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Two persons can not long be friends if they cannot forgive each other's feelings. — *Brantford*

The Session of 1894-5.

When this issue of the *Canadian Mute* reaches its readers the present term of school will have ended and all the pupils will, we trust, have safely reached their homes.

The session has been marked by no unusual events. Steady, faithful earnest work has been done in all the class rooms, each teacher being animated by a sincere desire to promote to the fullest possible extent the welfare of the pupils placed under his or her charge. And it is a pleasure to record that in nearly every case these efforts have been crowned with success. The difficulties of the task of teaching the deaf and the vast amount of energy, perseverance and patience it requires have frequently been set forth in these columns, and need not now be further alluded to. That all these difficulties have been met and overcome and most creditable results attained, is an emphatic and sufficient evidence of the ability and faithfulness of the teaching staff.

It is a pleasure to further record that the session has been marked by excellent behavior on the part of the pupils. They have proved themselves to possess a high average amount of ability and to be almost uniformly courteous, well behaved and industrious.

The unremitting oversight exercised by the officers, and the excellence of the arrangements made for the physical well being of the pupils is sufficiently attested by the excellent health enjoyed by nearly all the boys and girls and the general content and good spirits that prevailed. During the first six or seven months there was an almost clean bill of health on both sides of the Institution. This record was suddenly broken, first by an outbreak of chicken pox and then by an epidemic of la grippe. Both of these attacks, however, were quickly subdued, and the session closed with not one case of illness. To take such good care of nearly three hundred boys and girls that not one serious accident or dangerous attack of sickness occurred was a feat the magnitude of which can scarcely be realized; and all who contributed to the result merit the highest credit.

The Excursion.

On Thursday afternoon the pupils enjoyed their annual excursion. These events are always eagerly anticipated, but this one was even more enjoyable than those of the past since it came just at the close of a week of hard work at the examinations. The steamer *Merritt* was chartered for the occasion and it gave the boys and girls and the officers, teachers and employees a delightful five hours' sail down the beautiful Bay of Quinte, calling at Foresters' Island.

The Closing Examinations.

During the school term this Institution never fails at any time to do a lot of good, but during the closing week unusual life and energy, and not a little excitement prevailed. This was due to the fact that the examinations were under way. This year a new departure was made. The time for the written examinations was fixed for several weeks ago, but the epidemic of la grippe was at its height then, so it was decided to have the examinations during the last week, at the same time that the government examiner was present. The plan has worked well and given good satisfaction. The examiner this year was Mr. Reazin, Public School Inspector for Victoria. Mr. Reazin has for a long time taken a warm interest in this Institution, and has considerable acquaintance with the mental habits and characteristics of the deaf. He therefore entered on his duties in an intelligent and professional-like way. His unassuming and sympathetic manner and disposition at once placed him on an excellent footing with officers, teachers and pupils. He completed his inspection on Thursday forenoon, and the teachers feel every confidence that he will deal with each one fairly and justly. The results of the written examinations were very satisfactory, and the general high percentage is sufficient evidence of the character of the work that has been done the past term.



FOOT-BALL.

OUR GALEST BOYS ARE THE CHAMPIONS, FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE TIME THEY WON THE CORBY CUP.

The contests for the Corby cup this season have been lively. Albert College and the City played first and the City won several of Alberts' best players being absent. The Centrals defaulted to us so it was not until the 1st, that we were called into the contest.

The Alberts came out and played on our grounds. It was a very unpleasant day for foot ball, the heat was sweltering and to make it worse a strong hot wind was blowing. During the first half of the match, the ball was in touch and over the fence most of the time. Our team kicking down with the wind in their favor, the Alberts' defence appeared to think that the ball was safest in the road. It was thirty minutes before our boys seized their chance. Gilliam took the ball down centre, passing the backs and goal keeper, and ran the ball through. Goal No. 1. After ends were changed our defence had to hustle to keep the Alberts from scoring and were often hard pressed. Chambers, Gilliam and Labelle, at last got the ball out of the crowd humming around our goal and with a fine piece of combined play took it up field and Labelle scored from a pass by Chambers. Goal No. 2. Next came the Alberts turn, Lewis was rather slow in checking and they got in a pass from the right wing which was neatly headed through. A few minutes before the close Chambers again got off with the ball and with one of his fine rushes worked it to the Alberts' goal, passed to Labelle who again scored. The Alberts claimed that the ball was over the line before being passed to centre, in which contention they were supported by the referee, although it must have been a difficult matter for him to decide he being near mid-field at

the time, and there being no goal umpire. Our boys, who were on the spot, thought it a fair goal, but they had won the match and that was enough.

The City and Centrals then took the field and played a good game. The Centrals proved no mean opponents, and the City had to play hard to down them. The score at the end was 1 to 0 in favor of the City.

