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**THE CANADIAN MUTE.**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1899.

Simple leaf is touched with age  
And fades and shivers in the breeze  
While beautiful whispering now is heard  
Among the naked forest trees.

**Thanksgiving Day.**

Another day specially set apart as a day of united thanksgiving for the year's mercies passed us on the 19th ult. A holiday from study and work was of course given our pupils, and happy to be released they joyfully made the most of it. Quite early in the morning two of our junior foot-ball teams took the field one party captained by H. Hewson were boys whose homes are in the town the other led by Harry Grooms, were farmers overyoun. After a keenly interesting game the town boys downed their rivals and the gaugers had to confess a defeat, score two to nothing.

At 11 a. m. the pupils were called into chapel and Prof. Coleman gave an appropriate address from the Hundredth Psalm. He said in substance that all good people should be glad to serve him with joy and gladness. He made us feel and clothes us and takes care of us as a shepherd does his sheep. We should enter His gates with thanksgiving—that is we should be glad to hear about God, talk about him and proclaim His holy name abroad.

We should be thankful to Him and bless His name. The Lord is good and merciful. We should be thankful for personal and family blessings, for national prosperity, and above all for the great gift of Jesus Christ, who died to save us. Eating turkey and cranberries was good and the speaker hoped that all the children would enjoy it greatly, but our first and highest joy should be derived from hearts full of love to our Heavenly Father, who so bountifully supplies us with all these good things.

Service over, dinner was ready and the pupils descended to the dining room with appetites keenly sharpened to do full justice to the excellent feast provided by the matron, Miss Walker. The day being set a month earlier than usual, there was a scarcity of turkeys on the market, but we were able to procure our usual supply or groceries would have been the disappointment of our boys and girls, for a thanksgiving feast would not have seemed real unless a nicely browned turkey crowned the board. We need not add that the feast was enjoyed, as everything was abundant without waste and all were fully satisfied. A pleasing feature of the day was a nice bouquet presented to each of our senior boys and girls by one of our nurses, Miss Nunn, who is a great favorite with all the pupils. The recipients were very proud of the gift being at a time when flowers are scarce. They were worn during dinner

and then carefully laid away to blossom out again at the evening social.

Arrangements had been made with Albert College foot ball team to play our boys in the afternoon, and the game opened at 3.30 p. m. The Alberts came short handed, as some of their players were unable to attend, and Mr. Hawkins, of the Ontario Business College, was put on to fill up. Our boys rather demurred at this arrangement, thinking that Albert College should be able to furnish a team without outsiders. They had no objection to Mr. Hawkins personally, as they have the highest respect for him as a gentleman but his playing qualities are well-known and many a sure goal has he blocked our boys from getting in the past. The game opened with Albert in the aggressive, some of our new players getting rattled a little and making some bad muffs, but our boys soon settled down to a steady game, our defence especially kicking sure and strong, very seldom letting their opponents get past, the ultimate result being a clear victory for our team of 3 to 0. We hope to meet our College friends again before winter sets in.

The social in the evening wound up a very pleasant holiday. In our large dining room all was brightness, gaiety and good nature. In addition to the resident teachers a number of the staff from town came out and joined the pupils in various games, helping much to the enjoyment of the occasion. We were also glad to welcome several hearing friends, all of whom made themselves quite at home with us. Several sets of a new game were provided by Miss Walker and these kept a number busy. The merry making went round until 9.30 p. m., when refreshments were served and after a time spent over these, Mr. Mathison gave the retiring signal and good night closed the scene.

