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**THE CANADIAN MUTE.**

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- If people would only stop talking where they stop knowing, half the evils of life would come to an end. - *Admiral Errett Hale*

**Pastor.**

Before another issue of this paper Easter will have come and gone. This day will be celebrated in the usual manner. The pupils from the country will be deprived of that chief charm of Easter—the hiding of all the eggs that can be found, and bringing them forth on Easter morning to astonish the family. But if they cannot hide eggs at least they will have all they want to eat, and on Monday evening there will be a party at which the usual good things will be dispensed. Good Friday will be the only holiday, as examination time is approaching and every hour is precious.

**Similar Cases.**

There are two girls here at school this year, sisters, both grown up whose method of conveying is by means of a species of lip-reading. One of the girls attended a school in Canada for about four years, the other was never in a school for the deaf before. Neither can read or write more than a few simple sentences in English. They can speak only a few words intelligibly, yet between them they have worked up a system of lip-reading that enables them to communicate with each other quite freely. It cannot be regarded otherwise than as a system of "lip-signs," since the circumstances render suspected language out of the question. It is a peculiar case, the like of which has never before come under our notice. - *Minneapolis Companion*

Many years ago there were in the North Carolina Institution three brothers and a sister, who were in the habit of communicating with each other, with rapidity and clearness, by certain facial expressions and lip movements. They could talk to each other by means of these facial signs, with quite as much facility, as other pupils could by ordinary signs. - *West Virginia Tablet*

There have been two cases similar to the above at this Institution. Two sisters had acquired a system of lip signs by means of which they could converse together. In the other case five in a family—four girls and one boy—were able to communicate with each other in a similar manner.

**Hymenial.**

The Methodist church, here, was filled to the doors yesterday by people from town and vicinity, to witness the marriage of Miss Etta, daughter of Edward Grace, Esq., to Mr. Thomas D. Crozier, of Selkirk, (mutes) which took place at 1 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Saunders, pastor of the church, and interpreted by Miss Grace Hobson, niece of the bride. The groom was attended by Mr. Robt. Sutton, of Brantford, and his bridesmaid was Miss Mabel Steele, of this place, (mutes,) all of whom were beautifully and becomingly attired. After the ceremony and the congratulations of many of their friends, the happy couple, together with invited guests, repaired to the residence of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of and the afternoon spent, when the happy couple took the Mail train east at 5:20, amid showers of rice and the best wishes of their many friends for their future happiness. - *Waterford Star*

- Our London, Ontario letter came too late for this issue.

**HOME NEWS**

- The spring flowers are just peeping up from their winter quarters, and a few warm spring showers will transform our flower beds into places of beauty.

- Still another wedding among our boys and girls. This time it is Miss Etta Grace and Mr. T. Crozier. May their wedded life be crowned with blessings.

- Every true son and daughter of old Ireland honors St. Patrick's day. We have quite a number bearing the genuine stamp among us here, and they all sported the regulation green on that day.

- The intermediate and junior boys have all been under the barber's shears, and hair brushes and combs can be dispensed with for a few weeks. There is a rivalry among them which can show the best head of hair by the time of homo-going in June.

- The hockey club have had their picture taken. It does not look so imposing as the foot-ball club because it is minus the championship cup, but the boys are proud of it as it is the first time that branch of our Athletic Association has been photographed.

- Our girls had an afternoon's shopping in the city on the 23rd ult. It was intended that they should go the day before but the unexpected happened and it was put off. They, however, enjoyed their outing the next day, and if, on their return, their pockets were lighter, their spirits were blither and their palates certainly did not suffer.

- Mr. Keith has kept the boys busy during the past ten days, carting off from the vicinity of the buildings the huge banks of snow that have accumulated, and which threatened to flood the basements when old Sol turned it to liquid. Some of the shoe shop boys turned out to help for a few days for the benefit of their health.

- The parents of one of our little boys wished to see how it fared with him after six months of school life, so requested that he be allowed to get his photograph taken to be sent home to them. He went to town the other day in charge of Lovi Lewis, and we do not doubt but that the result will be pleasing to his friends. Our boys and girls grow like young shoots.

