

**Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.**

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**FOOT BALL AND BASE-BALL CLUBS:**  
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 First Nine: Jas. Chantler

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**SPORTING MATTERS.**

**The First Foot Ball Matches.**

The weather has been most unfavorable for base-ball enthusiasts, so they have been compelled, much against their will, to defer practice until a warmer spell sets in. But plenty of sport has been going on in the foot-ball field, when over the boys are at leisure.

On the 21st ult. the clubs organized, John A. Ishister being appointed Captain of the First Eleven, and J. Henderson of the Second. James Chantler will control the base-ball team. On the 23rd, Albert College sent their champions to do battle for supremacy on the foot-ball field. Last Autumn our team defeated them two goals to one, and they were naturally anxious to avenge their defeat. They came in two heavily laden vans with the lady students to cheer them on. Our boys were very glad to see them, and were, perhaps, just a little too over-confident of the result, a feeling encouraged by their past good record. The Second Eleven took the field first. Our boys, from the start, took the ball and for some little time kept it in their opponents' half of the field, during which the Alberts' goal had one very narrow escape. But the play soon equalized, the Institution goal having one very close call. The strong west wind blowing prevented good play, and the stoppages were very annoying. The first half produced nothing for either side. After ends were changed our boys made several rushes on their opponents' goal, being checked time and again. They at last scored during a combined rush and scrimmage, John Chantler making the kick. No other goals were scored, so the game was given to our boys 1 to 0.

The First Eleven then took the field and a fine game was looked for by the spectators, but the strong wind quite upset the attempts at team play on both sides. Ishister and Chambers on the right wing did grand work the first half, but the wind and the close checking of the "Alberts" neutralized their efforts to score. The Alberts scored one in the first half. They got the ball in the centre and with careful dribbling by one of their players, they got past the backs and scored a goal. Our boys were confident of making it up in the next half with the ball in their favor, but the wind resisted their efforts to centre the ball, and again upset all attempts at team play. So the game went to the college boys, 1 to 0. The college boys deserved their victory. They worked like beavers, every one of them. We are sorry that our boys did not show their usual unity of play in this match. We fear personal feelings had something to do with their defeat. The following players took part: First Eleven, Joseph Faubert, goal James Chantler O'Meara, backs, Bridgetford, Barzana, half backs, Ishister, Chambers, right wing, Hence, Windemberg, left wing, Lamox, McLaren, centre. The Second Eleven were: Hodgins, goal, Synnari, Ball, backs, Noonan, Thompson, half backs, Patrick, Bloom, right wing, Hunt, Henderson, left wing, Bowlby, John Chantler, centre.

Our Third Eleven with three of the second team to help them played first match this year on the afternoon of Good Friday, their opponents being the junior team from the city whom they played against several times in the Autumn. The players on both teams were paired off in size with a slight advantage to the city boys. The game began at three o'clock, and from the start our boys had it pretty much their own way. They might have done without a goal-keeper entirely, the backs being quite efficient to ward off any danger. Labelle scored the first goal in less than fifteen minutes, after half time the same sturdy little fellow drove the ball past the big goal-keeper again much to his chagrin. The agreement was to play for one hour, and at the close of that time the game was 2 to 0 in our boys' favour. Either the city boys did not recognize that they were outplayed, or they were reckless of the consequences. They wanted another half hour, during which Labelle did the trick again for another goal. He then

went on the defence, Bloom taking his place on the forwards, who, in spite of his sore ration headed the ball through for another goal before time was up, making four in all. The three little shavers, Watt, Black and Labelle on the front line did some neat work and good passing. They have the making of good players in them. The city boys did not play so well as they formerly did. The following are the names and positions of our lads: -Patrick, goal, Bloom, Reeves, backs, McKay, Fisher, half backs, Black, Smallidon, right wing, Corberic, Seward, left wing: Labelle, Watt, centre, N. Labelle, captain.

**NOTES.**

A pleasant feature of the game with Albert College was the good feeling exhibited between the players of both sides, and we hope for a long continuance of the same.

In the junior match on Good Friday, one of the city boys was heard to say of Bloom, "That chap runs faster than any dummy I ever saw."

A new foot-ball and several spare rubbers have been received for the foot-ball team. The base-ball lovers are happy with new bats, balls, and a pair of catcher's gloves of the latest pattern.

