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HOME NEWS

—1018 pupils are entered on our registers up to 30th of Sept. last.

—Little John Mapes has the sympathy of us all in the loss of his little sister, Nellie, who died at Lindsay a week or two ago.

—After chapel exercises on the 7th two pupils visited the cemetery in a body and enjoyed the walk very much, as the afternoon was fine.

—There has been a little change in the class rooms this term. Mr Campbell succeeds Mr. McAloney, Mr. Balis has taken the late Mr. Ashley's class and room and Mr. Stewart succeeds Mr. Balis in charge of the class of boys in Wood Hall.

—We have only four pupils working all day in the shops this term, distributed as follows: sewing class, 2, printing office, 1, shoe-shop, 1. Last year there were thirteen. Too many of our pupils leave before they have completed a full course of training.

—There have been no changes in our staff of attendants for a long time and school opened with all back at their posts. It is evident that our girls are happy and comfortable and that they like the matron, Miss Walker, and that she is satisfied with them.

—Workmen are now engaged sodding the lot in front of the "Gibson Hospital." It would have been done before but for the dry weather. It would have been a severe strain on any one to cut that sod during the dry summer, which has been the driest for many years.

—During the vacation a lighter and more airy domicile has been fitted up for the officer in charge of the senior boys' dormitories in Wood Hall. The change is an agreeable one and much appreciated. Every bed is full over there. Mr McKillop is in charge this session.

—Our pupils' column commences again with this issue. You know that all news connected with the daily happenings around our own Institution is of the greatest interest to the parents of our pupils and the first to be read when our little paper reaches their hands.

—The Hamilton Spectator says:—"Probably the best printed and altogether the prettiest Canadian paper that comes to the Spectator office is THE CANADIAN MUTE, printed and published at the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb in Belleville. It is a credit to the Institution."

—One of the conveniences of our dining room this session is a number of raised chairs for our little folks. They will not miss the high chairs many of them left at home, and can now help themselves with more facility than before. If they continue to diminish in size, we will have to feed them with a spoon.

—The sign class for teachers who are not proficient, meets three afternoons in the week after school under the charge of Mr. Balis. We are not yet ripe to obliterate the sign language from our school. We believe that judiciously used it is a power at the right time and place. But "the world does move" and we are open to conviction.

—The steam pressure on the pipes gives these chilly mornings a tinge of comfort. Those who feel anxious about the coming cold weather should visit the coal sheds and see the mighty pile of coal that is lying ready to feed the hungry maws of our furnaces. Our engineers expect to shovel in about 750 tons during the next six months.

—The afternoon of Friday, 5th inst., was given the pupils as a holiday, school and shops closed at noon and the pupils had out to enjoy their liberty. The elder girls went to town shopping in charge of teachers, and the boys used the occasion to get all the foot ball practice that they could and kept up the sport most of the afternoon.

—The jovial good natured face of John Isbister, with which we have been familiar for so many years, is now missing from our halls and play ground. John has taken the full course both in the scholastic and industrial department and has gone out to battle for a livelihood. He is looking for a location, purchasing leather and other stock to start a small shop of his own. May success follow him! The foot-ball club would have liked his sturdy help in the league matches for another season, but personal interests are paramount.

Hugh Carson's uncle, from Napanco, visited him recently and among other things brought him an ear trumpet, which when tested enabled him to hear what was said to him without difficulty. The instrument is one that can be carried in the pocket and should be used as frequently as possible, as by constant use his hearing will probably improve.

—We have no space this time for sporting matters, but will just say that only two clubs have consented to compete for the Corby Cup and gold medals—the city team and our own,—the winner of two matches out of three to take prize. The first match will probably come off on the 19th inst. So if any of our old players intend to return to school they had better hurry up.

