

Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

OFFICERS		
WM. NURSE	Bellefleur	
H. C. BLAYDEN	Toronto	
A. W. MASON	Toronto	
A. E. SMITH	Brantford	
D. J. McKILLOP	Bellefleur	
D. H. COLMAN	Bellefleur	
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION		
H. Mathison		
Wm. Nurse		
Wm. Douglas		
D. J. McKillop		
BALL AND HOCKEY CLUBS.		
J. H. H. H.	J. H. H. H.	
J. H. H. H.	J. H. H. H.	
J. H. H. H.	J. H. H. H.	
J. H. H. H.	J. H. H. H.	
LITERARY SOCIETY		
H. Mathison		
Wm. Nurse		
D. J. McKillop		
Ada James		

THE CANADIAN MUTE.

LOCAL REPORTER
 THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1891.
 There hath better deeds than words to grace
 Two gentlemen of Verona, II. 2.

Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

NOTICE TO THE MEMBERS.

The circular letter calling the Convention together will be ready for mailing about the 5th inst. Every care will be taken to send one to all interested in the meetings, and should any of our friends fail to receive it, it will be assumed that we have the wrong address, or the fault of the mails.
 A. E. SMITH, Secretary.
 WM. NURSE, President.

HOCKEY.

FIRST MATCH AND FIRST DEFEAT.

Since we got proper sticks and pucks, our hockey has been anxious to draw conclusions with some of the city boys. But either the town boys were too much engaged or else considered a team like ours—not one of our members having ever seen a hockey match—as too insignificant to be noticed. So when the Bay City club sent us a challenge it was accepted with alacrity, and on the evening of the 22nd ult., our boys journeyed to town to play on the rink there by electric light. Soon after 7 p.m. our team skated out on the rink, sticks in hand, confident that if they did not win they would give a good account of themselves. Every one of them were members of our senior foot-ball eleven. Perhaps we could have got better skaters than one or two of them, but the captain rightly judged that the experience in combination that playing foot-ball had given them, was better than a little extra dexterity on skates. Our opponents were picked from the Y. M. C. A. and the Bay City clubs. The game started evenly for both sides, but during the first half our boys had slightly the best of it, and were around their opponents' goal frequently, our defence being occasionally closely pressed. After half-time our boys did not combine so well, their opponents, on the contrary, played with more vim and greater speed, and we soon after had the chagrin of seeing the rubber sweep under Patrick's stick and between the posts. Had Patrick known the trick of using his stick on the ice, the goal would probably have been saved. After that our forwards did not combine so well, and though Ishister, time and again made brilliant rushes on the city goal, he was not supported they were not effective. After some more determined work by the city forwards, they again shot the puck through our goal making it two to nothing. The game closed soon after and our team left the ice well satisfied with their performance. We have had little organized practice together, and our lads found their sticks much too thick to lift the rubber for a shot on goal, consequently their attacks were more easily stopped. These defects will be remedied by our experi-

once, and next winter we hope to make our influence felt in hockey as at foot ball. Perhaps next year a hockey league will be formed similar to the foot-ball league and a prize offered for competition.

NOTES.

We must give Labello and Gillam credit for having the keenest eyes. The electric lights were deceptive to those unaccustomed to playing by them. The cheers, or rather yells, that our boys gave at the close of the match, provoked a smile all around. Some of the city team were old foot-ball opponents; their victory must have been sweet to them. The best of good feeling prevailed, and though the sticks were flying around none were hurt in the slightest. The referee was very square, our boys deserved all the penalties for "off side" that they got. By kind invitation, our team visited the rink the following night, and were admitted free to see the match between Napance and Bellefleur, in which the latter was victorious. The following players constituted our team,—J. Patrick, goal, J. Fisher, point, N. Labello, cover point, J. Ishister, C. Gillam, H. Hence, and J. Smallidon, forwards.

HOME NEWS.

