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FOOT-BALL AND HOCKEY CLUBS.
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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1896.

There is an inward whisper
 That tells us every day
 What kind of path we're treading,
 And when we go astray

Foot-Ball.

Our boys still play foot-ball, but they have not joined the League.

Since we made the city teams a present of the Corby Cup, which we held against the Belleville League for five seasons, we have made no attempt to get it back nor do we intend to try again. Our team "ruled the roost" long enough to prove what deaf boys can do, so we are now playing only for amusement and will meet any local team with that end in view.

This season the Belleville League has organized with three clubs: City, High School and Albert College. Four of the matches to be played will come off on the college campus, the other two between the City and Albert, which will probably decide the championship, will be played on our grounds on the 16th and 30th of this month.

On Saturday 3rd inst., the Alberts came over to play a practice game with our seniors. Our boys had been playing in a desultory fashion since school opened and we rather predicted a good beating for them. Chambers and Noonan, the last remnant of the gallant team of 1892-3, left for good last June, and without Chambers to lead the attack and inspire the forwards we expected that our boys would make a poor show. Luckily the Alberts were in rather poor form too so our boys were able to get around them and win the game two goals to none. Wallace at full back did good work and kept the defence steady, so the Alberts did not get a chance on goal. Dubois and Chantler, on the forward line, did some clever dodging, but it was done in spurts, they had evidently not trained down enough for hard steady play. The boy who made the most fun was our colored boy, Geo. Henry, he got in more kicks on the ball than any one else on the field and if individual hard work will win matches we shall win every time. The Alberts have the men for the making of a fine team and with faithful practice they should be the cup winners this season. Our boys hope that whoever wins will give us a game at the close of the series. Our team was composed of the following: Goal, Charbonneau; backs, Wallace, Roberts, half backs, Leguille, Dool, Bonneau, forwards, Dubois, Chantler, Cough, Henry and Tongheed.

The Superintendent had an application from the Bahamas for the admission of a deaf boy from that far way country last week. We are overcrowded now and can hardly find room for the deaf children living in the Province.

HOME NEWS

Mr. Douglas has been released from night study supervision this term. He has taken the duty regularly in his turn for the past twelve years.

Potato harvesting has been under way this past week and the small boys have made themselves very useful after school hours by gathering them up after the plough. The crop is an average one.

The Superintendent has had several applications from people residing in Quebec who would like to have their deaf children sent here. All such inquiries are referred to the Institutions in our sister province.

The shoe-shop did not have to wait long for work, almost as soon as the boys got into their seats repairs flowed in and every boy's hands were full for a week after. Nothing like foot-ball for plying out shoe leather.

This season the carpenters' shop under Mr. Downie's management has started out well, and if the parents give the boys sufficient time the instructor hopes to give them a good mechanical training and make them industrious and handy in the use of tools.

In the printing office Mr. Burns has started work with a very young staff of boys this term and copy should come in early if correspondents wish it inserted promptly. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, Mr. Burns hopes to make our little paper as bright and newsy as ever.

The boys who belong to the shops are very glad to be released from dormitory work in the morning. They do their full share of the sweeping by cleaning up the workrooms. This season the boys who are not on the roll of the shops will do the tidying up of the bedrooms.

The British Deaf Mute comes to us from England with the photo of the Brantford Convention on its pages together with an excellent synopsis of the gathering. Though the ocean rolls between, yet the deaf feel akin the world over and we thank our English friends for thus honoring us.

The new session has brought no changes in our staff of attendants, they are all back at their posts again. Mrs. Richardson, who looks after the comfort of our little boys, spent a well deserved long holiday this summer, and visited friends in Kansas, U. S., all the others spent their holidays at their homes and with friends.

There has been a good crop of apples in the orchard this season but few find their way to the store-room. Of course the boys are not allowed in the orchard, but where all the apples go is no mystery. We heard of one boy the other morning, who, not content with what he could stow away beneath his jacket, was bringing in a lot in a basket for winter consumption. They were of course confiscated and he mourned for something besides the loss of his apples.

