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SCHOOL AGAIN.

The long summer vacation has come to an end. No doubt good use was made of it by officers, teachers and pupils to prepare for the ensuing nine months' almost uninterrupted work in the school room. There have been few changes in the routine of that work. Some familiar faces are missing from classroom and play-ground, but many old friends return to resume the tasks suspended three months ago. We welcome them to the Institution, where they will receive kind treatment and important assistance. There are now faces among the pupils, and young hearts are sad because the first separation from home and kindred has come. They will soon become reconciled to their surroundings, and ere the session closes will be as happy and contented as the older ones. We hope good health will prevail during the school term. If so, other favors will be added in the usual way, and the results will be satisfactory. A good beginning will ensure a good ending. The classes are formed for the term and we hope the pupils will begin a systematic course of faithful, honest study. The teachers will do their share of the work. Mutual help and confidence is necessary for complete success. "There is no royal road to learning." We must climb the rugged heights laboriously, patiently and faithfully. The prize is at the top.

RECENT CHANGES.

There have been many changes of officers and teachers in connection with schools for the deaf in the United States, during the summer vacation. Most of them, too, must be directly or indirectly attributed to political influences and prejudices. The venerable Dr Gillett, whose retirement from the Illinois school occurred early in the year, was subsequently appointed President of the Society for the Promotion of Teaching of Speech to the Deaf. Another shuffle of the cards Colorado re-elected Mr. Ray, who had been retired from the head of that school through political

pressure. Mr Caldwell was dismissed from the Superintendency of the Florida school, where he was doing excellent work, but soon found an opening for him in the California school. A dozen or more of the officers and teachers of the Ohio school have been asked to send in their resignations, for political reasons. In Kansas, too, the guillotine has been used without respect to ability or service. Six of the ablest and most experienced teachers of that school were retired, and also a number of the employees. Among the teachers was Dr. J. H. Brown formerly of this school, but he followed his superintendent to the Illinois school, where he was engaged at an increased salary. Mr. Walker knew what he could do in the school room, and was no doubt anxious to have him in the great school over which he now presides. Mr. J. D. Carter, a man unknown to the profession, succeeds Mr. Walker as head of the Kansas School. There may be, and doubtless are, other changes which we have not yet heard of. In our own school there has been one change only. Mr. Beaton, a successful teacher, was forced to resign by ill health, much to the regret of all at the school. We hope to hear of his improvement, as he is a young man of excellent abilities.

TWO OF THEM.

The *Deaf Mute Register* of the 7th inst., published two of the papers presented at the Congress of the Deaf in Chicago. One, entitled "The Ideal Newspaper for the Deaf," by Prof. Denys, of this school, is scholarly, refined and suggestive. The other, "Our Press in its Relation to the School," by Supt. Clarke, of the Michigan School, is practical, comprehensive and pertinent. Both are a credit to the writers, and of much interest to many. We must thank Mr. Denys for his flattering reference to THE CANADIAN MUTE, and assure him that the good opinion of such a critic is highly esteemed. He truthfully claims "no share in its origin, but we respectfully submit that such a master of ornate sentences, who can draw such draughts from the "well of English undefiled," should no longer leave the editorial work to "eminent experience." We want more from his facile pen. A French Canadian, delighting in the lucid cadences of his native tongue, he has, by study and practice, won distinction as a writer of sonorous English. His place is well defined. We offer him the editorial chair with this humble tribute to his ability to fill it well.

A VISIT TO THE REV. MR. GILBY.

Many of our readers will remember the visit of the Rev. Mr. Gilby to Canada two years ago. He is a missionary to the deaf of London, England. While on a visit to London this summer, Mr. Nurse made a call on Mr. Gilby, who welcomed him cordially and hospitably entertained him during his stay. A ride through London streets, and a visit to many places of interest with Mr. Gilby was much enjoyed. The church of which Mr. Gilby is pastor, is a very neat substantial building on one of the principal streets. It has a seating capacity of about 200, with an excellent gymnasium, reading-room and library attached, all fitted up in the most comfortable manner, and exclusively for the use of the deaf. This is the central point, but the work spreads all over the great city. Mr. Nurse had the pleasure of being present at the week day evening religious services, at which about thirty deaf were present. The sign language used was very different from our own, and difficult for a stranger to follow. Mr. Gilby cherishes the happiest recollections of his visit to this "Canada of ours," and will never forget the open handed hospitality of its people. He hopes soon to make another visit, accompanied by Mrs. Gilby.

Where They Were.

AND WHAT THEY DID DURING VACATION.

The officers and teachers of this school report having had a pleasant vacation. The Superintendent, after devoting several weeks to office work, went to Chicago to attend the congresses and see the big show. He took Mrs. Mathison with him, and during the heat and a few mishaps, they greatly enjoyed the trip. Mr. Mathison subsequently returned to Chicago as a delegate to the Superior Court of the Independent Order of Foresters. The rest of his vacation was spent at home.

Mr. Coleman, as usual, tried to find some pleasure at home, not even indulging in a short excursion. He thinks Belleville good enough for him all the time.

Mr. Denys lost no time after school closed in seeking the paternal home in picturesque Montcalm County, down in Quebec. There he found recreation, health and pleasure, and returns to his work in good spirits.

Mrs. Terrill remained at home part of the summer, enjoying a visit from her son Alfred. She also made trips west, visiting her daughter and friends.

Miss Templeton, after a few weeks at home, went to Toronto, where she joined a company of friends for a pleasure trip through the States, staying for some time at Ocean Grove, N. J.