- For some time the larger girls have been longing for the time to come when they could visit Belleville again, and on Saturday their wish was gratified. A large number of stores were visited and their beauties duly admired, while many purchases were made. The confectionery stores were the favorites and it is said that there was almost a famine in taffy in the city on Saturday night.

- It makes matters very unpleasant for us when our gas supply fails us like it did a few evenings ago. The spring freshets were so heavy the water got into the pipes and cut off the passage from the city. We had to resort to the tallow dips of our grandmother's days or go right off to bed and wait for the sun to go his rounds. At such times an extra vigilant guarding against fire has to be taken.

- In spite of the mud, the boys get outside to play now and the racket in the sitting-rooms is much diminished. Prisoner's base is the favorite game and to see them dashing through the slush for "homo" would quite shock some of their careful mammae. But what matters it? we would rather see them healthy and happy, if a little dirty, than have them moping around, subjects for the doctor.

- A few days ago a number of the small boys had a wondrous duel which raised quite a flood of ill feeling among them. It all came about over the scores made at a game in the sitting room. A few hours warring drill together on the playground was just the thing to cool their antagonism, and by the time they had got it rough, they concluded that it was not worth quarrelling over and seemed quite friendly again.

- Compared with many other Institutions of the kind, our school is still young, but it will surprise many to notice the large number of our graduates who have been joined in wedlock. As far as we know, nearly all are happy and prosperous, and have never regretted the step they took. In our last Institution report will be found the names of those who have been so joined together, as well as the present occupation of our old pupils, as far as we could trace them.

- There are very few strangers come to the city and leave without a visit to our Institution. They are welcome every school day, and an attendant is always at hand to conduct them through the departments.

- Belleville and Trenton are still in antagonism over the Hockey Trophy, both teams claim it. Belleville is ready and willing to play at any time that the ice is favorable, but Trenton thinks that it should go to them by default. The season is now about over, and it will probably have to stand, to be played for, until next winter. In the meantime we suggest that it be handed over to us, as neutrals, for safe keeping until next season. It would look nice in our library in company with our foot-ball trophy, and our many visitors would be given the opportunity to admire it.

- Our little boys and girls are eagerly looking forward to Easter. In their imagination the store room is already stocked with the nuts, candies and fruit that they expect to enjoy. Good Friday will be the only holiday we shall have. The pupils have not lacked holidays during the winter, they have often been released from the industrial departments, that their health might not suffer from too close confinement during the winter, and skating has been enjoyed to the full. To this, much of the general good health we have enjoyed is probably due. Now that the pupils can get out to play nearly every day, these relaxations will not be necessary.

**PERSONALITIES.**

- Charles and Hubert Elliot, Toronto, are decorating the Presbyterian church at Oakville.

- Miss Eva Zungg and her mother are visiting in Berlin, where they will remain for a few weeks.

- Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore have been visiting Miss Nellie Cunningham at Oakville recently.

- Mrs. J. B. Ashley spent a day with us here lately. All were glad to see her and she will always be welcome.

- Mr. George Mathison, who is attending the Toronto Dental College, arrived home last week for his vacation. He looks as if his college life thoroughly agreed with him. He received an enthusiastic welcome from the pupils.

- Miss Mary Boyd was educated in the Belleville, Canada, and the Wisconsin School for the deaf and lived in Duluth about fifteen years. Two weeks ago she went to Grand Rapids to be married to Mr. Campbell. - *National Exponent*

- Thomas Hill gave us a call on his way back to Toronto from eastern points. Judging from his appearance he has made a prosperous trip of it. While in Montreal, he placed himself under treatment for his eye-sight, and was afterwards fitted with suitable glasses, a thing he has not been able to get hitherto. He reports it a great improvement.

- Mrs. Terrill received a printed invitation to the Commencement Exercises of the Bennett Medical College, of Chicago, on March 26th, enclosed was the card - "Alice Christie Bellor, M. D., 420 Center St." Many of the former pupils of the Ontario Institution will remember Miss Alice Christie, eldest daughter of Mr. A. Christie, formerly Bursar of this Institution. She was a clever girl and possessed musical talents of a high order. Before her marriage she taught in the Iowa and Wisconsin Institutions for the Deaf, and after the death of her husband she studied medicine. All unite in wishing Dr. Alice Christie Bellor every success in her chosen profession.

- Julius Ruben, the popular tailor of the Pas-a-Pas boys, purchased "Bang," a cocker spaniel, from Andrew Laidlaw, who is a dog fancier and publisher of the Reformer paper issued from Galt, Ont. He paid \$130 for it. Mr. Ruben had on exhibition at the recent dog show his own bitch, "Governess," A. K. R. 33301, got a V. H. C., in a good company of high class dogs. Some excellent dogs were shown there. J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, had a string of forty collies. Geo. Gould has ten deerhounds. "Heather Lad," Mr. Lewis' Gordon setter, the finest specimen of his breed in the world, was there and carried off four first prizes and several specials. Ruben's pet dog's name is Flora, also a cocker - panel and can do anything. She goes to his home, a distance of a mile, and brings his lunch back, runs errands and can pose as a living picture. - *National Exponent*

**Can the Deaf Become Business Men?**

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Sometime ago, in an article on "Trade Learning for the Deaf," I discussed the question whether deafness was a bar to success. My opinion was that it is not a bar to success. In order to substantiate my views, I shall discuss the question whether the deaf can become business men.

Undoubtedly the hearing young man more easily gets to the front and climbs the ladder to success without meeting as many difficulties or making as many missteps as the deaf. The deaf and the hearing belong to humanity, they can do the same kind of work and as good work, but the question is whether the deaf can do it as successfully as the hearing. The rise of any young business man is no easy task. It is only more difficult for the deaf man on account of his deafness. It is very true that very few of our deaf brothers have made their mark in the business world. But in many instances the deaf have shown true grit and have won success as business men. They have done it just as well as if they had not lost their hearing. They encountered, just as the hearing do, many obstacles on their way, but successfully throw them from their paths.

It is particularly pleasant to see and watch our brothers in their efforts to win, often meeting with great difficulties, but in the end overcoming them. The ways to success in business are open to all and therefore the deaf have as good an opportunity to "pitch in" and win wealth and honors as the hearing. We do not lack in genius or abilities, therefore, we are able to compete with our hearing brethren.

A young business man is always successful when he does not say, "I can't do this, or I have never learned that; it is too hard for me." No young man who is not afraid to work, will talk that way.

He loves his work, his employer and his fellow-employees, and in turn enjoys their confidence. Why is it that so many deaf take to a trade instead of taking up a business? This question I hardly feel able to answer, but I will attempt it.

First, it is my opinion that the lack of an education in early life is one of the chief causes. Moreover, many of us who have had a good education lack grit or "sand" as many say. Our schools are not to be held responsible for their pupils' failure to become business men. They educate them to a trade so as to prepare them for starting in life alone. The pupils must do the rest. If they wish to do better they must rise by their own efforts. Some young men, while at school, become discouraged with their hard studies and neglect them. But in after years they will be saying, "I wish I had not given up in despair when I was a young man, and had made the best of the opportunities the Institution afforded me for becoming an educated man."

Some of our brothers have become poets, artists, sculptors, architects, etc., and now some are seeking their fortunes as business men. To day we can refer to some very successful deaf business men who have achieved success in business of their own, and to others who hold responsible positions. We are proud of them, and we hope to see many more who will have the patience and perseverance to do as well. Such men reflect credit upon the schools from which they graduated and make glad the hearts of their teachers.

Finally, the way to win success, riches and honors is to work well and do better work than others. Do such work that people will want it, and you to work for them. Then you will never be idle or be running around in search of employment. Do not think people must employ you or give you work because you are deaf. Be above craving sympathy. Feel yourself every inch a man capable of doing all that becomes a man. Such men, even though deaf, will take their places by the side of other men, for genius and nobility of character are sure to win in the deaf man as well as in the man in the possession of all his faculties. Our deafness does not necessarily shut up for us the avenues to success upon every man, if he only have his perseverance which conquers all things.