

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Girls' Side of the Institution.

BY DONELLA BEATTY.]

We all are very glad that it will not be long till we are at home again. But we cannot realize it.

Since last December we girls have not been down town, but we are expecting to go down very soon.

Miss Annie Gilleland's father said to her that her little brother and sister had the measles lately, but they are all right again.

Miss Alberta Woods was very pleased to receive a photograph of her sister in law and little niece from her brother in the States.

Last Thursday little Jessie Rutherford was very happy to have her parents come up to see her. They brought her some sweetmeats from home.

A few days ago Miss Jane Millar got word from her mother that her sister Lizzie got her face burned on the kitchen stove by falling in a faint.

Two weeks ago Miss Jacobina Lobinger was surprised to get a postal card from little Cora Pierce, who recently left here. We all sympathize with her in the loss of her dear baby sister.

One day lately Miss Alberta Woods was surprised to find a one cent piece under a nap on the table where she sits. She really wants to know who put it there. Let her know, please.

In the last number of the Murr it was said that Miss Lotta Henry was in Chicago, but it was a mistake, as Miss Fanny Ball received a letter from her sister Lotta saying that Miss Lotta was in Detroit visiting her cousin.

Sometime ago little Fred Barnard's sister Annie while on her wedding trip, came up here to see us and Miss Ethel Swartz who lives near her home. They were very glad to see her again. She brought some wedding cake for them.

A photograph in which she was with her sister who visited here lately, was given to Mrs. Maggie Hutchinson by her beloved friend Miss Dempsey. The photo was life-like, and Miss Dempsey's expression was sweet and natural.

Last Wednesday afternoon, while skating on the pond, Miss Annie Blackburn accidentally tripped in a crack, fell down and struck her head. If the cap she wore were to have fallen off, she would have had the back of her head cut, but it is only bruised.

One of our young lady teachers, Miss Gibson, has purchased a new bicycle. She says she will kindly let some girls use it a little. Last Saturday afternoon she learned how to ride, but got some tumbles. We all hope she will soon improve very much.

The Presbyterian children were agreeably surprised a week ago when Mr. Coleman presented them each with a copy of the Shorter Catechism, which was a fine gift from Mr. A. G. Northrup, of Belleville. We thank Mr. Northrup, and shall not forget his kindness.

On Saturday evening, the 29th ult., in the chapel, Mrs. Ball gave a lecture about "China and the Chinese." It was very interesting. Little Katie Shivers and one of the boys took part in it and were dressed in suitable costumes in the character of Chinese.

This time of year many of us girls go out for a pleasant walk before breakfast to get the fresh air. When the weather comes, we will get up earlier than usual to go out for a walk, while others will be in a hurry to finish making something for their loved friends at home before school closes.

On the 12th inst. was Mr. Coleman's birthday and he received two addresses from his class—one from the girls and one from the boys. He said he was very much pleased to receive them and thanked us for our kind remembrance of his birthday. He told us that he was going to give us a holiday in the class-room, but not to tell Mr. Mathison.

Last Thursday was the birthday of our young lady teacher, Miss James. She received many lovely presents and addresses from her friends. One of the addresses was the sweetest she ever had in her life, and she appreciated it, the other from Miss Alivo Dufelleffille, on the part of the girls, was very highly esteemed. We all wish her many happy returns on her birthday.

It is not half the battle of life, it is not hard to earn money as to spend it wisely. — *Spurgeon.*

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

Frank Moore got first prize at the carnival in Alexander Park on 25th ult.

Miss Lizzie Mason returned to Toronto after spending a few months with her brother near Harrison.

Missionary Sniveroy, from Chicago, in one of his lectures here a few weeks ago warmly recommended Prof. Bell's method of teaching the deaf to talk. Of course not many put much faith in it.

Mr. Mundle badly sprained his back lifting a stove in Gurney's foundry. He is quite better now.

Will friend Bayne attend the coming Convention? We would all be pleased with a call from him if he should be obliged to come on some business more important.

Mr. J. L. Smith delivered an interesting lecture on Saint Patrick, at the Y. M. C. A. Hall in Dovercourt Road a few weeks ago, which is celebrated on the 17th of this month.

We heard that Robert Blain, a deaf mute peddler, was sentenced at the Chatham Assizes lately to two years in Kingston Penitentiary, for violating the laws. Deaf mutes deserve justice the same as hearing people.

On Sunday morning, the 18th ult., Harry, the one year old son of H. Mason, overturned a kettle of hot water scalding his face and shoulder in a frightful manner.