—Mr. Campbell goes over the International Sunday School lesson with the Bible class on Sunday afternoons, after the regular services.
 —Our assistant carpenter is interesting himself to get good ice on our skating rink. We are sorry that he did not begin before, as we would have had good skating there all along.
 —Mr. and Mrs. O'Meara, at the Grange, are happy just now. Their son, Martin, is home on a visit after twelve years absence in California. He will remain with them for some time.
 —The pupils are occasionally given an afternoon's skating and ice-boating when the weather and ice are favourable. It, no doubt, helps greatly to keep the pupils in health, especially the girls, who need all the exercise they can get.
 —The usual deluge of valentines struck us on the 14th ult., but our sensitiveness has survived the shock. The ugly ones were worse than ever before, and the kind friends who favored us with them have our thanks and blessing.
 —About 35 cords of hard wood have been hauled in by farmers and piled handy to the engine room windows, from whence a band can readily be attached to the machine saw and the whole cut up into stove lengths with ease and dispatch.
 —Through change of time on the O. T. Railway our mails from the west do not arrive so early. They used to be in directly after dinner, giving the teachers a chance to get their letters and look over the papers before school opened.
 —A very pleasant party was held at the home of the Superintendent on Thursday evening, 15th ult. Many of our teachers, with a number of guests from the city, assembled and passed the time most delightfully with conversation, music and games until a late hour. It was a glorious night and the ride to and from town was by no means the least enjoyable part of the affair.
 —Mr. Balis gave the pupils a very interesting lecture on the evening of Saturday, 24th ult. His subject was "The African Slave Trade." The evils of it, and the cruelties perpetrated on its victims, were brought out vividly, and the pupils were both entertained and instructed. A regular course of such lectures would be of great benefit to our scholars. Who will be the next to give one?

—One of our teachers offered her pupils as an incentive to do well, a small bow of silk ribbon. A blue one signifying excellence in all things, red, a laudable attempt to do right. They were to be forfeited by misconduct in or out of class. After a great struggle one little boy gained the coveted red ribbon, only to lose it again the next day by doing wrong out of school, for after a quiet contemplation of his misdeeds, he concluded that "an honest confession was good for the soul," and sent it back to his teacher with the message that he was "bad again."

PERSONALITIES.

—Mrs. Curtis Bogart, of Bellefleur, was an interested visitor at the Institution on the 19th ultimo.
 —Mr. Hunt, senior, got married lately and guests to the number of 200 wished them a merry and prosperous life.
 —Mr. D. E. Swales has occupied the position as instructor of printing at the Illinois School for nineteen years.
 —Mr. Dudley, of the Colorado School, is giving the senior pupils a series of interesting talks on interesting subjects.
 —Francis Hunt's father sold 7 acres of Chubb Island to some Americans for \$1350. A new summer hotel is likely to be erected there.
 —Miss Anne Mathison is visiting friends in Brantford, and before she returns home it is likely she will stay over in Hamilton and Toronto.
 —Michael J. Chapman, and Francis E. Hunt purpose starting a shoe-shop at Alexandria Bay, N. Y. They will commence the first of May.
 We heard lately from our friend George McDonald, of Uptergrove, and he kindly gave us the name of a deaf boy, living near his place, who ought to be in the Institution.
 —Miss Oronhyatekha, the clever daughter of the famous Doctor of the same name, was a welcome visitor to the Institution and our Superintendent's home during the month.
 —Miss Bella Mathison is taking a course of study in water color painting, at Albert College. She has a good teacher and as she is interested in her work she will no doubt make it a success.
 The Superintendent has received from the Rev. Job Turner, General Missionary to the Deaf in the United States, an excellent photograph of that gentleman. He prizes it very highly.
 The Dental College, Toronto, closes the first week in March. After that time George C. Mathison will be home again and resume his studies in Mr. Caldwell's dental parlors in the city.
 —Mr. Geo. L. Wood, a teacher in the Pennsylvania School at Mt. Airy, has published the second edition of his work—"Great Truths Simply Told." The book is used in many schools for the deaf.
 —Miss Alice P. Francis, of Huntsville, says she is likely to attend the convention, to be held at the Institution in the month of June. She is looking forward, with pleasure, to meeting her old friends and teachers again.
 A Buffalo correspondent of the Journal speaks of our friend, Miss Gertrude Maxwell, who is residing in that city at present, as being "kind and engaging," and "liked by all with whom she comes in contact."
 —Mrs. Ango Fuller-Fischer, of Omaha, Neb., has written a lengthy poem entitled, "The Model Wife." It well sustains her reputation as an author of distinction, considering the disabilities under which she writes.
 —Miss Alice Carroll, a young deaf lady of Buffalo, N. Y., is said to be "an accomplished pianist." This is quite a remarkable statement and one worthy of investigation. We would like to know how long Miss Carroll has been deaf.
 —Miss Maud Culligan, who went home a couple of months ago, writes that she is strong and hearty again, that she is getting fat and has rosy cheeks. We are all glad to hear such cheery accounts and hope she will come back to school again next fall.
 Miss Aggie White, of Woodstock, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. Mathison, has gone to Montreal for a few weeks. We hope she will have as good a time down there as she had here and that she will come back to stay a while longer. We all like her.
 Albert Middleton, writes that his address is still Hornung's Mills, where any of his old friends may find him. He works his father's farm and is prospering. Albert is under the impression that farming is the hardest kind of work, but he likes it exceedingly as it is a healthful and an independent occupation and suitable for deaf people.
 —Francis E. Hunt, who was a welcome visitor at the Institution during the holidays, after leaving here, went to Alexandria Bay, and Auburn, N. Y., looking for a job but failed to get one. He is now at his Chubb Island home, with his chum Michael J. Chapman. His father's place has a beautiful situation among the Thousand Islands.

