

TRUST THE CHILDREN.

Trust the children! Never doubt them! Build a wall of love about them After sowing seeds of duty. Trust them for the flowers of beauty.

Trust the children! Don't suspect them! Let your confidence direct them. At your hearth or in the wild wood, Meet them on the plane of childhood.

Trust the little ones! Remember May is not like chill December. Let not words of rage or meanness Check their happy note of gladness.

Trust the little ones! Yet guide them! And, above all, never deride them. Should they trip, or should they blunder, Let you snap love's cords auster.

Trust the children! Let them treasure Mother's faith in boundless measure: Father's love in them confiding. Then no secrets they'll be in hiding.

Trust the children just as He did, Who for "such" once sweetly pleaded: Trust and guide, but never doubt them: Build a wall of love about them.

The Final Reckoning.

It is a very sensible custom for parents to send the superintendent a small sum of money to be used for the incidental expenses of their children. Occasionally, however, the children have a little spending money which they don't care to keep in their pockets, so they ask their teacher to take care of it for them. When the day of final reckoning comes, if the depositor is a very small fellow, there may be trouble. He may doubt the correctness of the books kept by the obliging banker, and say so very emphatically. Others keep so close an account of their financial standing that the teacher could not, if he would deceive them by making false entries. A year ago a small boy found a surplus of three dollars on his hands, and kindly asked us to become his treasurer. We doled out the money to him, ten and fifteen cents at a time, until one day he wanted all that was due him. We found there was a balance of fifty cents to his credit. He looked at our book a while, and said there was an error somewhere. Then he began counting on his fingers in a way that bewildered us, and placed us, book and all, at his mercy. In less than no time he found that he was entitled to only forty cents, and he refused to accept any more. At the opening of the session a little girl made us custodian of fifty cents which hung heavy on her hands. Except once or twice she has never asked us for more than ten cents at a time, yet she has overdrawn her account one dollar and ten cents. We have not the heart to tell her how the account stands, nor do we intend, unless she becomes more reckless in her expenditures than at present. When the last dime has parted with our jeans, we shall gently take her aside and say, "The treasury is empty; there is an end to all things earthly, even your fifty cents." To prospective depositors we will say, "Lead us not into temptation; we have got to make up that dollar and ten cents somehow."—*Lone Star Weekly.*

Good Advice.

Pay no attention to slanderers and gossip-mongers. Keep straight ahead and let their backbiting die the death of neglect. What is the use of lying awake nights brooding over the remark of some false friend, that runs through your brain like lightning? What is the use fretting over gossip that has been set aloft to your disadvantage by some meddling busybody who has more time than character. These things cannot possibly injure you, unless indeed you take notice of them, and in combating them give color to their truth. If what is said about you is true, set yourself right; if it is false, let it go for what it will fetch. If a bee sting you, would you go to the hive to destroyed it? Would not a thousand come upon you? It is wisdom to say little respecting the injuries you have received. We are generally losers in the end if we stop to refute all backbiting and gossiping we may hear by the way. It is certainly annoying, but not dangerous, so long as we do not stop to expostulate. Our characters are formed and sustained by ourselves, by our own actions and purposes, and not by others. Let us always bear in mind that calumniators may usually be trusted to time and the slow but steady justice of public opinion.—*Selected.*

The pupils and officers in the Manual department of the Pennsylvania Institution at Mt. Airy, have started a relief fund for needy deaf-mutes.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE

AMERICAN ANNALS.

The January number of this well-known and highly appreciated publication in the interest of the deaf and the education of the deaf, has been on our table for some time. Neglect to notice it earlier was not due to a lack of interest in its contents. It was filled as usual with matter that should be read and appreciated by all who are concerned about the mental and moral advancement of the deaf. In the number here referred to the two articles by Supt. Clarke, of the Michigan School, and Prof. Blattner, of the Texas School on "the Past and Present forms of Verbs," and the best method of teaching them to beginners, are especially interesting.

THE EDUCATOR.

The last issue of this excellent magazine has also been neglected longer than we intended. It was a superior number, containing much of interest to the profession. We will make special reference to Mr. Jenkins' sensible and reasonable argument in defence of a moderate and timely use of signs, as an important aid in the education of the deaf. We have referred to this article more fully elsewhere, and also to the equally sensible criticism of its chief points by Mr. Davidson, one of the editors. Both writers merit the respect of even those who do not agree with the views they express and defend. The *Educator* contained a good deal of other matter worthy the attention of its readers, to which we have not time to refer particularly.

THE BUFF AND BLUE.

