

Sweet Sixteen.

From our own Correspondent

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PUPILS' LOCALS.

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By MURIELA LORINGER.

We are all glad to hear Flora McMillan's health is improving.

Martha Lough got the "Flower of the Year Calendar" from her cousin.

Annie Blackburn's aunt is still at the hospital in Bolloville.

Annie Allender got a letter from her papa saying he will move to Toronto.

Marie Butler says she had a delightful time visiting her mother.

We are all glad to hear that Dr. Brown has been appointed Superintendent of the Belfast, Ireland Institution for the Deaf.

The Epworth League of Christian Endeavor Convention was held in this city on the 18th to 20th.

Cora Pierce was called home last week. We don't know why.

Miss James is a young jolly little lady and is the favorite teacher in this Institution.

Our dear matron, Miss Walker was laid up with a very bad cold.

Jack Frost has done well by us. Miss Dempsey!

Jack Frost took a bite at her left ear on Sunday morning.

What can I do for you, my boy?

Speak a kind word to me sometimes.

Think of it. This man had in his power to give that boy money, clothes, playthings.

What a kind word now and then.

You have many such spoken to you daily.

But that poor boy in the village.

At least a treasury if someone spoke a kind word to him.

TORONTO TOPICS.

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We are glad Mr. Thos. Bradshaw has steady work at the Massey & Harris factory.

Mr. Jonathan Gates was laid up with sickness. We are pleased to see him around again.

Mr. Harry Mason has joined the Home Circle Insurance Co.

Miss Maggie Kennedy of Mitchell, Ont., lives with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ormiston.

Several nutes who work in the Massey & Harris shop were laid off from work a few days in consequence of the death of Mr. H. A. Massey.

Charles, Eva, and Laura Elliott were suddenly called upon to mourn the death of their mother on the 17th ult.

To the Winnipeg Silent Echo. Friend Duncan is alive and well at his home in Stratford.

Miss Mary O'Neil, who was visiting at Mr. Boughton's, was obliged, by the doctor's order, to remain a few weeks until danger of contracting diphtheria was past.

Miss Mary Moore came home from Whitby college, along with some other lady students, for a day or two to attend the Malama Albani concert.

Mrs. Riddell attended the golden wedding of her Aunt, M. Coats, at Bradford on the 17th ult.

As Messrs. Slater and Terrell were returning from meeting on College St. they were followed by a man who observed them very closely.

THE SOCIAL.—For many years, the deaf of this city have been remembered annually with a treat to a grand supper by Mr. Nasmith.

Now Mr. Nasmith has been in failing health and they no more expected a treat from him.

Brigden was determined that they should enjoy one this year out of his own pocket.

This was held in the Spadina ave. Y. M. C. A. Hall, on the 20th ult.

Glowing fires burned in the grate, which lent an air of cheer and comfort on that cold frosty evening.

The Misses Brigden, Fraser and Slater tastefully laid the tables with the tempting edibles, consisting of sandwiches, tarts, various cakes, etc.

When the nutes to the number of about eighty, including their children, had feasted to their heart's content they repaired to the lecture room.

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cannot speak too highly of him, for he attended him as if he was his own boy. It was a nasal diphtheria, from which few children recover.

Plain Spelling.

In using the manual alphabet plain spelling is far more important than rapid spelling.

Rapid spelling often wholly defeats its end, for it is nearly always indistinct.

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An Incident.

A traveller in Switzerland last summer, in writing of his experiences in that country, gives the following incident:

The window of a little shop, in an old arcade in Berne, was filled one day with crosses and hearts intended for the decoration of graves.

As we were in the shop, three or four idle tourists had halted to laugh at the uncultivated taste shown in these cheap votive offerings.

"She stops every morning to look at that," whispered the shopkeeper.

"Tell her she can have it," said one of the tourists, a well-dressed man, in a loud voice.

"Monsieur is very generous," answered the shopkeeper.

While they were speaking, a young American girl who, with sympathy expressed in her face, had been watching the woman, drew her aside.

"I am a stranger," she said. "I have been very happy in Berne. I am going away tomorrow, never to come back again."

"You, too, have lost your mother? Yes? Then you can understand! I thank you, gracious lady."

That was all, but two women went on their way happier and better for having met.

Almost every Christian man or woman has at heart the wish to heal the hurts of life for others.

An acquaintance of the late Mrs. Astor—whose charities were as secret as they were wide—spoke of one of her habits of sending her carriage out with friends who were ill, or not able to afford the luxury of a drive.

"She did not send the carriage," quickly remarked a friend. "She went in it. The drive was not an aim. It was a pleasure to herself, which the invalid made pleasant by sharing."

"A copper farthing," says the Irish proverb, "given with a kind hand is fairer gold, and bleases as it goes."

The Centre of the Earth.

Did you ever stop to consider the fact that in all probability the centre of the earth is a globe composed of gold, iridium and platinum?

But, you say, "what proof have we that this proposition is correct?"

In answer, I would say: "Two proofs, and perhaps more."

First, the three metals are the heaviest known substances, compared bulk for bulk.

This being the case, they would naturally be attracted to the centre of our planet.

In the beginning, the earth was liquid, if not gaseous. In either case the heavy metals mentioned were held in solution.

By gradual condensation the metals settled to the centre, iridium first, platinum next and gold last.

Agas ago, when the crust of the earth was thin, very thin, all of the gold now known was thrown out in volcanic eruptions.

This last-mentioned fact is the second reason for believing that our globe had a golden centre, woven around a nucleus of iridium and platinum.

A third reason for believing that there is gold at the centre is this: The earth as a whole weighs five times as much as a globe of water of the same bulk, while the rocks forming the outer crust are less than three times as heavy as water.