

A Matrimonial Event.

The following extract, clipped from the Sun of July 16th, explains itself. -

Early this morning at St. Thomas Church a very interesting though quiet wedding took place when Rev. Canon Burke united in marriage Alderman J. Franklin Wills, barrister, son of Thomas Wills, ex M. P., County Treasurer, and Miss Edith M. Yarwood, second daughter of the late Mr. Clair St. George Yarwood. The bride looked very bright and beautiful, and was most winsome in her plain gray cloth dress, away gown with a smart little jacket to match, hat, gloves and parasol of brown. She wore in her hand a handsome bunch of sweet peas, tied with white satin ribbon. Miss Helen Yarwood, youngest sister of the bride, performed the pleasant duties of the bridesmaid, and wore a gray bengaline gown and white picture hat. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Clair St. George Yarwood of the Bank of Commerce, Dunlop, Ont. The guests were Mr. Thomas Wills, Mrs. Wills, Miss Annie Wills, Mr. Harry Wills, Manager of the Bank of Commerce, Orangeville, Mrs. Yarwood and Miss Yarwood. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom drove to the steamer Hamilton, for a trip down the St. Lawrence.

THE CANADIAN MUTE, in common with Mrs. Wills' many friends in the Institution, extends to her its warmest good wishes for a long, prosperous and happy conjugal life. Last year, as teacher of drawing, Miss Yarwood elicited the affection of all the pupils under her charge and the high esteem of all the officers and teachers; and we heartily congratulate Mr. Wills on securing so estimable a bride. Our readers will be glad to learn that Mrs. Wills has consented to retain her position with us for the present, and has resumed her classes here.

The lawn in front and around the Superintendent's house has presented this summer an unusually attractive appearance, owing to the assiduous attention paid to it by Mrs. Mathison. The grass has been kept well trimmed and watered and the flower-beds have shown a delightful profusion of beautifully tinted flowers.

Mr. Balis made satisfactory arrangements with the insurance company relative to his house in Pittsburg, which was partially destroyed by fire a few months ago. During the vacation he had all damages repaired and added many improvements, and it is now a very handsome residence with all modern conveniences.

Everything of value costs something. A good character costs a great deal of patience, but it is worth all it costs. The test of our faith which God either sends or suffers to come to us are all directed to prove our secret self, for he desires "truth in the inward parts." He hates sham. "The righteous Lord loveth righteousness." Some of the most effective tests are the seemingly insignificant ones, and many of them are known only to God and the suffering soul, and can not have the help of human sympathy.

Two Very Narrow Escapes.

During the holidays two of our teachers underwent an experience that they will never forget and never desire to repeat, both having had very narrow escapes from watery graves.

The first to take the involuntary plunge was Miss Templeton, while she was staying at Windmere. On August 19th there was a Regatta at Port Sandfield, which she attended with some friends. After the festivities a couple of young gentlemen invited Miss Templeton and another young lady to sail back in a skiff. When about half-way over and out in the open lake, a sudden gust of wind struck the sail and capsize the boat. As it went over Miss T. reached forward and grasped the opposite side with her left hand and for a few moments her head was above water. One of the young men then grasped her wrist and endeavored to keep her head out of the water but in vain, and a moment after she went under and became unconscious. Fortunately the supply steamer was near at hand, and as it hurried to the rescue two men jumped overboard and drew her head above water and in a few moments she was grasped by willing hands upon the steamer. The steamer hurried away to Windmere where medical aid was procured, but it was some time before suspended animation was restored and consciousness returned. The escape was a very narrow one, as her head was entirely submerged for some minutes. The other lady fell clear of the boat and grasped the keel and was able to keep her head above water. Had the supply steamer not been near by Miss Templeton undoubtedly, and the others probably, would have found watery graves.

Mr. Balis also had a very narrow escape from drowning a few evenings ago. Mr. Balis has a boat which he keeps in a boat house on the bay shore, but a week previous some vandals broke into the boat-house and made off with the boat. Mr. Balis got the loan of a canoe to look for his lost property and went out into the bay. When off Zwick's Island and near the bridge, he attempted to change his seat but not being accustomed to a canoe he upset his frailcraft. It happened about six o'clock in the evening and the water was cold and air chill. Mr. Balis managed to climb on to the canoe and slowly paddled towards the shore which he reached after about half an hour's severe exertion. It was a relief to Mr. B. when he felt his feet touch the bottom and he was able to walk ashore, but he fell down completely exhausted by his long and hard struggle for life. Mr. Belknap of Rossmore saw the accident, put off with assistance and took Mr. Balis to the main land where he got a warm drink and dry clothing at the pump-house of the water-works. We are glad that Mr. Balis is now little the worse for his involuntary bath and able to go on with his duties. The callousness of human nature or at least of some people's nature, was well illustrated on this occasion by a man who stood on the bridge and with almost diabolical indifference watched the accident and the subsequent struggle for life but made no effort at a rescue though Mr. Balis called repeatedly for help. This was Mr. Balis' first experience and undoubtedly it will be his last in an open canoe.