Miss Bull says that she was pleasantly surprised during the holidays to meet so many hearing people who could use the two-hand alphabet. This she thinks is an indication that the deaf are becoming better known and appreciated, and points to the time in the near future when the deaf and the hearing will be able to hold freer intercourse with each other. She found fewer people who could use the one-hand alphabet, since many find it difficult to make their fingers go into the proper positions owing to stiffness and want of practice.

Among the improvements made during the holidays and reported in last issue we over looked one in the engineers department. A much needed change was made there. The Polson Iron Works, of Toronto, put in a new and larger boiler for hot water heating purposes and made a very satisfactory job of it. The old one, besides being too small, could only be kept at an equitable temperature with difficulty. With the new one, water can be kept at boiling point through all the branches in the laundry and kitchen this is very convenient.

A large consignment of leather for the shoe-shop arrived from Toronto the other day and business is humming. All the boys are interested in their work. They have good incentives before them. Thirteen of the ex-pupils of our shop are

now running an independent business of their own and most of them are well established. Many others are working in the factories and custom shoe shops of the country and reports from their employers are very satisfactory. The training received in the shop must often be of practical benefit to those employed on the farm, in the repairs to harness and the foot wear of the family, and well repays for the time spent in acquiring a knowledge of the craft.

PERSONALITIES.

Miss Mary Graham, who was here last year, is now learning the millinery in Collingwood.

Dr. George C. Mathison left for Toronto on the 5th inst. and will take in a winter term at the Dental College there.

Mrs. Harrison, of the Agricultural College, Guelph, and Miss Corby, of Belleville, favored us with a visit last week.

Miss Bella Mathison has gone to Madoc to visit her friend, Miss Alice Wood, and will be away a couple of weeks.

Eli Corbiere, our young old man, whose school days closed last June, has got right down to work in a shoe-shop at Barrie. He has our best wishes.

Mr. Charles McIntyre, of Kingston, a brother of the Rev. Mr. McIntyre, of Bridge Street Church, was an interested visitor at the Institution on the afternoon of the 9th.

Rev. T. J. Thompson, of John St., Presbyterian Church, gave a lecture to the Presbyterian children on the afternoon of the 9th, and also presented a catechism to each child.

Mr. Charles Reid, his sister and niece, went all through the classes on Friday afternoon last. Miss Maud Reid has just completed a course of training at Moody's School in Chicago.

Miss Anna McPhail, of Buffalo, a graduate of this Institution, entered the Academic class at Fanwood a week ago. All her friends here hope she will succeed in her studies and like the school there.

Right Reverend Monsignor Farrelly and Rev. Father Connelloy came up to see the Roman Catholic children on Tuesday afternoon, but they were at the Opera House attending the performance there. The reverend gentlemen promised to come again shortly.

There are many of our old pupils whom we do not hear of for many years, but when we do get news it gives us pleasure to know that they are doing well their part and leading honorable, hardworking lives. Thomas R. Lowry, who left us sixteen years ago is one of them, he works in a lumber yard at Perry Sound and is the main support of his parents.

The Rev. C. E. McIntyre, of Bridge Street Methodist Church, has evinced quite an interest in the children at the Institution belonging to his denomination, of whom there are ninety-nine. Mr. McIntyre proposes arranging with some of the other Methodist ministers in Belleville, so that the children may have a lecture from some one of them every two or three weeks.

Thomas Hazelton made his usual exhibit at the Delta Exhibition and earned off nine first prizes—two for boots and shoes and seven for vegetables. Tom is evidently not only a good shoe maker but can raise some good garden stuff. He was very glad to receive a visit from Mr. and Mrs. McKee, of Kingston, who during the summer drove 43 miles to make a call on him.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Maud Andrew, one of our old pupils, who has hosts of friends among the deaf in Ontario, is not very well just at present. We hear that she is compelled to go to Toronto for special treatment. She, no doubt, will be glad to have letters from her friends, but until she gets better she will be unable to answer them as fully as she would like.