The planking of the back-stop was blown down during the winter. It will be set up again as soon as the carpenters have a little leisure.

Superintendent Mathison was one among many others who attended the funeral of the late Hon. Alexander MacKenzie, at Toronto, on the 20th ult.

We are pleased to see Miss Ostrom back from her trip west much improved in health. There is now good prospect of a complete restoration to former strength and usefulness.

Owing to an unusual pressure of matter and the late arrival of some of it we are compelled to hold over several interesting articles till next issue of the *Canadian Mutt*.

A new and wider sidewalk has replaced the old one from the lodge to the Institution. The driveway is being widened and boulevarded and when finished it will add much to the appearance of the front grounds.

Mr. Hart, who has acted as Secretary and Clerk during Mr. Smith's absence, left for his home in Guelph on the evening of the 12th ult. He has made many friends here who unite in wishing him future happiness and prosperity.

The *Idler* has been talking "soft velvet" to Mrs. Balis for something she wrote about a home for destitute deaf persons in the state of Illinois. Perhaps she deserves all the praise our contemporary so lavishly bestows.

Several of the teachers are complaining of lassitude which unfits them for cheerful work in the class-room. It is the result of many months monotonous toil in an exceedingly exhausting profession. There will be rest by and by.

Mr. Burns, our instructor of printing, went home to Port Hope on the 14th ult., and returned on the 18th with his household effects, and took up residence on Dundar street. The family arrived on Thursday following. He will be happy, now.

May Day has come, but it has not brought the leaves and flowers to make our hearts glad. The cold, freezing winds of mid April checked the floral greeting. But May Day brings a warmth that will soon open the buds and mature the flowers.

Mr. J. H. Smith, our genial and popular Clerk who has been taking the first course of study in the medical department of Toronto University, returned to his duties on the 12th ult. We were all glad to see him. He is a promising young "sawbones."

We lately had the pleasure of inspecting some of the work done in the art class, and consider it highly meritorious for a novice. Mrs. Balis, the teacher, is well satisfied with the progress made by most of the pupils, and anticipates greater satisfaction when an advanced step is taken.

Supervisor Douglas received a small package a few days ago with this direction in writing: "Dear Mr. Douglas, - A Monday next will be George's birthday will you please use these on the occasion." The package came from George's mother, and when Mr. D. opened it he found material for a pyrotechnic display in honor of the day. It was used as directed. Thoughtful mother, happy boy, amused Supervisor.

Belleville Council No. 297, B. T. of T., dedicated their new hall in the Caldwell Block, Belleville, on the evening of April 12th. A feature of the entertainment was the rendition of "Nearer my God to Thee" in signs, by Mr. D. M. Beaton, of this school, accompanied by Mrs. Dingman singing, and Mrs. Minns on the organ.

Large numbers of young trees have been planted, each season over the front grounds and along road ways, for several years past. Very few fail to take root now, as much better stock has been obtained lately. The imaginative mind may try to picture what a lovely spot the Institution grounds will be in a few years when these trees attain their maturity.

Some time ago the usual press despatches announced the arrest of Wm. Stenebaugh, a former pupil of this school, at Waterloo, charged with a serious crime. His trial, which occurred at Berlin recently, resulted in his acquittal, an alibi having been established. While at school here he was an exemplary student, and his friends were much pleased with the result of his trial.

The fourth session of the graduates of the Illinois School for the Deaf will be held at Springfield, Illinois, in the House of Representatives at the Capitol, the coming August. The programme, as published in the *Silent Press*, promises a very entertaining and interesting three days. To Mrs. Balis, of this School, has been given the honor of delivering the alumni oration. She has taken for the title of her paper, "Descartes' Reason for Existence." *Cogito ergo sum.*

Several of the boys, who usually take the highest conduct marks, were cut down close in the last issue of the paper. They displayed a little too much fondness for the vicinity of the dining room windows during clearing up time, and the girls inveigled them into conversation. The monitor, whose duty it was to keep his eye on that particular spot, during the week, was most uncompromising in the discharge of his duty, and quietly booked every one of them and they were "docked" in marks. We don't know who watches the monitors, but we observed some of them need watching like other mortals. We suppose it is done on the co-operative plan, the boys watch the monitors, and the monitors watch the boys.