—If not too late we congratulate Col. Kendall upon his seven years successful management of the Texas School for the Deaf. His wise administration has brought the Institution into the front rank of Institutions on this Continent. Long may he continue to guide the destinies of the deaf children of his beloved Texas.

—Mrs. Ashcroft, Superintendent of the Mackay Institution for the Deaf, Montreal, was in Bellefleur for a few days lately, visiting her sister Mrs. Terrill. She favored the Institution with a flying visit, and those who happened to see her were much pleased. We hope she will come again. The Mackay Institution under Mrs. Ashcroft's direction stands in the front rank of Institutions generally.

—Mr. Balis is taking orders for "The Proceedings of the World's Congress of the Deaf," held at Chicago last summer, with it is incorporated the report of the "Fourth Convention of the National Association of the Deaf." The book will form the greatest collection of facts ever gathered together from the representative deaf of the world, on topics specially relating to their interests. The price is 75c. Mr. Balis would like to hear from any one desiring a copy.

—Miss Emma Evans, of Vancouver, B. C., writes—"I am very much pleased to read in the paper about my old friends, many of whom I have not heard of for a long time. I have no deaf companions here, and feel, at times, very lonesome. I would like to attend the convention next summer, but the distance is so far that I fear it will be impossible for me to be present. Vancouver is a very pretty city and we all like to live here, as the climate is better than that of London, where we resided formerly. Thomas Green, another old pupil, is working here and doing well."

—The Advocate, published at the Northern New York School, gives an interesting sketch of the life of Mr. Gordon Rodmond, a highly successful farmer of Lawrence Co., N. Y. He is a deaf-mute, was born in Dundas Co., Ont. in 1845, and having moved with his parents to New York State, and a school for the deaf being so far away, his mother during her life time would not consent to his leaving home. When she died he was 26 years old, and then he entered the McKay Institution at Montreal, where he remained five years, and made rapid progress in secular and religious studies. He is regarded as an intelligent, progressive farmer, and has one of the best cultivated farms in the section where he lives.

—R. Mathison, jun., was visiting in Toronto for a week or ten days. The Globe says—"Mr. Robert Mathison, jun., son of Mr. R. Mathison Bellefleur, is in the city after having spent the past eight years in the newspaper and printing business on the Pacific coast. Mr. Mathison was one of Vancouver's citizens and his enterprise in that vigorous young city has been rewarded with deserved success. During the past year he has been travelling considerably in the upper country, in the O'Kanagan district and through the mining regions, and he reports Camps Fairview, McKinney, and Boundary Creek as future centres of much enterprise. Mr. Mathison will spend some time in the east before returning to the coast. Many of his old friends in Toronto, where he formerly lived, will be pleased once more to renew their friendship with him."

—Our Annual Report, which was distributed on the 19th ult., was very interesting, and it was eagerly read by all who were favoured with a copy. Every employer of the Institution felt gratified by the success attained, and by the complimentary words written by the Inspector, Superintendent and Examiner. We feel sure that the present session will not be behind former ones, but will add further lustre to our annals. Advance, is our motto.

—Two friends, lovers of the beautiful, visited our green-house a few days ago. One of them kept the gardener busily talking and explaining about the various plants while the other sauntered around and admired things generally. After they left a very choice bulb was missing out of one of the flower pots, and one which the gardener prized very much. As transplanting to a strange soil at this time of the year might retard its growth, the friend who took the bulb is requested to call and get the flower-pot so that he may have the whole thing without danger of deterioration.