There was a large crowd present to witness the final match for the Championship between our team and the City on the Belleville cricket field. Every one expected a hard struggle, both sides being determined, the one to wrest the other to hold the trophy of victory. Our team took the field in a rather crippled shape. "Full back" Wallace was unable to play at all, Gilliam was in poor form, Chambers had to give up his place on the forward line, but proved a tower of strength on the defence, and his kicking was strong and sure. Our side set the ball rolling and the game began in dead earnest. At first neither defence was called on to do much, the two opposing lines of forwards wrestling for the ball in mid field. Five minutes after the game started, our right wing, King and Smallton got away with the ball, and King dropped it into goal scoring an easy one. This was a surprise to every one. The City soon after sent up a high kick from centre field which dropped down close to the tape, and as they thought passed under, and congratulations and hand shaking passed round, which little effusion the goal umpire squelched by declaring no goal the ball having passed over. Smallton scored No. 2, and shortly after ends were changed. During the last half our defence held their opponents pretty firmly giving few chances, our forward line, on the contrary, lost several easy opportunities to score until Smallton got in another kick, which added tally 3 to our score. Shortly before time was up our goal was in great danger, one of the city forwards got past even the redoubtable Chambers and only the goal keeper between him and the goal. McKay saw his danger, rushed on his man and both went to grass together and the goal was saved. So we retired them again with a score of three to nothing. It was then only a repetition of last Fall, our boys swarmed into the wagon and made the road to the Institution res-echo with their cheers of victory. At the Institution a royal welcome awaited them. The boys and girls formed lines from the gate to the main entrance. The team dismounted at the gate and marched through the lines in triumphal procession, the captain carrying aloft the Corby Cup, amid the plaudits of their school-mates. At the front door Mr. Mathison and the resident officers met and congratulated them and presented them with flowers. A supper worthy of the occasion was of course provided and all were happy. The boys will now go off home content that they have done their part well, leaving the Cup to grace our library, a reminder of victory. All the boys did well, McKay, in goal, used excellent judgment; Lewis Simard, Noonan and Lett were stubborn opponents. Gilliam and Labelle, though they did not score this time, helped the others to do the work and deserve all credit. Gilliam especially proved a slippery lad and hard to hold in check. Of Smallton, the results tell enough. King and Dubois were rather out classed but they did well their parts.

The closing exercises are in progress as we go to press.

This is the last paper of the school year. Our next issue will be in September.

The Belleville *Intelligencer* honored our teachers and officers by re-printing their portraits, with the cut of the Institution. They took up nearly a page of the paper.

It was Children's Day in John Street Presbyterian Church on Sunday last and our children belonging to that denomination attended. Mr. Coleman interpreted the services to them.

The warm weather during the examinations was very trying to teachers and pupils, but they lived through it, and no doubt breathed a sigh of relief when the last page was written, corrected and taken to the Superintendent's office.

Our well of water has been a faithful friend these warm days. The supply has been constant and pure. Without it, it would be scarcely possible to keep so many children in good health in such weather as we have been lately going through.

A couple of swings, of a new pattern, were lately put up, one on each side. They were intended for two at a time to take an easy swing, but romping boys and girls are in too much hurry to wait their turns, so as six or more have been piling into them at a time, they, the swings, are growing perceptibly less every day, and only the coming vacation saved them from demolition.

Few of our pupils have seen such a storm as that which swept over us on the 3rd inst. Several lives were placed in danger and much damage done in the neighborhood. The Institution grounds and buildings escaped severe damage. A large shade tree opposite the Bursar's residence was snapped off and sent crashing through the entrance gate. Mr. Wills trembled for his green house but it stood firm.

The visit of our examiner, Mr. Reazin, was a pleasure to the boys and girls and his kind fatherly manner has won their hearts. There was nothing terrible about him, and when he entered a class room, the pupils, instead of getting confused and trembling in their shoes, smiled a welcome. All hope that he will come again next year. Our shoe-shop boys made him a pair of boots while he was here.

During the recent warm spell, the cool waters of the bay have been like a magnet to the boys and the temptation to steal a plunge in its cool depths has been very strong. There would be no objection to their taking an airing along the bay shore, but our boys are only human like others and cannot be trusted. They must wait until they get home and they may swim all day in their father's horse ponds for all we care. Just now we don't want to chronicle drowning accidents.

Charlie Holton had a social party on Wednesday evening last, at the residence of his parents in Belleville, and the following named pupils were invited: — Edith Wiley, Mary McKay, Flora McGregor, Edie Garden, Flossie Gardner, Mary O'Neil, Willie McKay, Michael Noonan, John Smallton, Willie Watt, Dalton Gardner, Neal, Labelle, Alex Swanson. They had a right good time enjoying themselves immensely. They voted Charlie the prince of good fellows and his parents the kindest of enter-tainers.

During his late visit to Toronto, Mr. Mathison met Lord Aberdeen, who greeted him cordially inquiring kindly after all at the Institution, and sending his kindest greetings to all our boys and girls, assuring them that his visit to them was quite fresh in his memory. When Mr. Mathison, on his return, told the assembled pupils of his Lordship's kind words it was received with the liveliest pleasure. His visit to us one year ago, and the close interest he took in everything connected with our children, has gained their deepest respect and esteem, and wherever future years may lead him our pupils will remember him with the kindest feelings.

PERSONALITIES.

Dr and Mrs. Eakins reached London, England, last Wednesday.

Mr. Robert Sutton, of Brantford, was a visitor in Simcoe some days.

Mr and Mrs. Barton, of Langton, enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Sutton lately.

A card from Mr. John Flynn, of Toronto, informed us of the death of Mrs. Robert Wallbridge, of that city, wife of Mr. Robert Wallbridge, formerly a teacher in our Institution. The deceased lady was universally respected and the sorrowing husband and children have the sympathy of us all.

Mr. Craig, M. P. P., from Fergus, visited the Institution on Thursday last. He is the only member of the Legislature who has favored us with a visit for several years, and we hope he was pleased with what he saw. He was accompanied by his nephew, Mr. Chas. Craig, a rising young barrister of Tweed, and Miss Gould, of Toronto.

The Misses Mabel and Edith Steele have been visiting at Mrs. Sutton's cozy home in Simcoe. Mrs. Sutton is always delighted to have them with her and they are pleased to be with such a charming hostess. In consequence of the Misses Steeles' parents moving from Waterford to Delaware, they will go to that place and live there hereafter. Their many friends in Waterford, Brantford and Simcoe will miss their cheerful presence very much, but hope they will be happy in their new home.