

A CHILD'S HAND.

Thy hand that softly stole
From my own one day
To strengthen me on my way

It seemed then the softest down
On the breast of the gentlest dove
Its thrill pressed and its faint caress
Were strong in the strength of love

PUPILS' LOCALS.

Contributed by Pupils of Mr. Denys' Class.

Toil,
Thy days
Are numbered.
Dreams of home,
Hearts tumultuous,
Daisies, violets, lilacs,
Examination, excursion, expiration
The first 24th without our noble
Queen

Dim visions of moving mountains
Of trunks.

Work will not grow less for a while
In the Principal's office

We had maple syrup. It was so
Good we ate it on Sunday.

John Kirk is making a fine picture
frame in the Sloyd department.

Monsieur Farrolly will celebrate
his Golden Jubilee on the 22nd inst.

When a man is single and he wants
a pin, he does not know where to go.

Jimmy writes: "I saw a little lamb
in the field yesterday. It was too small."

If the Census-man should ask us
who mends our stockings, what will we
say?

We heard a new railway will go
from North Bruce to Algoma this sum-
mer

We are sorry our good friend, Mr.
McKillop, has been ill for some time
past.

Tom says he is not afraid of the ox-
aminor, because he "can spell cleverly."
Bravo.

It was with deepest regret we heard
of the death of Miss Jack's sister, Mrs.
Little.

Last Saturday Ida Babcock was
surprised that she got a gold ring and
pin from Detroit.

We had a nice visit from Rev. V.
Cowser, of this city, and Rev. Mr. Day-
foot, of Port Hope.

Girls generally attain their full
height when fifteen. Boys between
eighteen and nineteen.

Gertie Pilling, Cora Pierce and Fred
Barnard were baptized by the Rev. Mr.
Cowser, on the 14th ult.

There were a few pretty dark nights
lately, and some were wondering if the
man in the moon was on strike, too.

The 20th century will see big things,
but big things are not always great. A
man is not fat because he has druggery.

There is a new Pekinese paper,
which is edited in seven tongues. The
Chinese column is under the manage-
ment of Li Sin.

Mamie, a little maid who has been
treading the paths of learning but one
season, writes: It's a long time since she
saw "mat-ma."

One afternoon it was fine, and
drawing and work in the shops were
dispensed with so we could play out.
We thanked Mr. Mathison.

Olivo Hartwick was very sorry that
her sister Sarah went home last Friday.
She has a sore hand. Olivo hopes that
her hand will soon be better.

A man who was blind till the age of
99, suddenly recovered his sight and
began going to school. The teacher took
great pride in his white-headed boy.

Gertie Pilling's mother and sister
came to see her two weeks ago. Gertie
was delighted. They went to visit Rev.
Mr. Cowser and they had a pleasant
time.

Toronto will have a grand new hotel,
the "Edward." Ottawa also, the
"Chaudiere." Brockville is likewise
getting something chic. Belleville is all
right.

A horse ran away in a western city,
throwing a woman and her child over
an embankment 10 ft. below. The little
one was found unhurt, tightly clasped
in his mother's arms. The latter died a
few hours thereafter. What a poem in
that pathetic scene!

Lest we should forget what it looks
like, we had a snow storm the other day.
No wonder the robins felt dumpy.
They were not the only ones. Spring
poets are furious.

Fred writes: We have a cat named
Mafeking at home. We are pleased with
her because she is clever. She can carry
a letter in her mouth. When I have
time I will teach her some games.

When the Duke and Duchess of
York were leaving England their eldest
son, 6 years old, stood up, saluted his
father and said: "Good-bye, father,
give my love to Canada and Australia."

From skating to bathing is too
much of a transition. The boys were
warned not to go near the bay. Swim-
ming is good but there is one thing bet-
ter and that is to keep away from danger.

The question incidentally was asked
the class, "If you had plenty of money
where would you like to go?" Strikingly
typical were the three following answers.
A little daughter of Albion said "I
would like to go to England. Archie,
a Scotch lad, replied "I'd keep it,
whilst my Hibernian friend declared he
would go up in the world of course."

Dick says they have a young cow at
home which, though very weak-eyed is
anything but gentle. She opens gates,
jumps fences and does a lot of other
tricks. They tied a board over her eyes
but ever, evening her cowship would
trip home free as the air. Barring these
sundry imperfections, Zor is a model.
At latest advices the village meat man
had been asked to call.

OTTAWA NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

Miss Nellie Gray went to the general
hospital a few weeks ago with the in-
tention of becoming a trained nurse,
but the doctor while saying she was
perfectly healthy did not consider her
strong enough for such exacting work.

A. Gray was over to D. Bayne's about
the middle of March for seed oats, and
was storm bound for a couple of days.

Mr. Byrne is at present at Mr. Gray's
and is becoming used to farm work.