Mr. H. Gilbert has removed from North Toronto to Sackville St., near Wilton Avenue.

William L., son of Mr. Henry Gilbert, together with his brother-in-law, left for South Africa on the 6th inst., via England. If they like the place they will send for their families.

We hear from our friend Daniel Hadden occasionally. He enjoys skating on the River St. Clair. He lives with his mother in Mooretown. They rented their farm. Mr. Hadden met Jam's Buck's brother in Courtwright.

Mr. McIntosh has been temporarily employed at the office of Warwick & Co.

Mr. Slater has recovered from an attack of neuralgia in the jaws. Pain Killer is good for it, he says.

Mrs. Buchan and Mr. and Mrs. Wedderburn have been laid up with La Grippe.

Mrs. Cotterill, nee Nelso Flight, has moved with her family to Peterboro.

We are glad to hear Freddy Terrell is better.

We were surprised to see by *Echo* that the report had got abroad that we were complaining of hard times. Why, we never saw so many of our friends in good and lucrative positions as now. There is scarcely an able bodied deaf-mute out of work at present and we believe there is room for more. We prefer to live here than at the North Pole.

From an occasional Correspondent

Your readers are no doubt pretty well acquainted with the names of the deaf-mutes living in this city, but a few remarks in regard to their occupations and where they all work may not be uninteresting to a few of your readers. I herewith send you a few brief items in regard to some of them.

I will begin with A. W. Mason, as he is so well and favorably known to the majority of deaf-mutes throughout Ontario. He has held a good and steady situation at J. H. Ford's studio for the last ten or twelve years, and is an artist of high rank. At his residence he has a handsome life-size oil painting, (his own work) of the late Mr. Greene, which we think is equal in merit to almost any oil paintings we have seen. He is very popular with all his friends and is a steady and industrious young man.

Mr. Chas. E. Wilson has been in the Toronto Engraving Co. ever since he came to this city from Montreal, some ten years ago. Previous to his coming here he had a position in the Montreal *Witness* office, which he resigned to accept his present one. He is a clever draughtsman and engraver and we believe it would be hard to find another deaf-mute his equal in America. He is a prosperous and steady young man.

In the Toronto Engraving Co. there is another deaf-mute, in the person of J. H. Rhodes, who works in the photographing department and has become quite an expert in that line. As far as we can learn he has been there some eight or nine years. He is an old Belleville Institution boy and many of the old pupils will no doubt remember him well.

Messrs. P. Fraser and J. Flynn are two knights of the awl and have steady situations at W. B. Hamilton's factory, which they have held for quite a number

of years. They are both good citizens and it is needless to say that they are also old Belleville Institution pupils.

Chas. Elliott has a good position in a prominent glass-staining and painting firm. He is one of our rising and popular young men, and is held in high esteem by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Messrs. W. Terrell and H. Mason are two skilled mechanics and have had steady situations in the Massey-Harris Co. for many years. Mr. Terrell was recently placed in the new bicycle department of the same company. Some months ago Thos. Bradshaw secured a situation there also and they have bright careers before them.

Mr. J. L. Smith, who came out to Canada from England when a young boy, has a position as a printer with the Kilgour Co., where he has been for quite a number of years, and is a popular young citizen.

Messrs. Buchan and J. Darney are two tailors who came out from Scotland and England respectively, work in one of Toronto's most fashionable tailoring establishments, and are both first-class workmen. Mr. Buchan has been there for over ten years while Mr. Darney came here only a year or two ago.

J. W. Boughton is another young Englishman who came out here some years ago and has a permanent situation with the Copp, Clark Co., as a printer, and we hear he is doing well.

Choster Pickard is working around at the printing trade, but so far has not secured anything like a steady position, but we hope he will find one soon.

Neil McGillivray and J. Gates are here only a few years from Belleville, but have secured permanent situations respectively at Brock's brush factory and the Toronto Silver Plate Co. They are both bright and rising young men.

Benjamin Terrell is also a knight of the awl, and has a fairly steady job at Weston's shoe factory, and as far as we can learn is doing very well.

John Terrell has a good situation in one of Toronto's large pork packing establishments, at which John is making quite a fortune.

Geo. Wedderburn, who came out from Scotland a few years ago, has a situation in the Toronto Street Car shops, making cars and carving for the same, at which he is an expert.

Andrew Mundle has a good and steady job in the Gurnov foundry, making packing boxes, etc., and has been there some years now.