**Dufferin Literary Society Re-organization.**

On Wednesday, October 18th, after eight years lapse the first business meeting of the above society was held, the President Mr. Nurse occupying the chair. Messrs. Madden, Charbonneau, Shilton, Jaffray, Dubois, Loughheed, Wallace and Armstrong were admitted as new members of the Society. Mr. Balls was proposed and elected as an honorary member. The applications of Messrs. Gray, Mitchell and Barrett were laid on the table for future reference. The election of new officers then took place and resulted as follows—

Hon. President—Mr. Mathison  
President—Mr. Madden  
Vice-President—Mr. McKillop  
Secretary—Mr. Shilton  
Critic—Mr. Nurse  
Sergeant at Arms—Mr. Charbonneau.  
Owing to lack of time, on motion of Mr. Nurse, seconded by Mr. Jaffray, the meeting adjourned. JOHN T. SHILTON, Secretary.

The other day our attendants in the kitchen got a lesson on the power of steam that surprised them. We have three copper boilers in our kitchen for tea, coffee and hot water all heated by steam. During the afternoon one of the girls, new to the work, noticed that the hot water boiler was empty and turned on cold water to fill it up. As steam was on and the boiler hot, there was a bust up, and had the boiler been made of any thing but copper a serious accident would have resulted. As it was, the boiler was twisted out of all shape and will take a lot of tinkering to take out the kinks. It is the first time anything of the kind happened since our steam cookers were set up, many years ago.

All are pleased at the reorganization of the Dufferin Literary Society under Mr. Madden. They will hold a literary meeting every fourth Saturday evening. This with expected lectures from the teachers and others will profitably entertain and instruct the pupils nearly every Saturday night during the winter.



A pair of little brown gloves have been received here without any name. Who sent them?

—We have had more applications for seats in our shoe shop than we can accommodate, most of them from very small boys, too young to be there, but we will do the best we can for all.

We heard some of our young lady teachers with a sweet tooth each had a little candy pull a few evenings ago. As they did not favor us with any of it we shall not give more extended notice.

It is now four weeks since our barber's shop began business and during that time 225 jobs have been done in the shop. This has given our boys quite a lot of practice in the use of the razor, scissors and clippers.

The Superintendent received a very nice photograph from Herbert Roberts, of Jarvis. He is very anxious to go to Gallaudet College, Washington, and if he makes arrangements to do so we feel sure he will be a credit to the College and our Institution.

—Our assistant carpenter, Mr. Langmuir, has been away for his holidays in Toronto. All through the vacation he has been a busy man. In addition to many other matters the Institution carpets are his special care and he takes pride in giving them all needed attention and having them nice when school opens.

—Each of our gentleman teachers found a nice bouquet of pansies on their class room desks the other morning. It was a little gift of remembrance from their old friend, Miss Brown, who was on our staff last term. The gift was much appreciated and all will be pleased to see the donor whenever she can come our way again.

—Probably on account of Thanksgiving Day falling on the 19th ult., and, of course, all having a holiday, the usual celebration of the anniversary of the opening of the Institution was dispensed with. The pupils were usually given a half holiday on that day, but this year one holiday in a week was quite enough, more would disorganize our work.

—Our old pump, which has done steady duty longer than any of our present pupils can remember, has been replaced with an up to date machine. All are glad of this. With our old pump one or two of our indolent boys would rather go without a drink or wait for some more energetic schoolmate to come along and do the pumping than expend the force necessary to get the water up themselves.

During the past two weeks our boys have had their city visiting cut off on account of prevailing sickness. They will now have a chance to hoard up a little of their pocket money for really needed requirements. Before the order went into force, the city bicycle hives did a rushing business every Saturday afternoon and a stream of them would be met on the road, passing our postman teachers with a smile that implied 'you're not in it,' and the mounted ones with a 'Jack is as good as his master's grin.

The annual visit of Dr. Caldwell, dentist, is over now, and of course the pupils are heartily glad of it, as his business visits are always dreaded. The girls were the first to receive his personal attention one Wednesday afternoon. It was doubtless very unpleasant during the short time it lasted, but it will save many painful days and nights with toothache during the next few months. The following Wednesday it was the boys' turn and several of them tried to get out of the ordeal by slinking off, but were rounded up by the monitors and each one had to face the music.