Mr. McKillop visited Duncan Bloom during the holidays and at Thamesville found him immersed in business. A year ago, Duncan thought himself as good at making and repairing foot-gear as the other man and hung out his own shingle. Since then he has built up a good business in the shoe trade, and not only held his own but has run out of the village opposing competition. If he keeps steady we do not doubt his success. At school he was a handy

boy and for a neat job was always on call.

John Crough was pleasantly surprised a few days ago to receive a visit from his papa who was accompanied by a lady friend. John showed his visitors through the industrial departments, they having arrived too late in the afternoon to visit the classes. The boys asked John if he did not think that nice lady was a prospective new mamma, he owned up that he thought and hoped she was and so it proved, for as they left, John's father told him that they had been married that morning. Congratulations then flew around.

We regret to hear that John McEneaney, one of our old shoe shop boys, suffered the loss of his tools through a fire in the shoe-factory at Delhi, where he was employed. He feels the loss very keenly, not so much because of their value but because they were a gift of the Institution on his graduation from our shop. John is now employed helping to clear the ground for the rebuilding of the factory and hopes to soon be at work again. Vernon Woodward, another of our old pupils has also been promised a place when the factory starts again. We wish success to both of them.

Religious Denominations.

The religious denominations are represented in the Institution, as follows: Methodist, 99; Presbyterian, 55; Roman Catholic, 43; English church, 38; Baptist, 12; Lutheran, 2; Menonite, 4; Christian, 3; Brethren in Christ, 1; Evangelical church, 2; Disciples of Christ, 1; Salvation Army, 1; Latter Day Saints, 1; Unknown, 2.—Total 261.

Cleanliness and Purity.

Cleanliness is said to be next to godliness and we believe it. No man can be morally pure, who is physically dirty, from choice. A loathsome exterior is usually indicative of an unclean heart. If we go by a pig-sty, we expect to see every thing covered with filth, and to find the air laden with fetid odors, because it is the habitation of pigs, but our disgust is mitigated by the thought that they are only irrational animals. When we pass, however, a human habitation and find a like condition of things, we are forced to the conclusion that they also are two legged pigs, and our disgust is intensified by the reflection that creatures made in the image of God can thus descend to the level of the brute. And now, boys and girls, what is the corollary from this homily on cleanliness? It is that you cultivate habits of neatness. Be clean in your persons, keep clean hands, clean faces and a clean garb. Avoid all disgusting habits. Let every place you occupy be clean. Let your sitting rooms be models of neatness. Never litter the floors with trash. Keep the yards and courts clean. Never throw anything on the ground that will be unsightly and offensive. Put all trash in the places assigned for it, so that it can be carried out and burned. Fire not only purifies, but destroys every thing that offends the sense of sight or smell. The outward appearance is not always the true index of character, but it is the standard by which the world largely judges, and though sometimes at fault, it is in the main, a pretty accurate indicator of the mental and moral calibre of the individual. Outward cleanliness is generally accompanied by inward purity.—West Va. Tablet.

An article in last Friday's Bulletin on "famous royal cripples," gives a long list of princes, kings and other persons of royal blood who are mentally or physically afflicted. The article is designed to set forth the evil effects resulting from intermarriage. After naming instances of people born without noses, with defective sight, insane, or afflicted in other ways, the writer goes on to say: "But perhaps the saddest of all these royal afflictions is that of poor little Prince Waldemar of Prussia, only child of Emperor William's sailor brother, Henry. This little fellow is deaf and dumb." This loss of hearing is a great misfortune, nobody will deny, but there are few persons familiar with deaf children who would thus conclude this recitation of human ailments. There are many afflictions given in the list which are infinitely more deplorable than the one which is thus given as the climax.—The California News.