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New Year's Day at the Institution.

END OF THE HOLIDAYS.

With the close of New Year's day the ... holidays were over and ... work was entered upon. ... Prof. Benson was on duty, and in the morning he gave the pupils a good ... appropriate to the day. He gave them some sound advice to eschew ... good resolutions and stick to them and not act as many do, register good resolve and a few days after ... them as of no more value than ... By the time the lecture ... the New Year's dinner was ... on the tables, and the pupils ... in battle array to do war ... turkey, and soon the festive ... were divided up into 200 portions, ... for being fully satisfied with his ... there being enough and to spare for all. In the afternoon some of the boys went skating, but there was too much snow on the ice to enjoy the sport, and not enough wind to sail the ice boats. The social in the evening was an enjoyable affair the small boys and girls especially enjoyed a good romp, while the seniors went through the round of ... The party was graced by quite a number of hearing friends from the city and elsewhere, by whose presence the pupils felt honored. Each pupil and visitor received a consignment of sweetmeats, nuts and fruit, and at 10 P.M. the party broke up and good-nights were said.

Mr. Thos S. McAloney, of Belfast, Ireland, a graduate of the National College for the Deaf, Washington D. C., has been added to our staff of teachers, to take the place of Mr. Beaton, who is now in Colorado for his health. Mr. McAloney taught in the Belfast Institution for the Deaf for seven years and then took the Normal course at the National College to gain further experience. He comes highly recommended. The World says: "He is a young man of fine parts, progressive in his ideas, well informed as to new methods and willing to embrace the good in all methods. We wish him much success in his work and only regret that his field of usefulness is not within our own gates." Vice-President of the Register, at Burlington, remarks: "Mr. T. S. McAloney, one of last year's Normal Fellows at Washington, has been appointed a teacher at the Belleville, Ontario, Institution and enters upon his new field of labor on the first of the new year. Mr. McAloney has made many warm friends during his short stay among us, who will regret his departure, and our best wishes will accompany him. The profession is congratulated upon this new acquisition for Mr. McAloney is not only able to do all that is to be expected of him, but has a warm interest in the work which means a great deal to the teacher of the deaf."

-We reprint the Single hand Alphabet in this issue, by request

-No more regular holidays until Good Friday, which occurs on March 23rd

-One of our bachelor teachers lately received a gentle hint that the years were creeping on. A handsome young lady was mistaken for his daughter. The fountain of perpetual youth has not yet been found.

-We would like to hear oftener from our old pupils. An item or two occasionally from each would help to make our paper interesting. Nearly every day they see, or learn, about something others would like to know

-During the holidays the City and Odd Fellows' Band serenaded the families of the Superintendent and Bursar and the officers and teachers in the main building. It is pleasant to be remembered by such a musical organization

-Our visitor from British Columbia, R. Mathison, jr., is enjoying himself at home. He reports business brisk and finds plenty to do - killing time. Well, he deserves a good long holiday, and we hope that his measure of pleasure will be full and running over.

-Mrs. Terrill had her daughter, Mrs. Foster, of Hamilton, home for the New Year. She hoped to have both children with her, but Alfred was unable to leave business. Without either of them, Mrs. Terrill would have been lonely, but Edith helped to brighten the holidays.

-The scholars of the new St. Paul's Church Sunday School, Woodstock, Ontario, collected and forwarded a huge parcel containing a large number of books, pictures, toys, etc., for little deaf and dumb children in the Institution. Their kind thoughtfulness is highly appreciated

-Every good opportunity has been given to enable our boys and girls to enjoy the ice-boating and skating on the bay. For the information of anxious mothers, we may say that they are never allowed to go until the ice is considered absolutely safe and sufficiently strong to bear loaded teams.

-H. Klingbeil, our teamster, is a strong hearty man and can stand a hard knock, but the grippe secured a pretty firm hold on him and he was laid by the heels for a couple of weeks. It is a slack time on the farm just now and Mr. O'Meara was able to do the duties with out him. We are glad to see him back again.

-All good temperance people were supposed to take an extra interest in the late elections owing to the plebiscite vote, and our resident officers and teachers drove out to Sidney to record theirs. One party went in the morning and got through without mishap, the other party went in the afternoon and got befuddled over the direction and went many miles out of their road in search of the obscure school house where the votes were recorded.

-Among the visitors at our party on New Year's evening were Mr. Hudson M. P. P., and Mrs. Hudson, and their two daughters and little son, Mr. Fash, cousin of Miss Curlette, of Montreal, John Thompson, Belleville, Mr. Soule, of Niagara Falls, Miss White, of Woodstock, Mr. Coudery, of England, and all the members of the two classes of Mathison's and Matheson's, besides a fair representation of officers and teachers.

-Mr. Douglass, our boys' Supervisor, left for home on the 6th inst., for a brief visit. For many months his mother has been confined to bed by illness without hope of relief in this life. As she has lately been becoming weaker, Mr. D. wished to see her again for, perhaps, the last time so leave of absence was granted him. The sympathy of his co-workers here follow him on his sad errand. Mr. Smith attended to the supervising duties in his absence.

Mr. Mathison and Eva Jameson's birthdays both occur on the same date, but Eva first saw the light 30 years later. Eva is back to school again after attending the last sad rites over the demise of a loving and highly respected mother. The various officers who have gone to and from Ottawa in charge of the pupils year by year and have had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Jameson will never forget her and the warm welcome she always accorded them.

-The 9th inst. was our Superintendent's birthday, and the pupils showered congratulations and good wishes on him. His pathway stretches quite a distance behind him now he having passed the 51st mile stone. We all hope that he will have many more years of health and strength granted him to manage the affairs of our great Institution with his present ability. He felt deeply affected by the many kindly expressions of regard that he received from the pupils as he went his daily rounds, and after the chapel exercises in the afternoon he thanked them in a body for their kind remembrances of him.

PERSONALITIES.

Thomas Green, an old pupil, is a resident of Vancouver, B. C.

William Rose, formerly of Brantford, has secured employment at Kelvin in the County of Brant.

Wilho Wallace, who lived on the coast for about six years, is now at Merriton, Ontario, with his relatives.

Bamber Brown, of Ancaster, has returned home from a very enjoyable visit among his friends in Brantford and vicinity.

Miss Marion Campbell, of Chatham, was in Detroit some time ago looking for employment. She did not find any, and returned home.

George Reeves is still working on the Lindsay Post and likes his job very well. He had "grip" a few weeks ago but is now all right again.

Mr. Jar-tine, who has been living in Watertown, N. Y., for a while, has returned to his home near Kingston, as work is scarce in the States.

Archie J. McLaren, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is President of the Brooklyn Savings and Loan Society for the Deaf. Archie must be developing into a financier.

Robert McKenzie, of New Durham, during the slack times has been visiting with George Kelly, they talked over their experiences at the Institution.

Miss Prudence E. McIntosh, of Berlin, John Nichol of Aberfoyle, and James Goodbrand of Brantford, spent Christmas Day with Mr and Mrs. Pettiford Guelph.

Our old friend Thomas Widd, is doing good work as a missionary to the deaf in Los Angeles and other places in southern California. He is highly esteemed by all classes.

Mr. Arthur Hollis visited his old home in St. Mary's at New Year's time and Mr. and Mrs. Pettiford enjoyed themselves at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, of Sturiceo.

The Colorado Index says: Mr. D. M. Beaton, who resigned as a teacher at the Belleville School for the Deaf, was a visitor during the holidays. He came to Colorado for the benefit of his health.

John A. Braithwaite, of Carlisle, and Robert Sutton, of Brantford, played a series of chess games lately which resulted in favor of John by 1 to 1. Sutton will try to win back his laurels at the next contest.

Magge Gilbert, of the Muskoka District, informs us that she is in excellent health and doing well. She wishes to be remembered to all her old friends in the Institution and to those who have gone away.

Mr. F. B. Hill, of Lampoe, Cal., a graduate of the California School, is said to be one of the richest mute ranchmen on the Pacific coast, having a large ranch of some thousands of acres in barley for his 300 horses.

Dr. Chamberlain, the Inspector of this Institution, favored us with a visit on Sunday afternoon, the 7th instant. He comes at the most unexpected times, but we are always ready for inspection, so that he did not catch any of us napping.