Mrs. McClelland had all preparations
made for a visit to her mother, who is
in feeble health, but the day before she
intended to start her husband came
home sick, and has since been confined
to his bed with inflammation of the right
lung. Although at first the doctor was
very anxious about him he has now
pronounced him out of danger, to the
relief of his numerous friends. Mrs.
McClelland has proved herself a first
class nurse during many days and nights
of anxious and devoted watching.

We understand Miss Annie Northwick
is at present almost smothered in the
rush of Spring millinery both her and
her partner being unable to fill all the
orders.

Mr. Borden's father is in very feeble
health and his condition is giving Mr.
Borden's family considerable anxiety.
This gentleman is the father of four
bright intelligent children I believe.
Mrs. Borden is a cousin of Noah and
Alex. Labelle, formerly of your school.

Mr. John Brethour is at present work-
ing for D. Bayne, wonder how he will
stand bachelor fare.

Mrs. Willie Wigget has arrived in
Ottawa and intends to reside here per-
manently in future.

Mrs. Frank Wigget will spend the
ensuing summer on the Rideau lakes
with her father, Dr. Nicolls, of Montreal.
Frank will remain in Ottawa, a discen-
solate grass widower.

Joe, McKwan had the misfortune to
lose his only cow. Brace up, Joe,
that farm of yours with proper manage-
ment is capable of maintaining from ten
to fifteen cows, besides four horses, a
score or more of pigs and poultry.

Mr. Haldane's grandmother is re-
ported dangerously ill, and he himself
was confined to the house for a couple
of weeks, but we cannot speak with any
degree of certainty as we have not seen
him for an age.

Araminta, you must be hard up for
big men if you have to cross the border,
for we must still claim the champion
tall mite man, but will consider you a
few inches in feminine shoe leather.

Mr. Ross has left us and gone to the
United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray were in the city
on Saturday and Sunday and made us
bachelors and maids turn green with
envy. Mr. Gray regrets that he was not
married years ago, and blames his friend
Bayne for setting him a bad example.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

Our old friend, Mr. J. D. Nasmith,
has written a long letter to his deaf
friends in the city, from Nagasaki,
Japan. The letter would be interesting
reading to many of our friends if it was
published in the *Merk*, but it would
take up too much space, probably filling
up an entire page. Mr. Nasmith gives
a graphic account of the people in that
country, mode of living, customs, etc.
He was about leaving Japan at the time
of writing for China. He is expected to
be in England next month, where he
will be joined by Mrs. Nasmith and both
will return home together. While in
England they will probably visit our old
friend, Mr. Beale.

We learn that our friend, Mr. Bridgen,
intends taking a trip to England next
month. He will be accompanied by his
daughter, Bertha. They expect to be
absent about two months. We wish
them a pleasant trip and safe return.

Mr. Geo. McLaren, Baglan, was in
the city for a week or so the beginning
of this month. He has returned home.

We are sorry to miss our friend, Mr.
H. Roberts, from amongst us. He
spent the greater part of the winter in
the city, but has gone home to work on
the farm during the summer. He
expects to return again in the fall, and
we hope he will come.

The Maple Leaf Club has been holding
its regular meeting throughout the win-
ter with unabated enthusiasm. The
attendance has always been good and
all the members took great interest
in it. The reporters at the meeting
previous to the last one were Messrs.
McIntosh and Chas. Elliott, each giving
a brief address on "Charles Dickens"
and "Gen. Gordon," respectively. Both
made good addresses. At last meeting,
Mrs. Ogilvie gave a brief history of
"Lady Eddet-Coutts," referring to her
charitable work and her acquaint-
ance with Chas. Dickens, the novelist,
while Mr. Slater told of the "Death of
Socrates." Time permitting, a part of
English history is taken up, which
Mr. Bridgen never fails to make of great
interest.

Our popular townsman Mr. A. W.
Mason, is agitating for an asphalt on
Garden Ave., the street on which he lives.
He hopes he will be successful as that
street is in a most dilapidated condition.

There was a debate at the Bridgen
Club on Saturday evening, the 20th, on
the subject, "Resolved, that money is
more powerful than law." Messrs. Shep-
herd and Slater supported the affirma-
tive side, while Messrs. Pickard and
McIntosh championed the negative.
The judges, Messrs. C. Elliott, Wheeler,
Labelle, McGillivray and P. Allen, after
being out half an hour brought in a
verdict for law.

Our friend Mr. Jefferson has secured
a legacy of a couple of hundred dollars,
from a relative in England, and has
taken up land near Lambton Mills,
where he is going into the poultry busi-
ness and expects to supply his friends
with fresh eggs every two or three days.
That he may succeed is our earnest desire.

The Toronto General Hospital is the
home of two of our invalid friends, Mrs.
Morse and Miss Nettie Morrison. We are
glad to be able to report improvement in
both cases and hope they will soon be out
again.

