

Superintendent interpreting by means of the signs. We are deeply indebted to these gentlemen for their kind assistance and interest in our work.

The pupils' Annual Picnic took place on St. Helen's Island, and afforded unbounded pleasure to all. A notice of the day's amusement appeared in the *Witness* from which we cull the following:—

"The annual picnic of the pupils of the Mackay Institution for deaf-mutes was held on St. Helen's Island on Tuesday, at which there were from forty to fifty of the pupils present, and a number of their relatives and friends, both boys and girls, numbering probably some twenty-five more, &c., &c.

There were races of various kinds competed for, with a heart and good grace by both boys and girls of the pupils, which would do credit to any similar number of children enjoying the senses of speech, hearing and sight, of which great blessings these pupils are deprived. All present, pupils and visitors, were provided with abundance of eatables and cooling drinks, and suitable prizes in the way of earrings, brooches, scarf-pins, rings, fishing-tackle, &c., and a number of boxes of confectionery were awarded to the successful competitors amongst the girls and boys in the various games. The day was a pleasant one and all enjoyed it very much, &c., &c."

Our sincere thanks are due and are hereby tendered,

To Mr. Joseph Hickson, Manager of the G. T. R., Mr. Van Horne, Vice-President of the C. P. R., Mr. Mackinnon, Manager of the S. E. R., and Mr. Stonegrave of the Central Vermont R. R., for reduced fares, also to Messrs. Hickson and Stonegrave for free papers for our collector.

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And to the officers and teachers for their hearty co-operation in the work.