Had a Reception.

Supt. Mathison, of the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Belleville, is the guest of Mr. Thos. Woollyatt, police magistrate, for today, says the Brantford Expositor. A number of his old pupils hearing of his stay in the city called upon the principal and paid their respects to one whom they had long learned to love as well as esteem and admire. Frequent calls were made by resident deaf mutes and their friends, and for a time Mr. Woollyatt's parlor was a reception room of the most orthodox character. Among those who called upon Mr. Mathison were: Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb, Messrs. R. Sutton, W. J. McLaren, W. Rose, Cathbert, and Miss Maud Gladiator. They were all past pupils with the exception of Maud Gladiator, who is now a pupil of the Institution. It need hardly be said, a pleasant and profitable time was spent by superintendent and pupils.



-Atanaso Pilon, a new pupil from Rockland, accompanied by his father, was the first to arrive on the 18th ult.

-It has been found necessary to crowd an extra table into the pupils' dining room to accommodate the increased number of children.

-Miss Linn's class meets in the chapel at present, pending the furnishing of her class-room in Wood Hall. It will be ready in a few days.

-Every available class-room in the Institution is now occupied and still it is crowded. The next now class formed will have to take up its quarters in the barn, unless in the meantime increased accommodation is provided.

-Mr. Downie has lately removed his family from Hamilton, where they formerly resided, to Belleville. They are getting settled in their new home, on Pope street, and Mr. Downie is of course glad to have his family around him again.

Mr. Balis has not yet found any trace of his boat which was stolen during the holidays. He is justly indignant at this act of vandalism and it will not be well for the thief if Mr. Balis discovers him. Several other boats were also stolen during the summer.

-During the holidays Charlie Holtou, who lives in the city, has been an almost daily visitor to the Institution. The shady road to our school makes a delightful bicycle spin in the afternoon and Charlie likes both the ride on his wheel and a chat with the people here.

-Over 800 tons of coal have been stowed in our coal sheds during the vacation, and six months hence we may expect to see very little of it left. The water in the bay has been so low that the coal boats experienced much difficulty in reaching our wharf to unload.

-We think that there are few cities that can vie with Toronto for the open handed generosity of its mutes. Any respectable deaf person is sure of generous treatment, and at their meetings, of which there are two every Sunday, they will be cordially welcomed and made to feel at home.

-Mr. Balis lectured in Toronto on Sunday the 15th inst., to some sixty of the deaf-mutes there. His subject was "The Prodigal Son." He vividly described the character and career of this erring youth who has such a multitudinous following at the present day, and strongly impressed the lessons and warnings to be derived therefrom.

-The parents of the new pupils who accompanied them here, left promptly the next morning after seeing the Institution and how their children were situated. We are always glad to have parents make a brief visit, but just now we are busy and were glad to have them go. A prolonged leave taking is not good for either the parents, children or our officers.

-The pupils have a fine object lesson on the beneficent effect of water on vegetation by noting the strong contrast between that part of the lawn that has been kept well watered during the summer and that part which has had to depend on the very stinted quantity supplied by nature. The grass on the former is of a beautiful green, while that on the latter looks almost as if it had been scorched by fire.

-The three following days after the pupils returned were busy ones for the resident officers. Every article of the pupils' clothing had to be examined, booked and seen that it was properly marked. Parents pay better attention to the marking of their children's clothing than they used to do, but much of the ink used at home is not reliable and a few washings erase the names, causing consequent loss and confusion if not re marked.

-Mr. Wills did not make his usual floral exhibit at the Bay of Quinte Fair, held in Belleville. He felt that he could not do himself justice under the prize list of this year. He still keeps in mind the way he was treated at the fair one year ago, his display of flowers being removed in his absence from an advantageous position he had occupied every year, and was forced against his will to take up an inferior space. He has one of the finest collection of flowers this year that can be found in this part of the country and they would have been an attraction if they had been taken.