The Dorcas Circle held its last meeting
for the season at Mrs. H. Mason's home,
on Thursday, April 18th, and finished
the sewing on hand. It is always a
regret that we cannot continue these
happy gatherings later in the season,
but house-cleaning claims the attention
of all house keepers, and after a long
summer we hope to take up work again.
During the winter months, fifteen
regular meetings have been held at the
following homes: Mrs. Nasmith, Mrs.
Hiddell, Miss Fraser, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs.
Moore, Mrs. Buchan, Mrs. A. N. Mason,
Mrs. Whaley, Mrs. H. Mason, Mrs.
Curts (Miss Slater). The attendance
all through has been very good and good
work has been done. It may be inter-
esting to the outside friends to know
what work has been done. The usual
outfits for our two children, Daisy and
Fred Brown, now at the Institution, a
quilt given to the Salvation Army,
twenty eight garments for the Toronto
District nurses to be used in needy
cases. Contributions from individuals
and from our own mission fund for the
season amounted to \$14.27.

On Sunday, April 14th, it was our
privilege to meet at the Lord's table to
remember His death "till He come." Dr.
Shearton, principal of Wycliffe
College, conducted a very simple service

and gave a clear and helpful address to
all present, showing that God had insti-
tuted this table and not man, therefore
only those who were His followers had
a right to a place in the family gather-
ing. It was a pledge to us that Jesus
would come again and until that time
all who trust in Him must be His wit-
nesses on earth. Forty six members
partook and we trust before long others
may be led to join us.

Miss Fraser was in Hamilton a few
weeks ago conducting some Bible classes
for the deaf friends there, from Sunday
until Thursday. Friends from Dundas
and the surrounding places were present,
making a large company. We are pleased
to see such interest taken in Bible study
and hope the Hamilton mutes will ever
be as faithful as they are at present. Mr.
Bridgen went up to take their services
last Sunday.

LONDON NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

Mr. Jos. Gordon an English graduate,
came from British Columbia on April
3rd, and visited here on his way to
Montreal by his pass, to seek for work.
He is a car builder of the Canadian
Pacific Railway. He stayed here for
one week.

Miss Eliza McIntyre has returned
home after spending her Easter holidays
in St. Thomas, on a visit to her relatives.
Her youngest brother went away to
England several weeks ago and got a good
position. She missed him very much.

Mr. Richard Leathorn got a letter
from Mr. Young, of Madoc, saying that
he will come here soon to work.

Beautiful spring weather on Good
Friday, also the same on Easter Sunday.
Hundreds of people walked or cycled
about the city to see the sham battle in
the north of the city on Good Friday.
Many of the soldiers were South African
veterans and Col. Buchan was the um-
pire.

Mr. Nelson Wood visited Mr. J. Hen-
derson, at *Talbotville*, on Good Friday.
He went by wheel and found the roads
good.

Mr. Leathorn, in addition to steady
work in the sugar factory, goes quite
extensively into poultry raising and is
building a new house for them.

A new electric railway is proposed
from London to Aylmer, and we hope
soon to be able to often visit the mutes
out that way.

From Mr. L. Koehler we hear he is
now employed in Watson & Laidlaw's
shoe-factory in Aylmer and is doing well.

On the 16th ult., Mr. McGeer helped
Mr. Dark to move to a new house. Mr.
Dark has two smart sons aged 4 and 5,
two latter uses the sign language with
great ease.

Mr. M. Noonan is now in the city.
He has lately been working for Mr.
Noyes, of Denfield, but has given it up.
He is at present working for Mr. Gould,
sr., who has about thirty men engaged
filling a contract for sewer. The deaf
of the city are pleased to have Mr.
Noonan among them, he has many funny
stories of the incidents of his school
days to amuse his deaf friends.

Mr. C. Powley, a deaf, dumb and
paralytic mute, arrived in the city on
April 12th from Toronto. He wished to
go to Chicago, where he has friends, and
the relief officer, Mr. Bell, gave him a
free pass as far as Detroit.

Mr. Slim Simpson has not had much
work as a painter during the winter, but
is now employed for Mr. Galpin and has
plenty of work. He is industrious and
reliable.

Mrs. Scholowski, who lately came with
her husband and boy to live in the city,
is employed with Miss Bryce in the
corset factory.

Miss E. Scott is still at home near
Parkhill, about 30 miles from London.
There being no mutes in that vicinity
she is rather lonesome.

Mr. and Mrs. Scholowski and Mr.
Noonan are all boarding with Mr. Nelson
Wood's mother, who keeps a boarding
house on Clarence St.

Mr. W. H. Gould spent Easter Sunday
in and about Mount Brydges.

Mr. Neil McCullum was in the city on
April 14th, to see the mutes. He is
living at Belmont now.

The devil is always offering a job to a
idle mind.

The desire for knowledge, like the
thirst for riches, increases ever with the
acquisition of it.—Sterne.

Misrepresent nothing. No permanent
success was ever built upon a foundation
of fraud.—Insurance Press.