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# HOME NEWS

LOCAL REPORTER

The children will be given the usual party on Thanksgiving night.

In Miss Templeton's class George Wallace had the greatest number of perfect recitations this month while Frank Doyle ranked second.

A number of chest weights and other gymnastic apparatus have been supplied and set up on both the boys and girls sides for the use of the pupils.

The attention of parents is called to the full report of the pupils standing commenced in this issue. The marks for application and improvement have now been added.

During the past two weeks quite a number of the pupils have been sick with colds, owing to the changeable weather. Two boys, Ronald Macdonald and Willie Lightfoot, were seriously ill, but we are glad to say that both are now convalescent.

This last Halloween we trembled for our gates and fences, but Mr. Douglas did what all conscientious parents ought to do on that night—kept that new boy of his religiously at home and sent him to bed early, so our property is safe for another year.

We regret that Mrs. Richardson, the little boy's attendant is ill. She will be missed very much during her enforced absence. No mother could be kinder or more careful of the little boys and their clothing than she always is, and we voice the earnest hope of all that she will speedily be restored to health again.

Teachers of the deaf often receive queer solutions to their questions in the class room, some of which are very amusing. Here is one we noted a few days ago:—Teacher, to class in Natural History. What is the difference between man and animals? Pupil, G. M., "Man walks on two legs and has a soul, an animal walks on four legs and has a tail." Collapse of the teacher followed.

A very painful accident happened to Miss Templeton last week which compelled her, much against her desire, to lay aside her class work for a few days. While walking on the verandah of her home, a slate broke, resulting in a badly sprained foot which demanded absolute rest for a time. She is better now and at her post again. Miss Maggie Hutchison took charge of the class in her absence.

Miss Linn and her class have now taken possession of their new school room. While the room was being prepared they have been occupying the chapel and using the slates there, but as they had no desks, it is a relief to teacher and pupils to get into their newly fitted class-room. When Miss Linn moved she took three more of Miss Jarrow's pupils—Lucy Mason, Ida Babcock and Freddy Terrell, making her total to sixteen.

The printing office has been getting out a new catalogue of the books in the library. Through the profits from the Allen Kelly Fund our books are being added to year by year. At present there are 374 volumes of interesting stories, &c., suitable for the deaf, while works on History, Biography, Travel and Education bring up the total to nearly 2000 volumes. Mr. Douglas is the librarian and is on hand for the exchange of books every Friday evening.

Charlie Holton, of our Institution, whose home is in Belleville, has a new clock in his home. His father, Mr. C. P. Holton, has for the past 12 years been the leader of the Ladies Bible Class at Bridge St. Methodist Church, and at the annual "At Home," he was presented by his class with the above beautiful clock, set in marble, accompanied by an address highly appreciative of his services, unvarying kindness and earnest efforts for the spiritual welfare of the class. Mr. Holton, although quite unprepared for such honors, made a feeling reply.

Halloween passed at the Institute very much the same as other evenings. The pupils had been given to understand that there was to be no rioting or injury to property and so beyond a few harmless tricks on each other, the evening passed quietly. Evening study closed at 8 p. m. and the elder boys were invited to spend a social hour or two in the girls' sitting room. The girls assisted by Miss Walker and the resident lady teachers welcomed and entertained

their visitors, and the next two hours were very pleasantly spent in conversation and games of various kinds. The meeting broke up at 10 p. m. and the boys wishing their entertainers good night marched back to their own rooms in the eastern wing.

The teacher of the infant class was surprised the other morning to see two of her little girls come crying into the room. On enquiring the cause, she was tearfully told that Mr. Mathison was going to hang them at night. The origin of this improbable story was followed up and it was found that some of the other girls had made the little ones believe that the gymnastic chest weights that had been put up in the girls' sitting room were a new kind of gallows for hanging bad girls upon, and as the little ones had been guilty of some wrong doing, they were accordingly going to be hanged that evening. Their fears were of course soon calmed down.

