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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1896.

It never found again, and what we have enough, always proves little enough.

The New Session.

There is always more or less anxiety connected with the opening of the Institution at the close of the vacation, but the work and the anxiety are reduced to a minimum by the complete preparations that are always previously made. Some weeks in advance every parent is made acquainted with the exact time that the pupils must be at their respective stations, and every precaution is taken to prevent any mistakes being made by, even the most careless. This year the teachers in charge of pupils were promptly in their assigned places on the day named; and from the east and the west and from the north and the south throughout the day the boys and girls were swiftly gathered towards the converging point at Belleville, and before two o'clock the next morning all of them had arrived safe and sound and most of them delighted to get back again. It was, therefore, a happy and contented though somewhat tired-looking lot of girls and boys that assembled in the chapel on the morning of the 17th, and the greeting of pupil with pupil, and of officers and teachers with pupils, was a hearty one. A glance over the chapel, however, showed very many changes. A large number of the larger boys and girls had not returned, some having finished the course, some being detained to assist their parents, others being sick, and others, who were not capable of material progress, being requested not to return in order that there might be room for more of the new applicants. There are a larger number of new pupils than usual this session, and while the average size of the pupils is considerably less than it was last year, the average mental capacity, to judge from appearances, is somewhat higher. The number at present in attendance is 267 and a few more are expected, but it was considered advisable this year to somewhat reduce the attendance, as the dormitories were overcrowded last session.

On Thursday morning Mr. Mathison welcomed the boys and girls back again and expressed his pleasure at seeing all present evidently enjoying such good health and spirits. He also addressed a few words to the parents of the pupils. A considerable number of whom were present. He assured them that the very best of care would be taken of their little ones while here. He was pleased to have them come and see the Institution for themselves. He felt sure that they would be pleased with the arrangements made for the comfort of

the children and they could judge for themselves that the teachers and officers were all kind-hearted and earnest and would do all in their power to promote the physical, the mental and the moral welfare of the children. It was no light matter for parents to thus hand their children over to the control of strangers for so long a time and be fully sympathized with them in the pain of the parting but of course the sacrifice must be made for the children's benefit. If parents were anxious to be invited them to write as often as they chose and every letter would be promptly answered. If a child became sick the parents would be notified at once of the fact and of its exact condition, and the very worst would always be told. If necessary of course the parents would be asked to come, and if they were not asked they could rest assured that there was no immediate danger. If they did not hear from their child at any time they could rest assured that it was well. THE CANADIAN MUTE is issued every two weeks and thus also contained a record of the pupils health and progress and many interesting items about the pupils and every parent should be a subscriber. The time the children spent here was the happiest time in their lives, for here they could associate with those who are deaf like themselves and with whom they could hold free and sympathetic intercourse. The old pupils were always glad to get back and in a few days the new pupils would be equally happy and contented.

Improvements and Repairs.

There were not any extensive improvements or repairs carried on in and around the Institution during the past summer, yet many little touches were given here and there which have added not a little to its comfort and attractiveness. The principal work was done by Mr. Downie who placed new wainscoting all around the halls, the lobby and the waiting room and also constructed a new stairs on the boys' side. The paint pot was also much in evidence and the halls, the officers and teachers dining room, the main boys dormitory and the waiting room were all handsomely repainted, and the kitchen repainted. Miss Walker's room was repapered and a handsome colored glass put in the apex of the waiting room window. The cooks' pantry was replastered and painted and a new room fitted up for the messenger in the shop building. The male teachers were pleasantly surprised to find that a room had also been set apart as a lavatory, with a handsome steel lined bath tub, with hot and cold water pipes, basins, towels, looking glass, etc. It was a very welcome boon. The ladies bath room also has a new bath tub and has been painted, and papered with hygienic paper, as was also the gentlemen's bath room. All the washstands, bowls, etc., have been removed from the class rooms, being no longer necessary. Various other little changes have been made here and there, and the general appearance of the building thus considerably improved.

Fine Vegetables.

Last week our gardener, with pardonable pride, was displaying to the admiring gaze of everyone around the Institution an assortment of exceptionally fine vegetables. There was a basket of carrots that ranged from 12 to 13 inches in circumference, and onions that measured from 13 to 15 inches. But the chief interest was centered in five mammoth beets that together weighed 41 lbs, the largest one weighing 10 lbs and being 25 inches in circumference. With no thought of making a pun, we can safely ask, who can beat this? Such a fine product as this speaks well for the intelligent care bestowed by Mr. Moore on the cultivation of the garden.

Some correspondence and other interesting matter is crowded out of this issue, owing to want of space.

HOME NEWS

Our new boys and girls are a fine lot of youngsters and have dropped into their places contentedly, not a single long face among the whole of them. There is only one over-age pupil among them this term.

Prof Coleman officiated in the chapel on the first Sunday in the session and gave a good address from the text "Whatsoever thine hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." He impressed on the pupils that the only work pleasing to God is that done willingly, cheerfully, thoroughly and promptly both in religious and secular duties.

The warmest sympathy is felt by every one in the Institution with Rev. Mr. Thompson in the irreparable loss he sustained during the summer in the death of his wife. Mr. Thompson, during the short period she had resided in Belleville, had won the sincere respect and admiration of all classes of the community, and her sudden demise in the absence of her husband was sad and pathetic beyond expression.

Prof Denys, while in Montreal, did himself the pleasure of calling upon Abbe Belanger, the veteran friend of the deaf in Quebec. He was pleased to find the good Abbe looking so well and talking so enthusiastically of the work to which he has devoted his life. There are at present over a hundred boys in the school, and there is every prospect of a successful session. Father Balanger made very kind enquiries about Superintendent Mathison, Mrs. Terrill, Mr. Coleman and all of the old staff. Our respected friend has lost none of his old time generosity and kindness, and it was a great pleasure for Mr. Denys to meet him again.

The Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal, of Toronto, printed in its August issue, the cut of our shoe shop together with the photos of Mr. Mathison and Mr. Nurse. The Journal is a very interesting, practical and widely distributed trade paper and the graduates of our shop when they look for work or purchase leather will be better known than before. The Publisher, Mr. Acton, who is a cousin of our old pupils, Mr. and Mrs. Averell of Newton Robinson, can use his fingers like a mite and has kindly placed the Journal on his exchange list for the CANADIAN MUTE, and it will be perused with pleasure by the shoe-shop pupils of the future.

Mr and Mrs. Bais enjoyed their full quota of honors at the various meetings they attended in the States. Both of them had papers prepared for the Alumni Association, but were detained by Mrs. Bais' illness from being present in time to give them. Both papers, however, will appear in the report of the proceedings. At the Alumni banquet—a splendid affair—Mr. Bais was master of ceremonies and had charge of the toast list. At the meeting of the National Association Mrs. Bais took an active part in some of the discussions, and at the banquet she was chosen to respond to the toast "Woman's Ideal"—the first time a lady has ever been honored in this manner. She fully demonstrated the ability of her sex, or at any rate of this member of it to make after dinner speeches of a quality quite equal to the best efforts of the whilom "lords of creation," whose former prerogatives are thus being one by one wrested from their grasp.

Mrs. Ostrom has the sympathy of all in the Institution in the painful accident she sustained a few weeks ago. She was about going down the back stairway when in some way, she does not know how, she slipped or tripped and fell about half way down the stairs, breaking her leg. She has suffered intense pain from the fracture and was for a time greatly prostrated by the shock, but is now rapidly recovering and feeling as well as can be expected. Miss Ostrom was alone in the house with her mother at the time, and with the abnormal strength that affection and solicitude always give, she was able to convey her mother to her room and place her on her bed before summoning aid. Miss Ostrom had returned from her extended and very pleasant holiday trip through the States in the enjoyment of an unwonted degree of health, which, however, was to a considerable degree dissipated by the shock of the accident and the subsequent anxiety and care it involved.

PERSONALITIES.

Mrs. Downie, of Hamilton, spent part of the summer with her son, Mr. John Downie, of the Institution.

Mrs. Urquhart, of Hamilton, spent several weeks here this summer as the guest of her sister, Miss Walker.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, pastor of John St. Church, visited the Institution on Thursday last and gave a brief address to the Presbyterian children.

Mrs. Maybee, of Warkworth, mother of Miss Maybee, of the Institution, and Miss Maybee's sister, Mrs. Thompson, of Belleville, spent an afternoon at the Institution last week.

Rev. Canon Burko made his first visit to the Institution this session on Thursday last. Mr. Burko has thoroughly enjoyed the past summer and is looking and feeling very hale and hearty.

We are glad to hear that M. Noonan, who left school last June, has obtained a good position in the car shops at Perth. We hope the situation will be permanent and that he will succeed.

The Globe announces that Hon. Mr. Davis, the new Provincial Secretary, is about to visit all the Institutions under his charge, so we will no doubt soon have the pleasure of welcoming him here.

Mrs. W. H. Morrish, of Chatham, an old friend of Superintendent Mathison, was visiting here last week. We shall all be glad to see her again as she evinces such an interest in and about the Institution.

Mr. Thos. Woolyatt, Police Magistrate of Brantford, was a guest of Superintendent Mathison for a few days during the summer. As usual with him he declaimed the number of fish in the bay while here.

During the holidays Superintendent Mathison and his family entertained a large number of guests from all parts of the country, among whom were Dr. and Mrs. Murphy, Brockville; Mr. and Mrs. Woolyatt, Brantford; Mrs. Craig and Mr. Roland Craig, Guelph; and Mrs. Herron, Hamilton.

Miss Florence Matheson, of Chicago, is at present visiting with the family of the Superintendent. She has been renewing old friendships at Napanee, her former home. Her father is Robert Matheson, a distinguished literary writer of Chicago and now editor of The Canadian American.

Our old pupil, Mrs. R. Hoy, of Avonton, nee Miss Leitch, has been through much affliction lately and has our sympathy. In July she was suddenly called home to Glenoco and found that her brother had met with an accident. While on a load of hay the horses ran away and he was thrown off, dragged across the field and he was so severely injured that he only lived a short time. Mr. Robert Hoy's brother, Thomas, who has been ill since last winter died on the thirteenth of August. He was well known to many of the deaf.

Mr. Alex. Swanson, an ex-pupil of our Institution, left Belleville on the 13th ult. to commence his studies at the College for the Deaf at Washington. He passed with honor through the June examinations of the Kendall School preparatory class and has now entered the college proper. Mrs. M. Hutchinson, who left us last June, has also entered the Kendall school-high class with a view to the college. Mr. Braithwaite has, we understand, also gone to Washington to carry on his studies, he also having passed the preliminary examination for the college.

Inspector Chamberlain made an official visit to the Institution on the 18th ult. The departments had scarcely got down to work, but he viewed the buildings and met the pupils in the chapel in the afternoon. Mr. Mathison called on him for an address, and Mr. Chamberlain responding, expressed his pleasure at seeing all back to school so promptly and looking so well. He complimented them on their past record and hoped that the coming session would be a very successful one. He closed his remarks by hoping that all would enjoy good health, make good progress, and be very happy during the term. The Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Trenton, who was on a visit that day, also made a short address expressing his pleasure at meeting the children and giving all his good wishes.

The man who never told a lie hadn't better spoil his record by saying so.