There may be a few others who have slipped our memory at present, but we do not think there are many.

HAMILTON HINTS.

From our own Correspondent.

News has just reached here from Americus, Kansas, that Ed. Bartholl, an old pupil of Belleville, was married on the 20th of last month. He has a farm and is prosperous in its cultivation.

Already an interest is being taken in the forthcoming Convention by mutes in and around this locality. About half have already signified their intention to attend, with more to decide later.

Mr. Jackson Featherston has just recovered from a most serious illness of inflammation of the lungs and congestion of the bowels. At one time his case was hopeless, but his strong vitality has triumphed.

This city has lost two of its native population. Charlie Mortimer has gone to Milton and Fred Ford to Springvale. May success follow them.

James O'Neil, while laid off from work, has finished several caricature pictures and some fine crayon portraits that really do much credit to his unassuming skill in the art.

Mr. Charles Priest, an aged English deaf-mute, who has travelled about the country extensively during the past ten or fifteen years, was picked up unconscious and brought to the hospital of this city where he died four days later, remaining unconscious to the last. As he has left no identification as to the whereabouts of his relations, any information that will help to track up his folks, that they may be informed of the melancholy occurrence, will be thankfully received by J. B. Byrne, 61 Tisdale St.

Thomutes here extend their sympathy to Charles Elliott and his sisters in the loss of their mother.

Mr. Richard Willis was here for a few days attending the Conference of Christians from all parts of the country. I am glad to say Mr. Willis is a Christian young man.

DETROIT NOTES.

From our own Correspondent.

Have just finished reading the last issue of your paper, and instead of asking what has become of all your correspondents, I will set them an example by writing myself.

All the deaf in Detroit are well and enjoying themselves as usual.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 22nd, which was Washington's birthday, and generally a holiday, Rev. A. W. Mann gave us a lecture about Washington, and being true to our country. It was a very interesting lecture to the deaf here, but am afraid it would not have been to my Canadian friends. On the next day, Sunday, there was service and Holy communion in the morning. Your writer was not present so cannot say what the sermon was about, but was informed that during the sermon Mr. Mann made some remarks about peddlers and peddling. In the afternoon there was quite a number present, when he took for his text,—"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Rev. 2: 10. The sermon was very interesting. He told us not to put off coming to Christ until we got old, but to come to day. We were not sure that we would live to be old and that we should give our youth, strength, and all our life to the Lord and not our old age and feebleness. He said many did not become Christians, or give their hearts to Jesus, because they wanted to have a good time and thought religion dull, but that was a great mistake, for those who spent their life serving God found more and better pleasure in this world than those who served Satan. It was a very beautiful and interesting sermon.

A Bible class has been formed for the deaf here and is in charge of a hearing gentleman who used to be connected with the Institution at Flint, and so can talk in the sign language. Hope it will be a success.

It seems to me that death is calling away many people I know, some after a long illness and some without a moment's warning. It is only a week ago that Miss Conely, of Windsor, Ont., whom many of your readers will probably remember, was called upon to mourn the death of her mother. She had been ill for sometime and death was not unexpected.

On Saturday a deaf gentleman was called to the death bed of his father: the funeral takes place to-morrow. How earnestly we should try to do the will of our Heavenly Father and live as He wishes us to live.

In the last issue Miss Maxwell remarked that some said charity work should be done at home. Well, I believe that some should be done at home, but I would like to ask why those same persons don't do some charity work at home, instead of talk about doing it. I have always found that those who talk about charity work being done at home are the very ones who never do any charity work at all. I think the cause worthy, one, and I should think that nearly every deaf person could afford at least ten cents a year towards charity. Well now, why not divide that, and give five cents towards charity at home and the other five towards charity abroad. I agree with Miss Maxwell in thinking the deaf in India need charity a little more than the deaf in this country.

I have seen a good deal of talk in your paper about a green Xmas and a white Easter, but by the appearance of the weather now we are going to have a green Easter too. It has been perfectly lovely for the past few days, no snow, and so pleasant and sunny, although a little cold, but as we don't know what a day will bring forth, we may have a snow storm before to-morrow.

In your issue of Feb. 16th there was a letter about peddling. Well, I agree with the writer and think they are a nuisance and a disgrace, little better than beggars.

If nothing occurs to prevent, I hope to meet many of my old school-mates at the Convention this Summer. Now I think my example is long enough to please any of your correspondents and too long to please your printer, so will lay aside my pen for awhile. Adieu.

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