

## A Hymn.

...in British Day Monthly  
...lighting turned and said  
...at "Be opened,"  
...and Thy blessing give,  
...leaf and hearing live  
...our speech is dead to earth,  
...gates are known above  
...spirits' kindred spirits meet  
...love is met by love.  
...at spirit heart and feel,  
...and who raised the dead  
...things now proclaim  
...through His Holy Name  
...the poor ones with us here  
...and whose pulses stir,  
...sings, sings in their fight  
...souls the Gospel light  
...their hearts to raise,  
...to hymn His praise  
...the greatest, Heavenly Lord  
...be Thy gifts restored  
...the missions here below  
...Thy gracious aid bestow  
...suffering brethren's aid  
...for which Thy life-blood paid

## PUPILS' LOCALS.

...ated by Pupils of Mr. Denys' Class.

...  
...think  
...Thy fulfills.  
...six weeks more.  
...and then mother  
...crouches peeping up.  
...A thunder storm on April 18th  
...Who will stay for the Convention?  
...Mrs. Terrill spent Easter in King  
...The Queen spends \$60,000 annually  
...We were sorry to know Mrs. Mathi-  
...is quite ill  
...Friday was very bleak, but  
...was an ideal day  
...We do n't hear much about the  
...and beers now  
...The swan boys admire the birds  
...in building their nests.  
...With what do birds build their  
...Their beaks, of course.  
...Strange it should be so hard for  
...to talk, and for others not to  
...While wrote "I saw some taffy in  
...window and paid five cents for  
...Mr. Mathison visits all the classes  
...He likes every one to im-  
...They say the maple sap this spring  
...is not as sweet as usual. What is the  
...Silence is the first step to wisdom.  
...The fact may have escaped some, hence  
...We will be glad to go home, but  
...we have the examination and must  
...be well before that.  
...Mr. Forrester finds the road a little  
...but is justly proud of his  
...and progress.  
...I saw an accident last Saturday.  
...span of horses and the electric car  
...The team was caught.  
...Young abstainer, who indulges in  
...such distinctions. "It is not right to  
...eat too much, except in sickness."  
...Quite a joy mantle has vanished  
...Sol can once more utter its  
...in her sparkling countenance.  
...On Easter Sunday the Methodist  
...went to church in town. They  
...much pleased and would like to go  
...Misses James, Thomas and Black  
...were delighted to visit Miss  
...living home. They were kindly  
...Many of us got boxes and Easter  
...from home for Easter. We were  
...glad that our parents so kindly re-  
...Somebody tried to play a trick on  
...brothers by putting biscuits on  
...but the joke was turned on  
...body else.  
...We had a party Easter Monday  
...in the dining room. We enjoyed  
...It broke up at half past nine o'clock,  
...with nice refreshments.  
...What's in a name? England has  
...pounds, France, francs, Germany,  
...Russia, roubles, Italy, lire,  
...Austria, florins  
...Miss Bull intended to take some  
...to see the cemetery on Sunday  
...noon, but as the ground was wet,  
...could not go. They were sorry.  
...We were all very sorry Mr. Colo-  
...n's eldest daughter died. Her re-

...main were interred in Belleville. We  
...sympathize with him and Mrs. Coleman

...On the 16th ult. Miss Florence Hill,  
...of Belleville, came here to the party.  
...She was very glad to see us again. She  
...looked very well. I hope she will come  
...again.  
...The 20th ult. was Marion Forgett's  
...birthday. We wished her many happy  
...returns. Her friend Elizabeth Chatten  
...gave an address to her. She was de-  
...lighted.  
...Oh! how the birds to sing and  
...chirp and warble. They will break  
...their little throats, sure. Yet nobody  
...can blame them for being glad to be  
...back to Canada.  
...Last month Ethel Dixon got word  
...from home, saying her brother Bert  
...went to Fort McLeod in the N. W. T.  
...She hopes he will come back to her  
...home this summer.

...We heard with regret of the death  
...of Mr. Downie's mother. The boys in  
...the carpenter shop felt especially  
...grieved at their foreman and friend  
...being called away by the sad news.

...Miss Gertrude Holt received a little  
...box from her friend, Miss Grace Muckle  
...on Easter. She was very much pleased  
...with it. So also Miss Maud Thomas had  
...a little box from Miss Lizzie Muckle.

...The old gentleman with the scythe  
...has been very busy lately among farmer  
...friends. But sad as some of its strokes  
...were, we feel grateful that not a death  
...so far this year has occurred in the  
...school.

...A fly—a patriarch—made his ap-  
...pearance in the room a few days ago. He  
...seemed yet very stiff. One sympathetic  
...little boy helped him to a sunny spot in  
...the corner where he left him dancing on  
...his back.

...Frogs are not much to look at, nor  
...in their music particularly attractive,  
...yet after the long, cold, dreary season,  
...we are glad to welcome life in any  
...shape it may appear, let alone their  
...table value.

...There is a hope that the Prince of  
...Wales may visit Canada next year.  
...There are no Siphos in our happy  
...young and, but warm and true are the  
...hearts that would greet our gracious  
...Queen's oldest son.

...The Scotch have not degenerated.  
...They know a good thing when they see  
...it. Witness their wanting St. Patrick  
...now. Well, they can't have him. Like  
...our friends, what we have we hold.  
...Vo is comphreure.

...Birds, blossoms, beauty, birds,  
...fresh, fragrant, flowering springtime,  
...I love thee. Sing, breathe, grow, live,  
...bubble, leap and glide and rejoice all in  
...Him whose power and wisdom and  
...goodness we praise.

...Margaret Esson got a letter from  
...her mother a few days ago saying that  
...her cousin from Hamilton went to visit  
...her home. He was sorry because he did  
...not see Maggie. Her family had a good  
...chat with him about Scotland which  
...he visited last summer.

## Only a Cent

...Uncle Harris was a carpenter, and  
...had a shop in the country. One day he  
...went into the barn, where Dick and Joe  
...were playing with two tame pigeons.  
..."Boys," said he, "my workshop  
...ought to be swept up every evening.  
...Which of you will undertake it? I am  
...willing to pay a cent for each sweeping."  
..."Only a cent," said Dick. "Who  
...would work for a cent?"  
..."I will," said Joe. "A cent is better  
...than nothing."  
...So every day when Uncle Harris was  
...done working in the shop Joe would  
...take an old broom and sweep it. And  
...he dropped all his pennies in his tin  
...savings bank. One day Uncle Harris  
...took Dick and Joe to town with him.  
...While he went to buy some lumber,  
...they went into a store where there were  
...toys of every kind.  
..."What a fine kite," said Dick. "I  
...wish I could buy one."  
..."Only ten cents," said the salesman.  
..."I haven't even a cent," said Dick.  
..."I have fifty cents," said Joe, "and  
...I think I will buy that bird kite."  
..."How did you get fifty cents," asked  
...Dick.  
..."By sweeping the shop," answered  
...Joe. "I saved my pennies, and did  
...not open my bank until this morning."  
...Joe bought the kite and a fine large  
...knife, while Dick went home without  
...anything. —Texas Baptist.

## TORONTO TOPICS.

...From our own Correspondent

...Miss M. McMillan of Purpleville,  
...has been the guest of Mr and Mrs. J.  
...H. Mason, Garden Ave. for the past  
...two weeks.

...Miss B. Morrison visited her parents  
...and friends in Muskoka during the  
...Easter holidays.

...Mr. John Flynn spent his Easter holi-  
...days in Oshawa and while there visited  
...his old friend Mr. McLaren, of Raglan.

...Mr. S. McMillan visited in Oakville  
...recently and enjoyed himself.

...Mrs. N. Cunningham, of Oakville, is  
...still staying in this city.

...Wilfrid Lightfoot is able to be around  
...again. He was not operated on as  
...stated in a recent issue of the CANADIAN  
...Merry.

...It is reported that C. Gillam has  
...resigned his position in the Brush and  
...Broom Factory for a better situation on  
...a steam boat.

...Percy Allen has gone to Owen Sound  
...where he expects to get a job.

...Among the Hamilton friends who  
...visited the city lately were—Messrs.  
...A. S. Waggoner, R. McPherson Wm.  
...Watt and John Isbister, Miss N. Cun-  
...ingham. Also Mrs. Terrell of New  
...market.

...Mr. Geo. Reeves spent his Easter  
...holidays in Lindsay visiting old friends.

...Miss Bessie Smith and Miss L. Mason  
...have secured good positions in T.  
...Eaton's. We wish them every success.

...Mrs. Biddell accompanied by Mrs. J.  
...D. Naamith visited Brooklyn N. Y.  
...They returned home after a most en-  
...joyable trip.

...A very pretty wedding took place at  
...the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs.  
...Wilkinson, of Ossington street, when  
...Mr. John Terrell was married to Miss  
...H. E. Wilkinson. The bridesmaid was  
...Miss Ethel Wilkinson, sister of the bride,  
...and the groomsmen were Mr. N. Smith,  
...Rev. Mr. Foster tied the knot, while  
...Miss Annie Fraser acted as interpreter.  
...They left for the west where they will  
...spend their honeymoon. Congratulations.

...We regret to announce the death of  
...Mrs. R. Slater who will always be  
...remembered as a good friend to the  
...deaf. We extend our sympathy to her  
...sorrowing husband and friends.

...We were sorry to learn of the death  
...of Miss Carrie Coleman, the beloved  
...daughter of Prof. Coleman, head teacher  
...of the Institution for the Deaf and  
...Dumb, Belleville. He and his family  
...have our sympathy.

## Careless Speech.

...The habit of it is often nothing more  
...of deteriorating speech is so common  
...that it would be well for all of us to  
...stop and think about it.

...This sort of thing is so often heard.

...I don't think he or she is so very  
...clever or economical, or stylish, or  
...bright or cheerful, or a thousand other  
...things. We do not stop to think that  
...with perhaps we do not think her so  
...very pretty as we have heard we do  
...think her pretty, and, again, if not very  
...clever, surely interesting, and all the  
...others in like measure. It is merely a  
...habit with many people, not skill deep,  
...but just the careless and unfortunate habit  
...of depreciating speech. A woman with  
...a sharp tongue, but with the tenderest  
...of hearts, the most generous of natures,  
...but with a keenly critical mind and a  
...rare intuition as to character, was  
...brought up "all standing" as she ex-  
...pressed it, after she had been talking one day  
...with a friend about several people, and  
...before a girl who was visiting the friend.

...In a sudden lull in the talk the girl  
...said as if by uncontrollable impulse,  
..."Don't you like any body?" "What do  
...you mean?" said the startled woman.  
...The girl blushed and hesitated, and then  
...said, "Please pardon me, but it seemed  
...so little more was said, it was passed  
...off and passed by, as in the polite world  
...things that are unpleasant are passed  
...over, but into the heart of that woman  
...the criticism sank deeply and from that  
...hour she watched and guarded her  
...tongue. Now she does not depreciate  
...in speech, and if she can't appreciate,  
...is silent. It is well to remember the  
...wise words of Emerson, "Omit the  
...negative propositions. Don't waste your  
...self in rejection nor bark against the  
...bad, but chant the beauty of the good."  
...What a changed and better world we  
...should all live in if we only followed  
...that advice! —Harpers' Bazar

...When a man tires of himself his case  
...is hopeless.

## The Old Home.

...In the quiet shadows of twilight  
...I stand by the garden door,  
...and gaze on the old, old home instead.  
...No cherished and loved of yore  
...but the ivy now is twining  
...Untraced o'er window and wall,  
...and no more the voice of the children  
...is echoing through the hall.

