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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

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Don't look for the flaws as you go through life
 And even when you find them,
 It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind
 And look for the virtue behind them.
 For the cloudless night has a hint of the light
 Somewhere in the shadows' hiding
 It is better by far to look for a star
 Than the spots on the sun abiding.

Easter Holidays at Institution.

Reported by Herbert W. Roberts.

The Easter holidays, beginning on Good Friday, have come and gone. Good Friday dawned with a blue sky, bespeaking fine weather for the day, but as the evening approached the dark clouds to be seen passing overhead, showed signs of a dreary night, to resemble the night after the crucifixion. As usual we rose early and took a stroll in the breezy air to sharpen our appetites for a sumptuous breakfast, which was partly made up of hot cross buns and coffee. After breakfast we amused ourselves in conversation till eleven o'clock, when the time for chapel service was sounded. The black-board in the chapel was beautifully decorated with pictures representing the crucifixion of Jesus and two condemned prisoners, one on either side, which were neatly executed by our promising artist, William Ewart Gray. Mr. Ballis was then on duty and gave the assemblage an interesting address concerning the time of the crucifixion and the beginning of the Christian Era. The boys indulged a little in sport during the afternoon, while the girls paid a visit to the graves of those who have departed from this world and gone to the holy land. Easter Sunday came and was passed in a pleasant way. Mr. Coleman was on duty in the chapel and said how happy the people were during Easter. He said that was the pleasant month of spring, that the birds were beginning to build their nests, the ground and trees were putting on their summer foliage, but the next day we had a mild snow flurry. In the morning we had eggs, but who ate the most the reporter cannot tell. The party held on Monday night was enjoyed by everyone present, to their heart's content. Games of various kinds and social conversation were the chief events that enlivened the evening. A few visitors were included in the party. The usual refreshments were served and all passed off quietly and enjoyably, but the reporter was obliged to chronicle a few details of a little mishap that so unfortunately befell one of the fair sex while playing the fashionable and sly trick of "Fox and Geese." She accidentally fell and struck her forehead against a chair, which inflicted a severe wound, but not to an alarming extent. When the clock struck ten it was the signal for retirement. All retired to their various apartments for the night, and next morning all rose vigorous to begin their studies for the approaching examinations, but still remembering the pleasures

of the previous evening. Florence Hill was the only pupil that spent the holidays away from school, and John Tyler Shilton received a visit from his mother, so also did Edwin Roth from his father and brother. Many got Easter presents.

A Venerable Priest.

Among the Clergymen who occasionally have called upon us and shown interest in the education and general welfare of the Deaf is the Right Rev. Mr. Farrelly, of this city. To such of our children as belong to his flock has he been particularly kind and attentive, faithfully ministering to them on all occasions and calling his labors on their behalf his work of predilection. We note with pleasure that he has just completed his forty-sixth year as a priest, having during that lengthy period rendered eminent service in various capacities. We sincerely hope the Rev. gentleman may live to celebrate his golden jubilee, which event would be saluted by none with greater joy than by the silent ones who have long held him in fond and grateful regard.

Foot-Ball.

On the 15th ult. the Albert College team came out to play a friendly game with our boys and it turned out a well-contested match on both sides. The Alberts were desirous of getting practice to prepare for the contests for the Corby Cup. While the game put up by our boys was nothing in comparison with what they used to do when they held and were determined to keep the Corby Cup, yet our lads did themselves great credit and all in the Institution were well pleased with their play. The difference in size and weight was in favor of the Alberts who are all athletic young men, while several of our team were quite young and had never played on a senior team before. During the first half of the game the play was about even, but the Alberts succeeded in scoring a goal. During the last half hour, our boys had slightly the best of it and made desperate efforts to even the score which only the fine play of the Alberts' goal keeper and his aids prevented several times. The best of good feeling existed between the two teams which we hope will always continue. Our boys hope to have another try at them before school closes.