Miss Ostrom left early in the summer, with her mother, on a protracted visit to a brother and sister in Milwaukee and Michigan. She took in the World's Fair and other attractions.

Miss Maybee went to Chicago with friends, and after viewing the White City with much pleasure devoted the rest of her leisure time visiting friends.

Mr and Mrs. Bais attended the congresses, and viewed the great Fair at Chicago, and after returning home took a second trip to New York and other cities in the States.

Miss Carlotta found it pleasant in Kingston, Toronto and Niagara Falls, where she visited for some time.

Burrar Matheson thought he could find no place more pleasant and agreeable than his pleasant home near the Bay of Quinte, and so determined to stay there all summer.

Mr. Burns, instructor of printing, also spent most of his leisure time at home, making short journeys to visit friends and seek enjoyment.

Mr. Nurse, boss of the shoe shop, took his wife and child across the Atlantic Ocean and had an enjoyable time in old England, his native land. They returned the last of August much pleased with their experience.

The Matron, Miss Walker, took the full benefit of her holidays with friends in Hamilton and elsewhere. She says it was lonesome at the Institution without the children. There is plenty of company now.

Miss Gallagher, instructor of sewing, had charge of the domestic affairs at the Institution during Miss Walker's absence. When the latter returned she departed for Toronto and the World's Fair, returning much benefited by the outing.

Messrs. Douglass and Smith, Supervisor and Clerk, respectively, alternately indulged in brief periods of recreation but were devoted to duty most of the time. They both look as if they had the best of the fun.

The engineer, baker, farmer, gardener, and others no doubt found time for some recreation, but at the time of writing we have not learned the facts.

All are at their posts again, and we hope they may remain there happily and successfully during another session.

Mr. Beaton, who taught in the Institution at Belleville, Canada, for six years, was a visitor at the Institution on Thursday afternoon. He was compelled by poor health to resign his position last June. He has been in this city about a month, studying the Zuercher system of penmanship and may remain here two or three months more. He will be a frequent visitor. *Our Chronicle.*

We think the boys will find luckery suits rather scarce here this autumn, as the pupils are late in getting to school, and the boys here during the summer have gathered them in by bag fulls. Our little colored friend has made quite a pile of money at the business and has invested in a spring gun, which he and the others made the most of for they certainly will not be trusted to keep it while school is in session. Our Dr is by far too busy to probe for stray bullets.



Scholar can the heart
If it seek a teacher
Still forgetting seeks
Lampier cups of love

All things come to an end
long vacation.

George C. Mathison left for Toronto to day to attend the winter session of the College of Dentistry.

Under the energetic management of the contractor, Mr. Hanley, the hospital, stable and outbuilding, are being pushed on as quickly as possible.

Mrs. O'Meara, who seldom leaves her home, has been on a brief visit to Toronto. We only regret that we did not know she was away, or we would have invited ourselves to dinner at her grange as papa and Rhody kept her.

George Reeves, who graduated from our printing office last June, is now employed as a compositor on the *London Post*. In spite of an injury to his right hand, which many thought would shut him for the trade, he can set type very well, and we think he will succeed.

With the finishing of the isolated hospital, now being built, we shall no longer require the sick room, in the Ward Hall formerly used. The wall has now been opened, joining it to the other rooms, and making an extra dormitory of it, which will provide sleeping room for several boys.

Mr. W. Johnson, Inspector of Weights and Measures, was up here on the 22nd ult. All our weigh scales were brought out for inspection and test. Mr. Johnson is a favorite with our pupils, who all like him. He has a pleasant smile for all and when there is a foot-ball match Mr. J. gets here if he can.

Our old pupils will be glad to hear that H. M. Davidson is succeeding well in the situation he took as a baker in Kingston. It speaks well for his steadiness and ability to get so well established after the short time spent in learning the business in our bakery. We shall watch his future career with interest.

Our staff of attendants had all returned by the 1st of September, and house cleaning began at once. To clean out all the rooms and windows of the buildings is no light task. The girls were kept very busy for three weeks, but by the time school opened everything in and out, was beautifully clean and wholesome.

We have had three pupils here during the vacation, they were Charles and Thomas Doel and a colored lad, George Henry. The latter is a happy, light-hearted little sprite and a favorite with every one. All the boys have enjoyed their vacation, having had plenty of leisure, with just enough work to keep them from mischief.

A few, not many, of our teachers and officers have drifted with the stream and been to see the mighty gathering of the nations at Chicago. Those who went have returned deeply impressed by the magnitude of everything there, far surpassing anything they expected. Those who wanted a rest after the labors of the session, remained quietly at home, or just away to the seaside to recuperate, and no doubt chose the better part.

Our pupils will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Irvine, the father of two school-mates, Ethel and Eva Irvine. The sad event took place on the 19th ult. He had a fit of apoplexy while driving up Front street on the 17th, and falling from his seat was so severely injured that he never regained consciousness. His bereaved wife and family have the deepest sympathy of all in the Institution.

The pupils who were here last session will remember a sombre-faced, forlorn looking specimen of the Yankee deaf mute tramp, who presented himself at the Institution on the Sunday before school closed in June. He was in need of a good square meal, so the big boys took him in, treated him kindly and fed him liberally. He departed in the evening expressing his thanks for favors received, and proceeded westward selling pans and needles, begging when he had nothing to buy his food. At Port Hope on the following Wednesday, he was run down by a railway train, sustaining serious injuries. A local physician kindly took charge of the unfortunate man and had him conveyed to the Toronto general hospital where he died a few days afterwards. He gave his name as Cologne, and New York as his home.