The January number of this representative of the National College has an extra bill of fare. The "Historical Sketch of Our College" makes interesting reading, and is suitably illustrated by photo engravures of the "Faculty," college buildings, etc. The frontispiece is an excellent likeness of the highly esteemed president of the college,—E. M. Gallaudet, Ph. D., LL. D., who is so widely known and greatly honored for the noble work he has done, and is doing, for the cause of deaf-mute education. There are a number of well-written articles, generally by graduates of the college, and miscellaneous notes of general interest. *The Buff and Blue* is being well sustained by the present management, and worthily represents the College on Kendall Green, at Washington, D. C.

Toronto as Seen by a Visitor.

Mr. A. McIntosh, of Winnipeg, has returned home and in a letter to the *Silent Echo*, Winnipeg, gives his impressions of Toronto, part of which is as follows:—About one hundred nates form a part of the population of 185,000, one-fifth of that part attending school at Belleville. Among them there are eighteen or twenty married couples, all appearing to be happy and comfortable. Sociability and hospitality are noted to be their bright attributes.

An incident revealed in my observation may be mentioned here. Prof. Graham Bell's theory against the deaf marrying the deaf seems to be about correct, as four of these couples have a deaf offspring each. This is a large percentage for the population.

Religious life among the mutes is not inactive. Having no chapel of their own, they hold Sunday morning and afternoon and Wednesday night meetings in one of the rooms in the Y. M. C. A. hall on Spadina Avenue, near Knox College, the rent being free, thanks to the influence of Mr. J. D. Nasmith, a hearing gentleman much interested in the welfare of the deaf. Mr. F. Bridgen is a great favorite as exhorter, being the only man in his capacity proficient in the sign language. Mr. Philip Fraser, an old graduate of the Belleville Institution, wins, as he deserves, general respect and affection by his earnestness in over-seeing the above mentioned gentlemen as interpreter or otherwise, and he is always found ready to give a story or recite a hymn at the eleventh hour.

It must be admitted that the legislative committee that decided on Belleville as to be the seat of the institution has made a mistake. Besides the many other advantages that would be gained in the Queen City, a debating society under the auspices of the institution—the same as in Winnipeg—would have been successfully organized and firmly established.

ADDRESS A POSTAL CARD TO

ROBINSON & JOHNSON, ONTARIO BUSINESS COLLEGE, BELLEVILLE, ONT.

And receive by return mail the 20th Annual Catalogue in book of 124 pages and a specimen of Penmanship by the best penman in Canada. Ontario Business College is the most widely attended Business College in America.

A Business Education.

A BOOK OF VALUABLE INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT OF

BOOK-KEEPING and SHORTHAND

SENT FREE ADDRESS

BELLEVILLE BUSINESS COLLEGE BELLEVILLE, ONT.

HAMILTON DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION

Messrs. Grant and Duff conduct religious services every Sunday, at 3 p.m., in the People's Hall, 50th St. north, near King. The Literary and Debating Society meets every Friday evening at 7:30 in the Y. M. C. A. Building, corner Jackson and James Sts. President, J. H. Hyman; Vice-President, Thos. Thompson; Secretary, Wm. Joyce; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. H. Mosher. Meetings are open to all mutes and friends interested.

TORONTO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES are held as follows: Every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. in the Y. M. C. A. Building at corner Queen Street West and Davenport Road. Leaders: Messrs. Fraser, Houston and Slater. In the afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Y. M. C. A. Building, at corner of Spadina Avenue and College Street. Leaders: Messrs. Nasmith and Bridgen. The Literary Society meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month, in the Y. M. C. A. Building, corner of Queen St. West and Davenport Road, at 8 p.m. President, C. J. Howe; Vice-Pres., A. W. Mason, Secretary, R. C. Slater; Treas., W. J. Terrell. The above officers, with P. Fraser, form the Executive Committee. All residents and visiting deaf mutes are cordially invited to attend the meetings. The Secretary's address is 19 Garden Avenue.

Scientific American Agency for PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, DESIGN PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS, etc. For information and free Handbook write to MUNN & CO., 311 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK. Oldest bureau for securing patents in America. Every patent taken out by us is brought before the public by a notice given free of charge in the Scientific American.

Scientific American Largest circulation of any scientific paper in the world—splendidly illustrated. No intelligent man should be without it. Send \$1.00 a year \$5.00 six months. Address MUNN & CO., PUBLISHERS, 311 Broadway, New York City.

Uneducated Deaf Children.

I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE EVERY person who receives this paper send me the name and post-office address of the parents of deaf children not attending school, who are known to them, so that I may forward them particulars concerning this Institution and inform them where and by what means their children can be instructed and furnished with an education. R. MATHISON, Superintendent.

The Los Angeles Association of the Deaf.

SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY at 3 p.m., at the Guild Room of the St. Paul's Church, Olive Street, Los Angeles. DUTIES: 1. The holding of religious services in the sign language. 2. The social and intellectual improvement of deaf-mutes. 3. Visiting and aiding them in sickness. 4. Giving information and advice where needed. OFFICERS:—Secretary-Treasurer and Librarian, Thos. Wild. The post office address of Mr. Thomas Wild is Station D, Los Angeles, Cal., to whom all communications should be addressed.

FOR SALE.

HISTORY OF DEAF-MUTE EDUCATION in Ontario, illustrated with thirty-four fine engravings. Single copies, paper cover, 25c; full cloth, 50c. By the dozen copies, paper cover, 17c each, cloth, 25c each. C. J. HOWE, 174 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ont.

Institution for the Blind.

THE PROVINCIAL INSTITUTION FOR THE Education and Instruction of Blind children is located at Brantford, Ontario. For particulars address A. H. DYMOND, Principal.

Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION: West 2:30 a.m., 4:17 a.m., 11:25 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 5:15 p.m. East—1:02 a.m., 6:25 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m. MADOC AND PETERSBURG BRANCH 3:45 a.m. to 11:20 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Classes:

SCHOOL Hours: From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Drawing Class from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday afternoons. GIRLS' FANCY WORK CLASS from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoons of each week. SIGN CLASS for Junior Teachers on Monday and Wednesday afternoons of Monday and Wednesday of each week from 3:10 to 4. EVENING STUDY from 7 to 8 for mutes and pupils and from 7 to 8 for mutes.

Articulation Classes:

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Religious Exercises:

EVERY SUNDAY—Primary pupils at 10 a.m., senior pupils at 11 a.m.; General Institute at 3 p.m., immediately after which the class will assemble. EACH SCHOOL DAY the pupils attend church in the Chapel at 8:45 a.m., and the teacher in-charge for the week, will open the prayer and afterwards distribute the BIBLE. They may reach their respective schools at a later hour than 9 o'clock. At the chapel at 3 o'clock the pupils will, in assembly, after prayer will be called on to speak in orderly manner. EPISCOPAL VISITING CLERGYMEN: Rev. Canon Burke, Right Rev. Monsignor L. G. V. G., Rev. J. L. George, (Clergyman), Rev. E. N. Baker, (Methodist), Rev. J. Marshall, (Baptist); Rev. M. W. Mackenzie, (Lutheran); Rev. Father O'Brien.

Clergymen of all Denominations are cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Industrial Departments:

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND LEATHER DEPARTMENTS from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for pupils who attend school; for those who do not from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. each working day except Saturday, when the other departments will be closed at noon.

THE SWIMMING CLASS Hours are from 10 a.m. to 12 o'clock, noon, and from 1:30 to 4 p.m. for those who do not attend school, and from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for those who do. No swimming on Saturday afternoons.

The Printing Office, Shop and Sewing Room to be left each day when work is done in a clean and tidy condition.

PUPILS are not to be excused from the various Classes or Industrial Departments except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.

Teachers, Officers and others are not to allow matters foreign to the work to be introduced or interfere with the performance of their several duties.

Visitors:

Persons who are interested, desirous of visiting the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays except to the regular chapel services at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. The last time for visit on ordinary school days is as soon after 12:30 in the afternoon as possible, as the classes are dismissed at 3:30 o'clock.

Admission of Children.

When pupils are admitted and parents send with them to the Institution, they are to be advised not to linger and prolong the talking with their children. It can be a source of discomfort for all concerned, particularly for the parent. The child will be tenderly cared for, and if left in our charge without delay will be quite happy with the others a few days, in some cases in a few hours.

Visitation:

It is not beneficial to the pupils for their friends to visit them frequently. If parents desire to come, however, they will be made welcome to the class-rooms and allowed every opportunity of seeing the general work of the school. We cannot furnish lodgings for relatives or entertain guests at the Institution. Good accommodation may be had in the City at the Hudson House, Queen's, Angle, Marlborough and Dominion Hotels at moderate rates.

Clothing and Management:

Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent. No correspondence will be allowed between parents and employees under any circumstances without special permission on each occasion.

Sickness and Correspondence:

In case of the serious illness of pupils, letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or guardians. IN THE ABSENCE OF PARENTS, FRIENDS OF PUPILS MAY BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A RELEASE.

All pupils who are capable of doing so, will be required to write home every three weeks. Letters will be written by the teacher to the little ones who cannot write, stating, as far as possible, their wishes.

No medical preparations that are used at home, or prescribed by family physicians will be allowed to be taken by pupils except with the consent and direct order of the Physician of the Institution.

Parents and friends of deaf children are advised against Quack doctors who advertise their claims and appliances for the cure of deafness. In 99 cases out of 100 they are swindlers and only want money for which they can do nothing. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of advertised cures, and be guided by their own good advice.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent.