#### LOST.

Lost-somewhere here, I think it was, lietween noontine and night— A pair of precious, priceiess things All full of sunny light: And each was made of tiny links— l'ure gold from tip to tip— and sixty of these links were joined in cumping workmanship

Upon each tiny link there lay. A diamond bright and clear, Could I have lost them, do you think, As I was coming lere?
I fear that they began to slip. When I was in the lane. And filled my mouth with propherica. And both my hands with stain!

When I stretched out upon the grass. And had that to sely dream, I'm sure a dozen links or so. 5lipped down into the stream and many more I must have lost. When I went slowly down. Beneath the forest trees that make a cooler justi to town.

These several links—I felt them go
When lottering at the gate.
Slipped from my hand although I knew
That I was very late!
Gonest the preclous jeweled links
Monest berries, brooks, and flowers—
and no sewerd could bring the back
Those two lost sunny hours!

EVA Brat.

#### PANSY BLOSSOMS.

FOR THE CANADIAN MUTE.

I have suddenly bethought invself of a duty I should long ere this have performed, and that is to send you my usual occasional bunch of pansy blossoms, so here they are with "tender and pleasant thoughts" to all for a "Merry Christmas

and Happy Now Year."

Several irsues of your ever welcome little journal have been received, but I might put my excuses for not writing to various causes. Delay and forgetfulness are two things—different as black and white—and you can accuse me of both, yet I can safely assure you I have firmly avoided the latter extreme. Lhave not forgotten you.

I notice in the column of Personalities of Dec. 1st, the kind words of condolence and can say I sincerely appreciate them. Indeed I owe to your little thoughtful journal more thanks than I know how to express, for in nearly every issue I notice a little message as coming direct to me, which is expressive of its thought

fulness for every one. What is there I can interest you on? Unfortunately I am always exceedingly limited with news concerning deal-mutes. That accounts for my seldom meeting them newadays. There may be scattered around Buffalo several deaf pecple, as having come from Canada—
of course your writer is one, being a
native of Hamilton. There is one in
dividal, however, I can safely say has
been seen in Buffalo for several weeks
past, though of course not by your writer
but by another, in whose courses he past, though of course not by your writer but by another, in whose company he has constantly been, and that is the well-known figure of Mr. Walter B. Larkins, of Detroit. Doubtless he has been in quest of work, as is the case with nearly every body nowadays—the ever discouraging announcement "Hard Times." At this writing I on informant At this writing I am informed by the same individual, that Mr. Larkins has just left Buffalo and gono cast.

Miss L. McM.—I note with pleasure your letter, but am very sorry to say it may be a very long time indeed before I shall again think of availing myself of the pleasure of a visit to Detroit, unless indoed most urgent business calls me there.

I regret having missed seeing Mr. and Mrs. McDermid when they were in De troit the past summer, but such as life,

full of disappointments, etc., etc.
Mrs. Wm. Liddy, do not put to your
imaginative mind for a moment that my long silence accounts to the fact that I have forgotten you. Far from that,

To Mr. A. A. McIntosh.—This may seem a rather formal way of informing you how much I regret having missed seeing you when you called on me in troit last. October, but no other way of information avails itself, so kindly excuse this and accept my regrets, hoping next time I may be more prudent and stay at home on a rainy day.

We must remember with good grace that editors don't like to be bered with long letters, and with that recollection and also seeing the space allotted to me is limited, I must, my friends, really exit, yeaf exit, to come among you no more. You may say I am only jesting, but far from it, for with this letter I send you my last bunch of pansies. Pull their petals apart if you like, or preserve them as it may so suit your fancy, for assured ly this is my last, if not forover, at least for many and many a long month.
So farewell.
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Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 5, 1993.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent. Wo had good sleighing last week. Mr. and Mrs. Hambly drove to the city with a load of eggs, fowl, etc., for the

market They stopped with Mr and Mrs. Slater.

La Grippo visited quite a few here since Thanksgiving Day. R. Slater, Mrs. H. Mason, A. W. Mason, Chas. Wilson, P. Fraser and A. A. Molutosh. were laid up several days, but have all quito recovered.

Mr. A. A. McIntosh has been making his friends farowell calls and will visit his uncle, Sir Jas. Grant, in Ottawa about Xmas, thence he will teave for Winnipeg. We are sorry to have him go, as we enjoy his company.

Mr. A. Sheppard, of Brantford, is visiting his friends hero. He is laid off from work for a few weeks.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wheeler last September. Mr. Wheeler intends to run a bakery in St. Catherines. if he does not get work here in a piano

Howard Davidson of Kingston, was in the city some weeks ago, the guest of Mrs. H. Moore. We think Howard a jovial, good-natured fellow

Percy Allen has been visiting friends during the last two mouths. While away from home he was in Napance. Kingston, Brockville, Prescott, Cornwall, Descronto and Belleville. He had a very pleasant journey and met many old friend...