It was such a lovely day on the 6th that Mr. Mathison decided to close school at 2 p. m. and give the pupils the benefit of the fine weather while it lasted. The pupils enjoyed the liberty greatly and engaged heartily in out door sports. The teachers also made the most of it, three of our young ladies, Misses Gibson, Dempsey and James pressed the only available bachelor, Mr. McKillop, into service and they had a charming drive to Trenton where they visited and were hospitably entertained by Miss Gibson's friend, Mrs. McClung. They returned home by moonlight in the evening and arrived safely without mishap, Mr. McKillop's care and tact being equal for all emergencies, although he could not quite understand what ailed his nag, which is an obedient one, it would start off at a lively rate and then come to a stop, while Mac was blissfully unconcerned that it was the young ladies who were driving with their "whoas" and "goe ups" and not he.

The first consignment of apples was delivered into our store the other day; this means that the supply obtained from our orchard is exhausted. Charlie Holton has been in poor health of late, as his home is in Belleville he is under his parent's care. E. Burtch gave up his seat in the shoe-shop on account of defective eyes, A. B. Kolser is on trial in his place. Where shall we build a skating rink? is the question just now puzzling the boys. Either the boys or girls get up an entertainment of some kind nearly every Saturday night. We have a fine new horse in our stables, the old one had rheumatism and had to be got rid of. Miss Annie Blake, of the laundry staff is attending to the little boys during Mrs. Richardson's illness. Levi Lewis has been taking a rest from his studies on account of weak eyes. D. Luddy has laid aside his crutch and stick and is now at work at his case in the printing office, he is still prohibited from playing foot-ball and leans moodily against the goal posts while the ball is flying around. R. McDonald is recovering from his severe illness, but it will be some time yet before he will be able to work in the shoe-shop again. Thanks giving Day is the main topic of interest among the pupils just now.

Our staff of attendants not only know how to work well but also how to enjoy themselves. All of them except those who could not possibly be spared from duty, with several friends from the city, engaged a vehicle on the evening of the 6th and proceeded to celebrate "Guy Fawkes" in the most approved style. They left the Institution at 7 p. m. on a sixteen mile drive to their old friend Mrs. McAuliffe, (nee Miss Annie Cullen) who was for many years an attendant here. The evening was lovely but still the way seemed long, the more so as both they and their conductors were strangers to the road and uncertain of the exact place, at last, coming to a large house brilliantly lighted up they concluded that they had arrived, and, with as much commotion as they could make, turned up the drive to the house, and jumped out expecting, of course, to be gathered into the motherly arms of their old friend, but instead, they were met by a circle of strange faces and asked seriously what asylum they had escaped from and what they wanted. It transpired that instead of the house being lighted up in honor of their visit, it was a "hushing box" they had dropped upon, and amid the laughter of the crowd, our girls hushed into the wagon in lively style and drove on for another two miles to the next house that had the appearance of waiting for visitors, and found themselves O. K. this time.

Mrs. McAuliffe, her husband and sister, warmly welcomed their friends and entertained them most hospitably, filling their cup of pleasure to the brim. At 8 a. m. they had to bid adieu to their kind entertainers and depart for home where they arrived at 6 a. m., in time to begin the day's duty. Of course we had a sleepy staff of attendants the next day but they lived through it and felt recompensed for their loss of sleep by the good time they spent.

## PERSONALITIES.

Mrs. and Miss Oronhyatekha, of "The Pipes," near Deseronto, were welcome visitors on the 12th.

Mr. Michael Showers, of Shotland, father of Christina Showers, has raised some fine potatoes this season. One of them weighed 4 pounds.

Miss Annie Mathison has given up teaching for the present and is visiting friends in London, to go from there to Brantford and on to Hamilton. She may get home before Christmas.

Mrs. Sargent, of Bancroft, visited our Institution with the Rev. Mr. Burke, on his usual Tuesday visit. She is a friend of Miss Linn, and, in company, they visited the Industrial Departments after school was out.

On the 2nd inst. the relatives of Miss Ella Gardner, Preceptress of Albert College, met at her father's residence to celebrate her birthday. Miss Gardner's numerous friends at the Institution wish her many happy returns of the day.

Mrs. H. F. Gardiner, wife of the genial Hamilton Times Editor, delighted us with staying over with us a couple of days this week before going home. She liked the Institution and the deaf and dumb children so well that she could hardly tear herself away from us.

Mrs. R. Mathison, after spending several weeks in London, is now in Brantford among old friends. Her stay in London was one continuous pleasure and the renewal of old friendships tended to make her feel as if she were eighteen years young, she not having visited in that city for that length of time.

Mr. H. F. Gardiner, editor of the Hamilton Times, and one of the ablest newspaper men in Canada, gave us a call a few days ago while in the city. He was much pleased with all he saw here, and was especially interested in our printing office, which he declared was quite the neatest and cleanest office he had ever seen.

Miss S. Hale, one of the professional nurses at present in attendance upon the sick here, is quite familiar with the sign language, which acquisition is of great value while caring for the deaf. Before entering on her studies for a nurse, Miss Hale was a valued employee of the Institution for a considerable time, hence her knowledge of signs and the manual alphabet.

We are glad to hear that W. H. Gould, of London, who left us two years ago, has pushed out into business for himself. He has purchased a small shoe-shop near his home and reports a good trade. We think he would have been better trained for his venture if he had spent another year in preparation, but his old teachers and schoolmates will all wish him success.

Dr. Chamberlain, Inspector of Public Institutions for Ontario, was a visitor here during the vacation. He spent a week in the city and vicinity renewing old acquaintances and forming many new ones. The doctor is a genial companion, and cannot help making friends wherever he goes. Mr. McDermid introduced him to the royal game of golf, and he showed his appreciation of this fascinating outdoor sport by entering enthusiastically into the game which was played. — Silent Echo.

Rev. V. S. Cowser, the new pastor of the Baptist Church in Belleville, paid us a visit last week, and accompanied by Mrs. Cowser, visited as many of the classes as the limited time would allow. At the close of the afternoon chapel exercises, Mr. Cowser was introduced to the pupils of his denomination by Mr. Mathison, and gave them an address. It being the first time that he had spoken to the deaf he naturally felt strange and scarcely knew how to reach them, but he hopes to feel more at home when he calls again.

Gaskell—I tell you the photograph is a great invention. Larimer—Yes; it speaks for itself.

# The Canadian Mute.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1895.

If happiness have not her seat  
And centre in the breast  
We may be wise, or rich, or great,  
But never can be blest.—Horne

## Thanksgiving Day.

Next Thursday is the day set apart by the Government as a National Thanksgiving Day, which is a fitting expression of our recognition of God's goodness to us as a people. It is unfortunate and not altogether creditable, that so many people quite ignore the real intent of this day and look upon it merely as a holiday to be spent in amusements of all kinds. Let us enjoy the day by all means, but let us also keep in mind the purpose for which it was instituted. There is no nation on earth that has greater cause for genuine gratitude for the many blessings it enjoys than have the people of Canada. We have a land remarkably rich in all kinds of resources. Our rivers, our mountains, our fields and our forests are stored with untold wealth and in every part of the Dominion nature's choicest gifts have been showered upon us with liberal hands, and withal we possess a climate of unsurpassed salubrity; while we have enjoyed almost complete immunity from the great disasters which have visited so many lands. Then for all these blessings let us be truly thankful.

Not have the deaf any less cause for gratitude than have the hearing. They share fully in all our national blessings, with the exception, of course, the deaf and dumb are regarded and treated in some other lands will be soon felt where in our remarks on the deaf in this issue. We hope, then, that our readers will not withhold the need of gratitude that is due to a kind Providence for the many blessings bestowed on us as a nation and as individuals.

We are always pleased to receive letters from our old pupils, and still more so when they tell us that they are prosperous and happy. It is indeed quite a credit to any deaf-mute who can get steady work and good wages in these hard times, when so many hearing people find it so much difficulty in getting a bare living. It gives us great pleasure to hear that Francis Hunt, of Hockport, is one of these. Enclosing his renewal subscription to the CANADIAN MUTE, which is a welcome visitor to his home, bringing us news of the Institute, his teachers and old school friends with whom he spent so many years, he tells us he has now and has had all summer steady work at one and a half dollars per day. He has besides his trade as a shoemaker to fall back upon if anything better offers. May continued success follow him.