...Through years of pain and sorrow,  
...since first I had to part,  
...The thought of our dear old home, instead  
...has lingered around my heart.  
...The porch embowered with roses,  
...The gables' drooping eaves,  
...and the songs of the birds at twilight  
...amid the orchard leaves.

...And the forms of those that loved me  
...in the happy childhood years  
...appear at the dusky windows,  
...Through them dimmed with tears  
...I hear their voices calling  
...from the shadows far away  
...and I stretch my arms toward them  
...in the gloom of the twilight gray.

...But only the night winds answer,  
...As I cry through the dismal air  
...and only the bat comes swooping  
...from the darkness of its lair.  
...Yet still the voice of my childhood  
...is calling from far away,  
...and the face of those who loved me  
...smile through the shadows gray. —Selected

## From Carman, Man.

...The genial "Jimmy" Duncan is now  
...located at Carman, Man., and is so much  
...in love with the western prairies that  
...even the pleasure of meeting old school  
...chums at the convention will not induce  
...him to return to old Ontario again, but all  
...the same he greets his old friends with  
...every good wish for the success of the  
...meetings.

...Mrs. T. Richardson and Miss Mary  
...Pettypiece is doing very well and is  
...very happy with her speaking husband.

...Neil Calder, who farms about fourteen  
...miles east of here, is also doing very  
...well, and is now a happy father, having  
...got a little daughter lately. He was done  
...with wheat seeding on Monday of this  
...week (April 19). Seeding commenced  
...in this country on March 30, so you can  
...see what fine weather we have up in  
...Manitoba. Can you give the same good  
...report for that old dear Ontario.

...A. Clark was at his old business of  
...podding in this locality a few days  
...since. He ought to have remained at  
...farming, at which he was occupied at  
...one time some years ago.

## Sloyd.

...The introduction of sloyd is, I am  
...satisfied, an important step in our work.  
...The word "sloyd" is of Swedish origin,  
...so, too, is the system itself, and its  
...meaning. Mr. Larsson, principal of the  
...Boston Sloyd School, says in "Manual  
...training for the sake of general develop-  
...ment, physical, mental, and moral and  
...it also means that kind of hand work  
...which will best stimulate the right kind  
...of head work."

...The exercises of sloyd are particularly  
...well adapted to the deaf child. They  
...cultivate careful observation, judgment,  
...a good sense of proportion, and a habit  
...of exactness. The work finds the plane  
...of individual mental capacity, proceed-  
...ing in progressive order from the easy  
...to the difficult. It affords necessary  
...variety in the objects to be made, the  
...wood used, in physical application or  
...manipulation, and in intellectual prob-  
...lems.

...The models are such as to create inter-  
...est in each completed product, and the  
...usefulness of those, always apparent,  
...their ownership by the maker, help to  
...create within the child a respect for  
...honest labor. The knife is the first tool  
...with which the work is begun, and then  
...as the exercises indicate and the develop-  
...ment of the child requires, the teacher,  
...carefully avoiding the encouragement of  
...mechanical methods, supplies such  
...further tools as the physical and mental  
...capacity of his pupils suggest.

...Already, some of our boys who never  
...before had shown special taste for  
...occupations outside the class room, are  
...now eager, interested workers in sloyd.  
...Greater possibilities have been revealed  
...to them, each day disclosing little by  
...little new talents which they are begin-  
...ning to appreciate, and this growing sense  
...of increasing power seems even to  
...stimulate them in their studies. Besides  
...all that it does, sloyd, in developing the  
...practical man, tends to make him  
...industrious and saving, as opposed to  
...helplessness and thriftlessness, qualities  
...which too many men possess.—From  
...the Fifteenth Annual Report of the  
...Superintendent of the Northern New  
...York Institution for Deaf-Mutes.

...A composer says bank notes are used in  
...composing for tunes.