—An application for a place in our printing office was received from a very small boy. After sizing up his inches we concluded that he would have to grow a little more before he would do. Not to be disappointed he electrified us with the information that it was a "devil printer" he wanted to be, so he was given the office chores to do. Little Ernest Hackbush is the last addition to our office. He is so small that he has to mount a box to reach the case, but promises soon to be quite smart at the case. All will be glad to see him succeed, as he is unfitted by nature for heavy labor.

—Everything possible is done to make our pupils happy and contented, the now children especially are carefully looked after to make them feel at home, but sometimes one will get the blues and ramble off to find his home. This was the case with one of two brothers named Sedore. The lad, who is about thirteen years old, started off early one morning while the officers were at breakfast. When school opened at 9 a. m. he was missed and messengers were sent out to scour the country and city. The search was unavailing and it was supposed that he had made for his home, thirty miles away. Two days after, however, he was noticed by one of the small boys hiding in a neighbouring barn and brought back, given a good meal and a bath and sent to bed. How he existed for forty-eight hours is a mystery, but apples were plentiful in the neighbourhood.

PERSONALITIES.

—Miss Minnie E. Morris, a student at Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., sends us a correct solution of our thirty-four puzzle. Next.

Kate Marks, formerly a pupil with us, is now attending the Institution for the Deaf at Jacksonville, Ill. She is just as great a favorite there as she was here.

—Our old friend, Mr. McAloney, is now at the Institution for the Deaf at Trenton, N. J., and sends kindly greetings to all here. We will keep his memory green.

Mr. Jas. Young, of Corbyville, drove over and spent Sunday with the boys and attended chapel services. He and his brother, both deaf, are working a farm of 400 acres, and by steadiness and hard work bid fair to make a competence. Both were pupils here in years gone by.

—Mrs. Balis' fond wish, so beautifully expressed, will find ready response in the hearts of every true son and daughter of our beloved Institution:—"Thus does the influence of our beloved alma mater circle out, may it pass on and on, until all is gathered up into eternity."—Advance

—Miss Christina Haines, of Chester-ville, writes that she has been regretting ever since June last that she did not attend the Convention held here in that month. During the summer she seemed to have had a good time generally, having visited Ottawa, Williamsburg, Morwood, Morrisburg, and several places in New York State. She wishes to be remembered to all her old school mates.

—Mr. and Mrs. Sedore were here on Sunday, 7th inst. They had heard of the escapade of their little boy and parental anxiety drew them here. They drove the distance from their home and on their arrival were glad to find both their sons safe under the care of the Institution again. They left for home on the following day satisfied that their children were in safe hands and being carefully looked after.

—Miss Mary Lynch, one of our old graduates, is assistant nurse in St. Joseph's Hospital, London, Ont. Her

duties are to wait on patients, go round with the doctors to help bandaging, etc., feed patients who are too weak to help themselves, and says her duties are light, but require prompt attention. She likes the position and we have no doubt will give satisfaction to all with whom she is brought in contact.

—GOOD FOR JOE.—Principal McDermid of the Winnipeg Institution refers to one of our old pupils as follows:—Mr. J. R. Cook takes the place, vacated by J. R. Byrne, as supervisor of the boys, and also fills the position of foreman of the printing office, the duties of which had been so acceptably performed by Mr. Angus Mcintosh. Mr. Cook is a graduate of the Ontario Institution for the Education of the Deaf, and is an expert in the use of signs. He has also served his time as apprentice in the printing business. I am glad to be able to say that he is performing his duties in a most acceptable manner.

Extracts from Letters.

—A father writes:—"We are greatly pleased with the improvement our daughter is making in her studies. We certainly would be lacking in gratitude if we did not thank you and all the officers and teachers for your kindness to her."

—A mother writes:—"I feel I can never thank you all enough for the kind care and attention my boy receives at the Institution. I tried to keep him rivetted in some of his studies during the vacation, such as reading and arithmetic. I hope my labor was not in vain. I like to do all I can for him and not leave it all for his teachers."

—"With grateful hearts would thank you and her teachers for the loving care and kindness she has received. We think her very much improved and that her general health was better than it used to be. I am pleased to learn that the school opened this year under pleasant and favorable circumstances, and I earnestly pray that God's blessing may rest upon yourself and also on the teachers, officers and pupils."

—A relative of one of the pupils writes:—"We are very much pleased with the advancement of Ethel during the last term, both in learning and deportment, and I take opportunity of expressing our deep sense of gratitude for the unwearied kindness and solicitude of the officials and teachers of your Institution toward those under their charge. I trust also Ethel is fully impressed with the deep obligation she is under to those who are so kind to her."

—A high authority in educational matters writes us:—"I received a copy of THE CANADIAN MUTE issued by the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, at Belleville, and am greatly pleased with the typographical neatness and general arrangement of the publication. Setting up the type for such a paper and making the necessary selections will be profitable and educative to the scholars and will help to keep it before the public in a way which I am sure must be eminently satisfactory to the country."

—"I suppose you have your family of scholars all altogether again by this time and busy at their lessons. May the good Lord be with you this school term, as I believe He has been with you in the past, is our prayer. We were very much pleased to see the progress Henry made in one term at your Institution, it was more than a person could expect. Not only ourselves were surprised at what he had learned but every body he met seemed to be surprised how quick he was in going over his lessons. We were afraid when the time would come for him to go back to school he would not be ready, as his vacation had been so short, but as the time drew near he seemed to know it. He got his things ready and packed his trunk and when the morning came for him to start he jumped for joy, so that shows how well he was treated, and I am sure you may believe that we feel very thankful that we ever found out such a grand place for our child to be made useful for after years. Thanking you for your care and kindness to our child in the past, our prayers shall be in the future for the good Lord to be with you all and help you in your great work."

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Wm. NURSE, LOCAL REPORTER.

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In articulation in speech is more than eloquence.

The Thirty-four Puzzle.

We have another solution of the thirty-four puzzle, which appeared in our last paper, sent us by Dr. Symthe, M. P. of Kingston. It is as under—

16	2	3	13
5	11	10	8
9	7	6	12
1	14	15	4

General good health prevails.

On the first Tuesday in the month the drawing class was organized under Miss Yarwood of Belleville. There are now 38 pupils in attendance each Tuesday and Thursday. We hope to record gratifying progress in this department later as many of our pupils show marked ability that way. To the girls especially the branch can be made of much utility in designing, &c. The boys as a rule do not take the interest in drawing that they should do. For their course in mechanical subjects would help greatly in future years.

The duties allotted to teachers and officers this term are as follows: Sunday chapel duty—Messrs. Coleman, Denys, Balis and Campbell. Study room duty, girls' side, Misses Curlette, Maybee and Bull; boys' side, Messrs. Campbell, Smith and Douglas. Sunday supervising duty, girls' side, Misses Curlette, Maybee, Gallagher and Bull; boys' side, Messrs. Smith, Douglas, Burns and Nurse. Saturday evening, Messrs. Burns and Nurse, alternately. Miss James and Mr. McKillop take charge of the girls' and boys' sides respectively every Sunday evening. Mr. Flynn takes charge of the Catholic pupils while attending church in the city on Sundays.

A new face has appeared on our official staff. On the 1st inst., a gentleman arrived at this Institution, and at 4 p. m. when the pupils were assembled in the chapel after school, Mr. Mathison introduced him as Mr. Keith, our new supervisor of boys, and called on the pupils to render all due respect and obedience to his authority. This change is very regretted by the retirement in November of our genial store-keeper, Mr. Smith, who goes to complete his medical studies. Mr. Douglas, who has been in charge of the boys for the past eleven years, will take charge of the store and Mr. Smith's duties. The change must be an agreeable one to Mr. Douglas, as any one who has filled such an arduous position for so many years will testify. Mr. Keith is now being coached in his new duties, yet like all new comers he looks strange among us.

FRASER. At 121 Bouverieville Ave., Toronto, on Saturday, August 15th, the wife of Philip Fraser, of a son.