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That man may last, but never lives
 Who much receives, but nothing gives
 Whom none can love, whom none can thank
 Creation's gift, creation's blank. - Gibbon

To the Boys and Girls.

All of you, we are sure, are glad that school is over and that you are at home once more. Not that you do not appreciate or enjoy your school life. We are sure that all of you will be quite ready to return in September and would feel sorry were you not allowed to do so. But you have been a long time from home and will be delighted to see your friends again and they no doubt will be equally delighted to see you. We hope all of you will have a real good time and enjoy yourselves thoroughly. But we hope you will not seek for mere selfish enjoyment. Play and amusement of course all children are fond of and should have, but if you confine yourselves to that you will come far short of enjoying yourself to the utmost. Never forget our motto—"The greatest happiness is found in making others happy." Try to act, this summer, in accordance with that precept. Most of your parents have to work hard to supply you with the comforts of life and if you spend part of your time in trying to help them, and if you are kind, thoughtful and courteous towards them, you will afford them a great deal of pleasure and at the same time you will feel a glow of pleasure and satisfaction in your own heart that will immeasurably surpass all the fun you could otherwise have. The worst of all sins, and the least excusable, is ingratitude, and the only gratitude worth the name is that which, while not omitting verbal expression, is manifested rather by deeds than by word.

Rev. C. W. Watch.

The Methodist pupils of the Institution regret very much that Rev. C. W. Watch's term in Belleville has expired and that he is about to remove to another field of labor. During the past session he has been a frequent visitor at the Institution and has been most earnest and faithful in his ministrations, and the pupils are very grateful for his attentions and for his great kindness to them. They have all become very much attached to him and are very sorry that they will no longer have the benefit of his pastoral care and careful instruction in spiritual matters. He made his last visit on the 31st ult., when he was presented with an address expressive of the pupils' appreciation of his interest in them and of their best wishes for his future welfare and success. Mr. Watch, who was taken entirely by surprise, made a feeling response, in which he

said that he had learned to entertain towards the pupils here a very great regard and affection and that one of his greatest regrets in leaving Belleville was that he would no longer have the pleasure of addressing them. His visits here had been a source of very much gratification and had been a real help and inspiration to himself, because of their uniform courtesy and of the genuine interest they had always manifested in the truths he had endeavored to teach them.



WM. NURO, LOCAL REPORTER.
 Just before they went home all the pupils were vaccinated except those who had been vaccinated recently. This was deemed prudent as a precautionary measure owing to the prevalence of small pox throughout the Province.

The pupils in theloyd room will each take home with them some of the models they have made in the course and their friends are invited to examine the work. Mr. Forrester is pleased with his class and they are just as much so with their teacher.

The pupils enjoyed the half holiday that Mr. Mathison gave them at the close of the examinations. The almost constant wet weather for a long time made it very nice to get out doors to the play ground again. The fine day and the knowledge that the grind of the examinations was over gave the pupils a sense of freedom that was very pleasant.

We regret very much that we were obliged to disappoint the pupils in regard to their long anticipated excursion on the Bay. The owners of the steamer Merritt, formerly employed on those occasions, were negotiating for the sale of the boat and refused to accept any charter, and, as we were unable to secure any other suitable boat, the excursion had to be postponed till next session.

The minds of all our pupils and especially the little ones have been focussed on home for the past two or three weeks, and even the old timers who have been back and forth many times enjoy the sensation of a coming change. The little girls in the infant class each sent a card home asking who would meet them at the station and to each came a prompt reply and they were happy.

George Wallace, one of our graduates from the shoe shop this year, goes to Thamesville, where he will work in conjunction with Mr. Bloom. We are sure the connection will be mutually agreeable. Colin Mitchell, another graduate, commences work with a hearing shoemaker, Mr. Ross, of Alvinston, as soon as he arrives home. W. Loughheed, another pupil of the shoe-shop, will spend the vacation on the farm and probably go to British Columbia in the autumn. Each received a set of tools which we are confident they will put to a good use.

The closing exercises of the Institution were similar to those of previous years. On Monday afternoon the pupils were all arranged in groups corresponding with the various routes of travel and an officer or teacher placed in charge of each group. On Tuesday morning all assembled in the chapel for the last time and an hour or two spent in the interchange of farewells and good wishes. The afternoon was spent in pleasant intercourse by the pupils, all went early to bed and after a few hours sleep, proceeded to the train and before day break were speeding towards their homes with hearts a flutter with eager anticipation.

As a matter of precaution against fire and other accidents the pupils are never allowed to shoot fire crackers or amuse themselves with other explosives at the Institution. In lieu of this we always have a fine display of fireworks on the evening of May 25th. This year, owing to the rain, it was necessary to postpone the pyrotechnic display till a few days ago. The evening chosen was a perfect one, and the fireworks were really excellent and were exceedingly enjoyed by the pupils and staff, as well as by a considerable number of people from Belleville. Mr. Douglas was master of ceremonies and Prof. Haman himself could not have manipulated the various pieces to better advantage.

PERSONALITIES.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. W. Gustin, of Forest, visited friends at London, St. Thomas and Chatham lately.

—Mr. Byrne, who has been working in the Eastern part of the province, we learn will shortly return to Toronto or Hamilton.

—Mrs. Normandin, a deaf and dumb woman living in Montreal, committed suicide on Monday, June 3rd, by taking carbolic acid.

—Carls are out for the marriage of Mr. A. S. Waggoner, of Hamilton, and Miss E. Irvine, of Belleville. The happy event takes place on the 18th inst.

—We are pleased to hear that Mr. Bridgen and his daughter have safely arrived in England. That their visit will be a pleasant and happy one all their friends will hope.

—Letters of administration in the matter of the late D. J. McKillop, have been granted to J. P. McKillop, of London. Estate \$5,000. McGee, McKillop & Murphy, London, solicitors.

—Rev. Dr. Rice, of Blecker St., who will remove from Belleville this month, made his last visit to the Institution on the 31st ult., and said a few kind and inspiring words of farewell to the Methodist pupils.

—We regret to say that the ship on which was Mr. Nasmith was wrecked in the course of his journey homeward and that he lost all his things, but the lives of himself and fellow passengers were happily saved.

—We are glad to hear that Mission work is spreading from the centre in Toronto. The friends there have been sending out some of their helpers to Oshawa and Hamilton for some time past. We are glad to hear that Guelph and Oakville now want to be privileged.

—Rev. Mr. Bremner of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, called on us the other day. We are sorry he was too late to see the classes but he was a very interested visitor to the Industrial Departments. He is supplying for Rev. M. W. McLean, during his absence in England and Scotland for his health.

—After a courtship extending through the past 15 years, Solomon Kimball, of Meridale, Delaware County, and Miss May Beemis, of Truxton, Cortland County, were married at the bride's home Wednesday, May 20th. Both bride and groom are mutes, and their acquaintance was formed at the Institute for Deaf and Dumb at Rome. Through correspondence and silent manipulation of their fingers on rare occasions when they met the love making had been kept up since that time.

—Mr. John Hazlett, C. P. R. emigration agent, with headquarters at London, England, and Mrs. Hazlett, were interested visitors at the Institution on the 5th inst as the guests of their cousin, Miss Templeton. Mr. Hazlett has six months leave of absence and as Belleville is his native place he is spending a few weeks in this vicinity. They were very much pleased with their visit and we were glad to welcome them as they have travelled extensively and are intelligent observers.

—We regret to hear of a serious accident which befell one of our old pupils lately. Mr. Joseph Dean, of Sandhill, while working on his sister's farm was driving and the horses ran away. The planks on the wagon slipped forward dragging Mr. Dean down under the horse's feet. The wheels passed over his face breaking both jaw bones and otherwise injuring him. While the case is a serious one, Dr. Wallace, of Bolton, expects his patient to recover in the usual time.

—The Ontario Historical Society held its annual meeting in Belleville last week, and with a very correct appreciation of what is best worthy of attention, the first few hours of their stay in the city was spent at this Institution. The members of the society and their Belleville hosts were conducted to the various classes, shops, &c., by Mr. Mathison and Mrs. Walker, and they all manifested great interest in our work here. In great interest they were greeted by chapel afterwards they were greeted by a few words of welcome by the Superintendent after which some hymns and "Now I lay me down to sleep" were sung by some of the girls. On Thursday morning the Society had an excursion down the Bay to Adolphustown and other historic places, on which Mr., Mrs. and Miss Mathison and Mrs. Terrill accompanied them.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

Contributed by the Pupils of Mr. Coleman's Class.

—Our health is perfect, not one case of sickness.

—The farmers say that late rain has kept back corn planting.

—It does not seem that it is June, as the time is passing so quickly.

—It has been raining so much lately that we have not had a good game of ball in three weeks.

—A big circus is coming to Belleville on June 13th, but we will not be here to see it. We would rather go home.

—Those of us who are leaving for the last time bid farewell with much regret to our "Kind Mother" at Belleville.

—Fine and beautiful weather came for the last day of the examination and we all felt happy outside and inside.

—This will be the last time our class will write locals for the CANADIAN MUTE, as most of the class are graduates and will not return.

—Some of the teachers and officers will go to the Pan American Exposition in Buffalo in July, and we hope they will have a pleasant time.

—We are glad to hear that our examiner, Mr. Walker, said that he was very much delighted with us as we were very well up in our examination.

—We heard good news from our two deaf Canadian students in Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. They did well and got the B. A. degree. We congratulate them.

—When we go away we will never forget the kindness of Mr. Mathison and our teachers. We must try and do right and gain the respect of our neighbors and friends.

—We mustn't poke our heads out of the windows on the cars till we get near our homes, and then we can look out to see our friends standing on the platform waiting for us.

—Miss Anna Allendorf was elected by her classmates to give the valedictory address on the last day, and she did great credit to herself. We all liked it very much and will try and remember it.

—At the close of the examination, when we were all in the chapel, Miss Templeton made an address which was interpreted to us in signs. They say she made a splendid speech—she was not afraid.

—Mr. Mathison congratulated us on our success in the examinations, but told us not to get vain and think that we are wise enough. We should be humble and try and learn more and more the older we get.

—On the 31st ult. two Methodist ministers, Revs. Watch and Rice, came here to visit us before we leave to go home. We, the Methodists, gave Mr. Watch an address of thanks which he was very surprised to get.

—Many of our classmates will never come back, and we are sorry to part. We have been long together, and have learned to love each other. Now we must go out into the cold world. It will be different. We say, God bless you all. Good bye.

—The examinations closed at 3 p. m. on Tuesday, the 11th. We all assembled in the chapel. Mr. Mathison addressed us and called upon Mr. Walker, the examiner, for an address. He said he was greatly pleased with the examination, and wished us health and success.

—On the 2nd of June five pupils, Messrs. W. J. Gray, R. Randall, F. Terrell, F. Baker and T. McKay, were received as members into John St. Presbyterian church, and took their first communion. The weather was so inclement that the girls did not venture out.

—The examiner in one of the classrooms wrote "The lightning struck a house on the hill," and told the class to change it into the Passive form. They wrote, "A house was struck by lightning on a hill." That was like the following notice "A house for sale by a man three stories high."

—To one of our pupils, Roseta Young, the home going will be a sad one. She was full of the anticipation of soon meeting a fond mother when the sad news came the other day that she was bereft of her loving parent. Only a short ten days and they would have been together again.