In our last issue we noted Miss Brown's kindly remembrance of the Institution in the form of a bouquet of lovely pansies to each of the lady teachers. We casually mentioned, also, that the gentleman teachers felt a little envious of the ladies' good fortune, and a few days later a second parcel arrived with a nice bouquet for each gentleman, for which they return their hearty thanks, with a renewed expression of the high esteem in which each and all of them hold their erstwhile conferees. They also wish incidentally to remark that while the bouquets the ladies received were beautiful, yet those the gentlemen got were ever so much handsomer.

Mrs. Balls recently received from a friend a copy of the Johannesburg Weekly Star. It is a 32 page journal and is filled from cover to cover with news relative to the difficulties between the British and the Boers. As this was one of the last editions issued before hostilities opened, and therefore one of the last issued before the South African Republic ceases to exist, it is an interesting souvenir. We presume it will not be possible to continue to publish till after the war is over.

—Miss Belle Mathison's pet dog "Paddy" is no more. He was accidentally run over by the Superintendent's rig as he was getting away from a cross and ugly tempered dog on the second concession. "Paddy" was a general favorite, and every deaf child about the Institution is sorry for the accident which befel him. He was always so full of fun, good tempered and ready to defend the little deaf and dumb boys from meddling outsiders. Mr. Forrester will miss him as he was his close companion in many of his vacation rambles.

**PERSONALITIES.**

—Miss Hepple Hoggard, of Londonboro, has gone to visit relatives for the winter at Pigeon and Unionville, Mich.

—Eli Corbiere has steady employment in the moccasins factory at Delhi. He likes the work splendidly and is doing well.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McClelland, of Ottawa, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McKillop, in Duart.—*Redney Mercury.*

—Miss Edith Wiley and Miss Alvina Brown have started a dress making establishment in Stirling. Edith says they are very busy.

—Mrs. Begg, wife of Professor Begg, of the Texas School for the Deaf, spent a month of the summer with her relations in Belleville.

—David S. Ludly is working in the Daily Journal office at Fort William and likes his job. Next time we hear of him he will likely be in British Columbia.

—Miss Lunn had the pleasure of conducting her sister, Jessie, and several other lady friends through the Institution last week. They were all much pleased with their visit.

—On Thanksgiving evening Miss Nunn was summoned home by a telegram announcing the serious illness of her mother at Lansdowne. We are pleased to learn that she is now convalescent.

—Miss Ethel Irvine spent Thanksgiving and three following days at her home in Belleville, and afterwards returned to Toronto. Her Belleville friends were very glad to see her and were sorry to have her go back.

—Miss Jones, who has been for some time the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane, returned on Saturday to her home in Kingston. She has taken a warm interest in the deaf and established herself as a primo favorite with them.

—Los Angeles has the only printing office on the coast owned and conducted by a deaf mute. Norman V. Lewis is the proprietor. The office is well equipped, and is bright, new and clean. It is the only shop in the world in which no profanity is heard.—*Pacific Union Printer.* We know that this complimentary reference to Mr. Lewis will please many of our readers, for he was a well known Canadian and lived for many years in Toronto.

—Mr. Gilbert Parker, the famous author, has been spending some weeks with his father in Belleville and in other parts of Ontario. Canadians are proud of their talented countryman and delight to do him honor. He was tendered complimentary banquets in Toronto and Hamilton, and Trinity University, of which he is a graduate, conferred upon him the degree of D. C. L. Dr. Parker was formerly a teacher at this Institution, hence we follow his career with much interest.

—Mr. Charlie Holton, of Belleville, has lately returned from a trip to the Pacific Coast with his grandpa, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and other friends. The party made a brief stay in Winnipeg and Charlie took advantage of it to visit the Manitoba Institution, where he was cordially welcomed by Supt. McDermaid and Mr. Cook. The latter, as many of our readers know, is a graduate of our school and for several years has occupied the post of teacher and instructor of printing in the Manitoba Institution, and we are pleased to know that no is giving good satisfaction.