

Lines Dedicated to the Deaf.

By Clara A. Miller, for the "Advance."

Why are we thus afflicted? - O, I cannot see why God's finger lays thus heavily on me...

Because we went astray far from the fold of God, that we in defiance must lay beneath the chastening rod?

Is it to untell our darkened eyes, that we more of nature's beauties may behold...

Not alone are we afflicted friends, look at the blind, the lame, where ere this great round globe extends...

Speech for the Deaf.

It takes about eighteen months for a child to acquire the faculty of speech under the oral system.

The most serious fault we have to find with the advocates of pure oral instruction is that they do not publicly and on all proper occasions denounce such false and misleading statements as are contained in the above extract.

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Mr. A. W. Mason executes designs in crayon, water colors and photographs at the Ford studio on Queen Street West.

Mr. R. Slater sets type and makes up the pages and forms in the McLean job office on Lombard Street.

Mr. Chas. Wilson owns a handsome brick dwelling on Delaware Street. He was educated in Montreal and is an expert artist and engraver in Mr. Bridgen's employment.

Mr. J. T. Smith has been setting type in the different publishing offices here for twenty years.

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A lazy person always talks much about how hard he has to work.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From the facile pen of Mr. Angus McIntosh, of Toronto, a very interesting letter appears in the last issue of the Silent Echo, Winnipeg, from which the following extracts are taken:-

It is a fortunate thing to live in a city where social and educational opportunities are ample; where the beauties of nature and salubrity of climate are blessings enjoyed to the full.

The double-hand alphabet is mostly, if not exclusively, used at the Toronto association for all purposes, and even in homes of those graduated from Canadian deaf schools.

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Mr. C. E. T. Clarence will remember two of his old English classmates now living in Toronto, namely Mr. J. Wm. Boughton and Mr. James Darney.

Mr. Charles Elliott and his sisters, Misses Laura and Eva, are well in their comfortable home on Sherborne St.

Mr. Harry Mason and Mr. Bradshaw work in the celebrated Massey-Harris foundry.

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Mr. Chas. Howe assumes the foremanship of the bookbinding department of Messrs. Gago & Co.

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Mr. P. Fraser lives at the farthest westerly extremity of the city, and seems very happy with his wife and four little children.

HAMILTON HINTS.

From our own Correspondent

In answer to a few correspondents the cause of my prolonged silence, with the usual supply of "hints" from this locality, I wish to assure them, through your paper, that the delay is not at all due to any neglect on my part.

Mr. James Reid was in the city lately. He is the same old boy that he was when graduating.

Mr. Hedly Grant is away at present to Western points as far as London, in the interest of the Gospel.

Mr. Sutherland, a gentleman of Dundas, is earnestly interested in the spiritual welfare of the mutes of that place, about 10 in number.

With a couple of exceptions, all the mutes here are working and seem happy and content as usual.

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While quietly walking to work, your writer was bitten in the leg by a very cheeky, little Scotch terrier dog.

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God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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Elovento the Industrial Department.

We agree with the Mirror that there should be more careful training in the trades, and that instructors should be thoroughly qualified both in a knowledge of their trade and an ability to impart it to the pupils.

That high state of proficiency which implies thorough training in the mechanical operations and systematic instruction of technical phraseology is not reached.

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God's plans like lilies pure and white unfold. We must not tear the close shut leaves apart.