The fact is often commented on that Helen Keller learned to speak intelligently and distinctly in twelve lessons, but we have never yet seen, stated in connection with that fact that she was three years old when she lost her sight and hearing.

The Superintendent was pleased to receive a little note from Miss Emma Evans, one of our former pupils, now residing in Vancouver B. C. We understand Miss Emma is doing well in the Terminal City. She formerly lived in London, Ont.

Miss Mary Keegan daughter of Mrs. Keegan, a former matron is now a "star" actress in London, England. She has

been earning great praise by her acting in "The Black Cat." "Daisy" lives in the hearts of many of the former pupils of this Institution.

Mr. R. O. Murphy, of Elgin, Leeds County, Ont., was a visitor to the Institution on Thursday last. That he was pleased and interested is shown by his leaving a five dollar bill with the Superintendent to be used for the benefit of some deaf orphan child.

Dr. Curlette, father of Miss Margery Curlette, Teacher of articulation, passed his 80th birthday last week. The Doctor is one of the oldest and much respected residents of Belleville; he is still hale and hearty and his many friends hope to see him live to be a centenarian.

Our friend Thos. Bradshaw narrowly escaped drowning in Toronto bay on Tuesday last. He with many other persons fell through the ice and how he got out was something of a mystery to him. Two young men were unfortunately drowned at the time. We congratulate Thomas upon his escape.

Thomas Bradshaw, of Brantford, was a welcome visitor in Guelph for several weeks during December, on his way to his home in Toronto. He was a guest of Mr and Mrs. Pettiford. Thomas has been off work in Brantford for some time and may secure employment in the Flour Mills in Guelph shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettiford, Miss McIntosh and Maggie Watt, with Messrs. Nichol, Goodbrand and Bradshaw had a jolly sleigh ride to Preston on Christmas afternoon. Returning they brought with them A. S. Waggoner and Arthur Hollis, arriving in Guelph in the wee small hours. The occasion is one which they will all remember.

The following named gentlemen favored the Institution with a visit during the week: Prof. Robertson, of the Dominion Experimental Farm Ottawa; Prof. Dean, of the Agricultural College, Guelph; A. Pattulo, editor and proprietor of the Sentinel-Berwick, Woodstock; A. H. Blackeby, Grand Patriarch, I. O. O. F., Galt, H. Bull, Belleville.

Walter B. Larkins was lately at Auburn, N. Y., in search of employment. There appears to be a scarcity of work across the line. We are glad that most of our deaf workers throughout the Province report favorably, most of them being steadily employed. Walter is an old Canadian boy and we wonder that he does not again try his fortune in the land of the maple leaf and beaver.

Mrs. Barlow, nee Miss Alice Fletcher, has been on a brief visit to the scenes of her many years' labors in the Institution, and congratulations from her many friends on her marriage were in order. Her husband still does the messenger's duties here. He does not look like a benedict just now, but we hope to live to see the day when some of our unimpeachable bachelors will envy him.

The Colorado Springs Gazette gives the portraits and biographies of persons prominently identified with Colorado Springs' interests. Among them is the life-like picture of our friend and co-worker, Superintendent Ray, of the Colorado Institution. We can endorse everything that is so aptly said of him, as being a "very magnetic, warm hearted man and popular with all who know him."

Last August, Robert Scissons, of South March, County of Carleton, had the misfortune while stacking oats to get a straw stuck in his left eye. It got inflamed and was continually getting worse when he went to Ottawa where under the care of Dr. Routhier he was treated. It was found that an abscess had grown on his eye which was removed. His general health is good but his eye, although better than it was, will never have clear sight again. Robert has the sympathy of his old friends all over Ontario.

William Pincombe, a deaf-mute, 80 years of age, left home at Poplar Hill, Co. of Middlesex, Ontario, on Christmas eve, and has not been heard of since by his friends and relatives. When he left home he was dressed in working clothes, wore felt boots, hard black felt hat, white collar, tan red and white striped necktie, he was unshaved, sandy complexion, long dark hair, blue eyes, height about five feet seven inches. He is of a pious disposition, fond of change and not contented in any place for a lengthened period. Any information concerning him will be thankfully received by his mother, Poplar Hill P.O., Ont.