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There have been many inquiries about the date of the next meeting of the Association. At the last meeting held in Toronto, in June, 1890, it was decided to hold the next meeting in Belleville, in the summer of 1893. The executive committee have been unable to meet the expressed desire of some to arrange for a meeting in Belleville this summer. So the decision must stand, unless a meeting can be arranged for in Toronto, Berlin or Brantford. I would like to hear from the members on the matter, and I will do what ever is possible and most advisable, to meet the wishes of the members. Wm. Nurse, President.

**STRATFORD NEWS.**

All those deaf-mutes living in and near Stratford have sent their subscriptions to the *CANADIAN MUTT* promptly. It is a neatly printed and interesting paper.

Arthur Fuller, who had been confined to his bed with typhoid fever and a relapse all last winter, has fully recovered, under the skillful treatment of his doctor.

William Quinlan has obtained the contract to haul milk to the cheese factory this year. The milk hauling will commence on the first Monday in May, and stop on the last Saturday in October. It is a very pleasant job, indeed.

It was lately reported that a certain unto lady in Stratford was to embark on the voyage of matrimony in the present month. Who is she?

Robert Hoy works a splendid farm on his own account, and no doubt he makes a good deal of money. He has a nice wife and two pleasing children.

Mrs. McLagan, wife of Mr. Robert McLagan, went to Dundas about two weeks ago to see her father, who was very sick. She was away one week and during the time Bob was very lonesome without her.

Edward Bartiel, well known as "Dutch Frog" in this neighborhood, works on a large farm of 150 acres, for John Kehna who employed him two years ago. Mr. E. B. prefers farming to any other kind of business for strength and good health.

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**Easter Time.**

It was great to speak a world from no whit less great to receive it.

The associations of Easter may be less yours than those of Christmas, but they partake of much that is common to both, symbolizing our faith in the great work of redemption. We believe that we are called to redeem us from the curse of a broken law, and this belief casts a powerful influence about the dates we observe as commemorating the birth, death and resurrection of our Saviour. Good Friday was observed as a holiday, and was quietly enjoyed by the pupils, with the exception of the foot-ball match reported elsewhere. On Easter Monday being the last party of the Session as held in the dining-room, when the usual games and amusements were indulged in. Each pupil also received the customary bag of "good things," and at an early hour all returned to their sleeping apartments. There were many eggs decorated at breakfast. Easter Sunday morning and maple syrup tickled the palates in the eating. The weather was pleasant but chilly.

**Friendship's Offering.**

At the close of the prayer meeting in the Methodist Church Port Hope, on the evening of April 14th, Mr. Rex Dickson Recording Stewart, presented Mr. John T. Burns our instructor of printing who was present, with the following address, accompanied by a purse of \$60 in gold.

**THE ADDRESS.**

My John T. Burns,  
 DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: We your fellow members and officials in the Port Hope Methodist Church are met together on this occasion, to give expression to the feelings of satisfaction and pleasure which actuate us in placing on record our high appreciation of your services in connection with our Church work in its various departments.

Several years, whether in the Choir, the Sabbath School, the Class-room or the Prayer meetings, your services have been ever faithful and untiring.

In our official board meetings, we have had your hearty co-operation and in every good work your cordial assistance at all times. We deeply regret your removal from Port Hope, but our hearts are glad, and we rejoice in your promotion. And now we ask you to accept this purse as a token of the kind feelings and cordial affection we bear towards you, and also as an assurance that we have had in you an example worthy of imitation.

Trusting that you may be long spared for active service in another field of labor and praying that the blessings of almighty God may ever attend you.

With our best wishes faithfully yours,  
 EDWARD N. BAKER, Pastor  
 HENRY DICKSON,  
 GEORGE WILSON, Committee.  
 R. J. L. SCOTT,  
 THOMAS GARNETT

Mr. Burns was so overcome that he was unable to reply, but briefly thanked the donors.

Mr. Wills has had the farm team plowing his garden, and he will now get in his crops as will stand a pinch of frost if it comes after they are up. In the garden it is not safe to have potatoes show their sprouts earlier than the latter part of May. Last year the crop of cabbage was so large that even our own requirements have not been met in all yet. They are not stored in the root house. Mr. Wills pulls them up and then head down on the ground to rot in the sun, and they keep excellent without covering except what nature supplies.