The league matches for the Corby Cup are now being played, the first of the series took place on our grounds on the afternoon of the 27th, between the Alberts and Crescents. The Alberts were too well trained for their opponents who, notwithstanding they expected a defeat, put up a stubborn game, the end being 5 to 0 in favor of the college team. Our pupils all hope that the cup this year will go to Albert College, and there seems good prospects of it.

We hear that J. B. Nowell, of Milton, has gone east to work for Mr. Gray, of Metcalfe, during the summer.

We are glad to report that Mrs. G. F. Stewart, who has been in poor health for some time, has much improved under the treatment of Drs. Fakins and Youker and we hope that she will soon be in the enjoyment of good health again.

At the recent examination of the students of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, Dr. George C. Mathison passed his final and obtained the degree of L. D. S., which gives him the right to practice dentistry in Ontario. Congratulations.

Mr. Douglas has become tired of paying rent and so has purchased a residence of his own on the same street where he has lived and has just moved his family into it. Besides being larger than his former it has a good fruit garden attached to it and Mr. D. expects apples, pears and plums galore. We understand that another of our officers is making inquiries about the house he has vacated, we do not know with what



PERSONALITIES.

Miss Ostrom and Miss Gibson spent Good Friday with friends in Toronto.

Miss Dompsey spent two or three days with friends in Toronto at Easter time.

Mrs. Shilton, of Niagara Falls, spent Easter here with her son, John T. Shilton.

Willie Watt still keeps his place in the shoe-factory at Milton and has steady work.

Mr. Frank Smith, of Brantford, was a guest at Superintendent Mathison's house a few days ago.

Mr. Christian Roth, of New Hamburg, accompanied by his little son, visited Edwin Roth on Good Friday.

Patrick Cahill, of St. Eugene, Ont., has been heard from. He is working on his farm and expects to have a prosperous year.

Mr. Michael Madden, a graduate of Gallaudet College, and one of our old pupils, will spend the summer with his relatives at Forest, Ont.

Mr. D. Morrison lately paid a visit to his sister, Mrs. L. Darow, of Sarula. He has now gone to Spanish River, where he expects to work during the summer months.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Darow has been very ill with inflammation of the lungs. His life was only saved by the very best medical care and he is now considered out of danger.

The pupils who were here ten years ago well remember Kate Cahill, and will be pleased to learn she is married, and has a happy home at St. Justin, Quebec. Her name is now Mrs. Moses Valloy.

Mr. O'Meara, who went to London to attend the funeral of his son, was taken ill there and has been confined to his bed at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. McIntyre, Nilestown. We are glad to say he is very much better and will soon be himself again.

Miss Eva Irvine, an ex-pupil of our school, who lives quite near the Institution, was taken seriously ill with hemorrhage of the lungs and for a time it caused much anxiety to her friends. We are glad to say that at the time of writing she is much better.

Many of our old pupils will remember with pleasure Mrs. Craig and her son, Ronald, who were both at the Institution years ago. Mrs. Craig being the matron. Since she left here she has been at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and Ronald, her son, at the Easter examinations in that Institution took first place for general proficiency in his year. We are always glad to hear of the well being of both.

Mr. Frederick McKenzie was in Oil Springs last Good Friday making a short call on Mr. Wm. Kay and then continued his way to Petrolia where he has to do some jobs for a time. He had been working in Bothwell and his jobs are to make the pumping rigs. The oil boom is reviving in Bothwell again after a lapse of 25 years. Wm. Kay well remembers that at that time while at school, Mr. McKillop often spoke to his classmates of the great boom and its collapse in that place.

Mr. John T. Taylor, of Singhaington, writes that he has been very successful in making maple sugar this year. During the season he and his friends had a very busy time of it as they gathered from 14 to 16 barrels of sap in a day sometimes. All the syrup he made he disposed of at from 50 to 90 cents a gallon. It was so good that a thief stole part of it and was not detected. While recuperating after a slight illness he visited Thomas A. Middleton, of Horning's Mills, and they talked of the good times they had at school where both of them were so happy.

