

LOST.

Lost—somewhere here, I think it was, Between noontime and night...

Upon each tiny link there lay A diamond bright and clear, Could I have lost them, do you think...

When I stretched out upon the grass And had that lovely dream, I'm sure a dozen links or so...

These several links—I felt them go When loitering at the gate, Slipped from my hand although I knew...

EVA BYRN.

PANSY BLOSSOMS.

FOR THE CANADIAN MUTE.

I have suddenly bethought myself of a duty I should long ere this have performed...

Several issues of your ever welcome little journal have been received, but I might put my excuses for not writing to various causes...

I notice in the column of Personalities of Dec. 1st, the kind words of condolence and can say I sincerely appreciate them.

What is there I can interest you on? Unfortunately I am always exceedingly limited with news concerning deaf-mutes.

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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 Detroit last October.

We must remember with good grace that editors don't like to be bored with long letters, and with that recollection and also seeing the space allotted to me is limited, I must, my friends, really exit, yes I exit, to come among you no more.

So farewell. PANSY. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 5, 1893.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent.

We had good sleighing last week. Mr. and Mrs. Hambley drove to the city with a load of eggs, fowl, etc., for the market.

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

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

Mr. A. Sheppard, of Brantford, is visiting his friends here. 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. Catharines, if he does not get work here in a piano factory.

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 months. While away from home he was in Napanee, Kingston, Brockville, Prescott, Cornwall, Deseronto and Belleville. He had a very pleasant journey and met many old friends.

BOISSEVAIN, 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, late 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.

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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, roamed the prairie, and a storm coming on they took shelter in a deserted settler's shanty.

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

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Too Smart.

A correspondent of The Companion vouches for a now story of Irish shrewdness.

A gentleman was sitting in the waiting room of a station on the New York and New England Railroad, when an Irishman turned away from the ticket office and came up to him.

"I have got the best of this old corporation for once in my life," said he.

"How is that, Pat?"

"I have bought a round trip ticket to New York and back, and"—in a whisper—"I ain't comin' back." E.

BRANTFORD, ONT.

From the Home 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. The shop closed in July, to take account of stock and on account of dullness.

Win. Stemburgk 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 Brantford, but will probably never be able to play again.

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.

Thomas Bradshaw, of Toronto, who formerly lived in Brantford for about three years, and then left, has returned and has a job in the Massey Harris shop. He is a good wheelman, fond of riding, and proposes to get a new wheel in the spring.

Archie Smith 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. He expects a job in the carriage works soon.

Albert Smith, formerly of Toronto and Manitoba, moved here last year and works for Mr. Haines, the proprietor of the largest boot and shoe store in Brantford, as shoe-maker and foreman.

William Rowe, of Berlin, lost a good job as laster there, and has not been able to get steady work since, now running on three years. He does boot and shoe repairing at home in Brantford.

Robert Sutton is well known in Brantford, Ontario. He works in the Brantford Carriage Works, as a machine hand in the wood department.

A while ago, a football match was arranged between the teams of Woodstock and Galt. Messrs. Sutton and McLaren went to Galt to see the game.

Messrs. Sutton and McLaren went to Buffalo during vacation and stayed there quite a while. Mr. Sutton has a married sister living there, and both have many friends and acquaintances.

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Arthur Hollis, of Preston, works in the shoe factory there. He is a first-rate base ball player and a fine catcher. He helped the Ontario mutes to beat the

Buffalo mutes at the time of the Convention in Buffalo. He wants to be at the Belleville Convention...

Letter from Former Pupils.

CHATHAM, ONT., Dec. 10th 1893.

DEAR FRIENDS: It seems a long time since I saw any of you in reality it is very few months. Since my last letter I have secured a situation in the Baver Printing Office. They do job printing and publish Sunday School papers...

Should and acquaintance be longer And never brought to mind Should and acquaintance be longer And the days of youth long since.

I am sorry you have scarlet fever and measles in your school, and know what a tribit is with so many ill at one. A great many of your contributors use some non-ble plume, but I can't think of one nice enough.

MARY J. LAMON.

BOISSEVAIN, MAN., Nov. 24 1893.

MR. MATHERSON.

DEAR SIR.—It is with pleasure I set down to write you a few lines. I am in good health and getting along well in my trade. I hope all the pupils are well. Now that it is near Christmas, the pupils will no doubt be looking forward to it with pleasant anticipations of the good time and the nice presents they will receive.

Good Advice In a Will.

Rufus Hatch, who was for many years a well known figure on Wall street died a few months ago. He left a will disposing of his property which contained the following request: I request my children that they will never use tobacco in any form, drink a glass of liquor, or any other intoxicating drink, or play any kind of games for money...