## Boîssevain, Manitoba.

From our own Correspondent

Mr. Harry Ince, residing just west of here, near John Brown's, former pupil of Belleville Institution, and now of Winnipeg, has been herding cattle all summer. He intends, so I am informed, to try his fortune at sheep raising.

Mr. J R. Byrne, tate of the D. & D. Institution at Winnipeg, has been here all summer doing a rushing trade in boots and shoes. He left here a few weeks ago, on account of the approaching dull winter season. During his short stay here he made many friends who regret his departure, and be it said to his credit, he has left behind him favorable impressions of his good habits and pleasant manners. May good icalth and prosperity favor him in the

The Belleville I. D. & D. Foot ball Eleven are to be praised on the success with which they crown themselves. I am very proud of them and hope they will always maintain the head place in the league.

During the vacation months, Mr. W. S. Brown, father of John, a pupil in the Manitoba Institution, lost several cattle It came about in this way . Mr. Brown's cattle being allowed to run at large, rosmed the prairie, and a storm coming on they took shelter in a deserted settler's shanty. Somehow the door got shut, thus impresoning the cat leand in moving about on the rickety floor it gave ia, landing them into the cellar, where they were all found dead. Thus may be a hint of caution to cattle own ers allowing their cattle to roam at large without a herder in charge.

On the 1st of July, J. R. Byrne and I went to Killarney, and there we met Theodore Wilkie, a punt of the Winnipeg Institution. We had a fine time. He lives about twenty-five miles from here and John and I drove over last Septem ber and stayed two days.

I will not write any more at present. I fear I have taken too much space in jour valuable paper. I draw this to a close by wishing success and happiness to all, who remember and who do not remember, EDNOND SPEER

### Too Smart.

A correspondent of The Companion vouches for a new story of Irish shrewd

A gontleman was sitting in the waiting room of a station on the New York and New England Bailroad, when an Irishman turned away from the ticket office and came up to him.
"I have get the best of this ould cor

poration for once in me life," said lie, "How is that, Pat?"

"I have bought a round trip ticket to Now York and back, and "-in a whisper.
-"I am't comin back." Ex. BRANTFORD, ONT.

: From the Rome Register : Thomas McLaren, formerly of St. Mary's, and a graduate of the Belleville School, got work, last January, in the Massey Harris shop in Brantford.

shop closed in July, to take account of dock and on account of duliness. Mr. McLaren then got a job in the carriage works, and is there now.

Wm. Stemburgh of Harrisburg, lives in Brantford, and runs a shoe-shop of his own. He was a great foot ball player at the Belleville school, and at Berlin and Brantferd, but will probably nover be able to play again, having a permanently lame leg, caused by his being knocked down and run over by a team last summer. This, however, he does not mind, as he is able to make a good living. He hopes to get another job in the factory, to supplement the work in his shop, which does not keep him busy all the time.

James Goodbrand, of Ancaster, came to Brantford last year, and secured work in the Massey Harris shop. When he was laid off, last July, he went to work learning to make brooms. Finding this unsatisfactory, he left for home, and has just returned and resumed his old

place in the Harris shop.
Thomas Bradshaw, of Toronto, who formerly fixed in Brantford for about three years, and then left, has returned and has a job in the Massoy Harris shop.

o is a good wheelman, fond of riding, and proposes to get a now wheel in the spring.

Archio South is one of the smartest mutes in Brantford. He worked on a farm all last summer, but is now through and has returned to the city. Ho expects a job in the carriage works soon. Ηo is fond of breeding birds, and thinks there is money in it. He does not like

farm work very well.

Albert Smith, formerly of Toronto and Manitola, moved here last year and works for Mr. Hames, the proprietor of the largest boot and khoo store in Brantford, as show maker and foreman. He has a wife and two sons living, and he is doing well. He is an experienced breeder of poultry and always has some on hand. He proposes to enlarge his poultry business in the spring, build a house of his own and see if he cannot make money. We think he can, Wilham itsee, of Berlin, lost a good

job as laster there, and has not been ablo to get steady work since, now running on three years. He does boot and shoo repairing at home in Brantford. Think he will get a steady job soon, as business

is beginning to look up.

Robert Sutton is well known in Brantford, Ontario. He works in the Brantford Carriage Works, as a machine hand in the wood department. He takes a vacation overy year and goes away to see his old friends. This year, he drove to Preston with Mr McLaron, stopping at Mr. Gottlieb's house on the way and taking him along. They got to Preston safely, after an all night drive. Mr. Gottlieb went to Berlin to see his wife and baby and to arrange for removal to Brantford. The other two spent the time with friends in Preston and when Mr Gottlieb roturned, toward night the next day, they all started for Brantford and got there safe and sound in the morning.

A while ago, a football match was arranged between the teams of Wood. stock and Galt. Mossrs. Sutton and McLaten went to Galt to see the game. The Woodstocks had a mute player among them. They were defeated, 5 to 0. Messra. Sutton and McLaron went to

Buffaloduring vacation and stayed there quite a while. Mr Sutton has a married sister living there, and both have many friends and acquaintances. They met many deaf mutes, and had a very plans ant visit. Mr and Mrs. Fred. J. Whoeler have a fine haby hoy, and they named him, by pern ission, after Mr. Sutton, which caused Mr Sutton to present the young one with a mee clock. Messra. Sutton and McLaren are at work again now, in Brantford.

Mr 'Andrew Westpoter lives in Preston and works as a laster in the shoo factory. He is a powerful fellow and is in demand by the foot-ball clubs of different places. as he is a crack player. Hu was cap tain of the strongest team in Berlin, and the team won many games under him. He thinks of trying to get up a friendly game with some other cloven or a picked one, at the time of the convention at

Bullalo mutes at the time of the tours tion in Buffalo. He want to be at the Bolloville Convention possession and and and ry to get up a game of both while date. We have material best to law-tal and foot-ball.

- From - Former (Papil) Letter

CHATHAN, ONT , Dec. 906 1886 DEAR PRIFNDS II Secure of long time since I saw any of you in calify it is very few months. Since my last select I have secured a situation in the farm Printing Office. They do not pursue and publish Sunday School Dept. like my feb very much take his of new experience of a Charliam wast I have not seen Misc M 1 ampleli for some time, as there is a great process of work just now. Christman is to alog and looking back a year the med to pupit in your school again to with tables crowded with my terious loans and bundles—the cage: expertant legs; pl my school-mates: I so the teacher balling out names—the addresses by the Bipperintendent and other gentlems and last but not least; the good dinner legs and last but not least; the good dinner legs and last but not least; all over again in fancy, not one takens face is forgotten, from the favorato the smallest lot in the shoot are set forgotten. I onjoy the Mi is greatly a seems to link the present with the last I shall nover forget the Institution of the last leadings and according a second according to the second according to tenchiers and pupils, and often that of those beautiful, old lines

Should auld acquaintance be below And never brocht to mit Should auld acquaintance be to get And fife days of Suld Lang Street

I am sorry you have scarlet level and measles in your school, and know that a triabit is with so many ill at one . . great many of your contributors as some non-cite plane, but I can't that of one nice enough. I never hear free any of my old friends I wonder that alls them. Is it possible my old round have the "measles" I shall write to some of them this week and united I am staying with a very old trend 4% Ed. Taylor, who has five children ! like the girls Pearl and Mann ner much, they are jolly little gals | | was pleased to see that the gals relating THE CANADIAN MUTE ARESO well writer by Misses B. Herrington and A Re Phail. No fear, but they will keep up the reputation of your little paper—the the boys' column, by Messes Panek and Luddy. Well, I must close now widing you all "a very Merry \mas and a Happy New Year."

Ever thine.

Many 4 Lines

BOISSEVAIN, MAN , Nov. 24 1846 Mr. MATHIRON-

DEAR SIR.-It is with pleasure list. down to write you a few lines. I am a good health and getting along well at my trade. I hope all the pupils are well. Now that it is near Christian the pupils will no doubt be looking for ward to it with pleasant and qualities of the good time and the me pressu they will receive. I get Tim I want MUTE; it is such a good paper that I always look anxiously for it and one it very much as it contains much plant and interesting information poetry to I-was very borry to hear of the saldesh of my old school-mate, tien beward-John Byrne, an old pupil of the insustion before I attended school has been in Boissovain about seven months He carried on the shoo making business with matisfactory results. During has stay I had a very pleasent time has who will be not: to appear in isoscial to surpriso mo? I will enclose a few items, which, if you see he to may publish. Wishing you all teath and happiness, I close with a regard Yours Respectfully. ours Respectfully,

# Góca Advico in a Will

Rufus Hatch, who was to main wars a well known figure on Wall street dad a few months ago. He tetra will day posing of his property what outlined the following request. I request my children that they will never us robust in any form, drink a glass of liquid sust of any of the light state. or any other intoxicating drink of just any kind of games for mone as that father has had experience adherent was serve for all his posterity clause written in staling we are to clause was written in staling we are to consolve the server of the Arthur Hollis, of Preston, works in the shoot factory there. He is a first-rate base half player and a fine catcher. He helped the Ontario mutes to beat the liciped the Ontario mutes to beat the