Henry R. Ince is located at Menota, Manitoba. One evening he was surprised to see two strangers coming towards his house wading through the deep snow. They proved to be two deaf-mutes like himself, but Henry quite failed to recognize them as old school-fellows at Belleville until they introduced themselves as Messrs. Jas. Ormiston and Geo. McLaren. They spent the night with him in his bachelor home, Henry regretting that from the want of a wife he was not better able to entertain his guests. Mr. Ince advises Ontario farmers, if they have a good farm, not to sell it for the purpose of going to Manitoba, but those who have no farm but have the money to buy and stock one may do well out there.

Quite a number of the pupils received boxes and parcels from home at Easter, and it made the recipients very happy.

April has brought us more than the regulation number of showers and chilly days, and the arrival of warm weather will be acceptable.

The cold wet weather is somewhat retarding operations on the farm and garden, but Mr. Moore and his staff are taking every opportunity to push on the work.

The grandfather of little Mimmo Green, a pupil here, died a few days ago. She was very much attached to him and will miss him when she goes home.

The dead leaves and other leavings of winter have been cleared off the lawn by the boys and it looks neat and trim. A few warm days and the lawn mowers will be needed.

There are very few of our little boys and girls who cannot tell how many days it is to the home going. With the little ones it is the beginning and end of their fondest anticipations, they do not appear to look beyond it.

Mr. Ballis has had another boat built during the winter months to take the place of the one he had stolen two years ago. When Mr. Ballis starts in to depopulate the bay we hope he will give us a share of the fish to help us digest the yarns.

Bishop Hamilton, of Ottawa, conducted a confirmation service in St. Thomas' church in the city on the 25th ult. Among the candidates were three pupils from our Institution—Wm. Lightfoot, Geo. Arnall and J. H. Armstrong. Mr. Campbell interpreted the service for them in signs.

Mr. Dowrie, of our staff, took a holiday on the 26th, the occasion being the marriage of his eldest daughter to Mr. Chas. McDonald, of Belleville. The young couple will make their home in Syracuse, N. Y., and are followed by the best wishes of many friends for their future happiness and prosperity.

Mr. Douglas has been having his share of family troubles of late. Last week his little boy was quite ill, but is now happily recovered. On Monday last, while she was coming out of their new house, Mrs. Douglas stepped on a nail which was projecting above the walk. The nail, which was rusty but very sharp, pierced through both her foot and her toe. The wound is a painful one but prompt action obviated any serious results and she is now well on the road to recovery.

Bicycle fever microbes are thick around here and we look for several additions to the number of wheels during the summer. Mr. Burns has invested in a couple, one for himself and one for his daughter. Mr. Burns will trundle to school on it just as soon as he can ride the thing with safety. Our attendants are also joining in the craze and a fine new wheel was delivered for one of them a few days ago. The others are promised a treat when she starts to break in the new steel.

One of our lady teachers is a most uncompromising champion of the rights of pedestrians to the whole length and breadth of the sidewalks, and to the roads ever so muddy she has no pity on the poor bicyclist and she will never budge an inch for any of them. We heard of one unfortunate individual being blocked by the other day and having to dismount before he could get past. Well, we will wait until the lady gets a wheel herself and the first time we see her clipping the sidewalks we will let our readers know.

Rev. Canon Burke visited the English Church children on Tuesday, and delivered a valedictory address, as his weekly visits would cease after the late confirmation services. He expressed his thanks to the children for this kind attention to his teaching during the past year, and he wished them future happiness and success. A vote of the pupils was taken unanimously expressing the thanks of the children for Mr. Burke's constant and untiring interest in their spiritual and temporal welfare. They all hoped he might be spared to meet them again next session, and continue the work he has been faithfully carrying on for so many years.