

Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1892. HOME NEWS. Visit of the Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury of the County of Hastings Mr. Vankeek, foreman, paid their semi-annual visit to the Institution on Thursday afternoon. They arrived shortly after one o'clock and were shown by Mr. Mathison, the Superintendent, through every department of the Institution.

The Wisconsin Times has interesting news from this vicinity over the significance of 'C'. We fancy the water could be located if an attempt was made.

Another little boy, E. L. Barnett, has been added to our roll. He looks like a promising lad and was quite at home in a few hours after his father's departure.

The dry weather of last summer caused a shortage in our hay crop, we have now to make purchases to supply our cattle and horses. The market price for hay in this vicinity is about \$10.00 per ton, for good quality.

The pupils have been exercised from the work room several afternoons during the past month that they might enjoy the boating while it lasted. It is only occasionally that wind and tide are favorable for this sport.

March has shown us enough of its lion-like qualities, and 'Old Boreas' has shown several parting staps, but he has not brought us much snow as usual. The walks to the city have been kept clear without much difficulty.

The Texas Ranger says: "Prof Begg preached a good sermon one Sunday evening. Every religious book in the library was laid under tribute for reference to you, George. 'Drink deep, and taste not of the Pnyan Spring.'"

The carpenters are busy making a number of folding screens for use in the dining rooms. In the pupils' hospital they will be specially useful at times. We are glad to say our sick rooms are bright and have been for a long time.

Mr. Ford has received from Miss Matron of the Institution at Hamilton Miss some sweet-scented notes taken from the grave of her sister, Miss Mottam. Miss Calhoun writes: The grave is blue with the flowers she loved so well.

The Institution was favored with a visit from Mr. Hodgson High School, Brantford, Mr. Wright and Mr. Millburn, Belleville High School. They are engaged in educational work, and

expressed themselves pleased with what they witnessed in the School rooms and other departments.

The Deaf-Mute Hawkeye has this: "We are in receipt of a personal letter from R. Mathison, Supt. of the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, acknowledging the receipt of our report, &c. There is a comity existing between superintendents, which if better cultivated would result in mutual benefit."

Arthur Clark, like all our other old pupils, is very glad that a paper is now published here. There are no mutes living in his vicinity, and it cheers him to get news of his old friends, through the paper. He is helping his father work a large farm, and he would be quite happy if he had the companionship of someone, deaf like himself.

Mr. Burns, instructor of printing, went home on the 19th ult., to spend a Sunday with his family in Port Hope. He has enjoyed the delights of a grass widower since he came to us, but from the genial smile he wears he does not appear very forlorn. Like other lovers of home and domestic joys, he will be happier when he has his family around him here in the spring.

A visit to the bakery disclosed the fact that eating, not reading, makes a full man. Our population actually stow away in their food receptacles about ten barrels of flour every week. Of course our portly baker, Mr. Cunningham, does not feel it raw, he has too much regard for our palates. It is made up into several hundred loaves which, for purity and excellence, few of the city bakers equal, and none excel.

From a letter received from G. A. Dickson we learn that he will not return to school again. His father's death has left a void which he must fill, as far as he is able. We are glad to know that he is so much better prepared to leave school than many others in like circumstances. We wish him success, and hope he will be a comfort and a blessing to his widowed mother, and an honor to the Institution that has trained him.

We hope that the little girls will not play 'dentist' again. Teeth are too valuable and useful to be drawn out until necessity compels the painful or deal. Even if they are the first growth, it is better to let them stay as long as they will. We heard of one little girl, whisking out several with an ease which showed that the second growth was pushing behind, and with no other appliance than a piece of thread.

We advise our girls to read this carefully. This is the season when the skipping-rope is the favorite plaything. A telegram from Wilkesbarre, Pa., says: "Nine-year old Lahan Weeks died yesterday from rope-skipping. She and several school-mates contested to see who could skip the longest without missing. Lahan outlasted the others and kept on jumping until she fell down in a faint. She died a short time afterwards."

Boys and girls, hold your shoulders back. Some of you let your chins rest on your breasts about half of the time. After a while you will have humps, like those of a camel, on your backs. A stoop-shouldered man or woman can never look graceful. We sometimes feel like catching a few of you and binding you to boards like the Indians do their children. Lift your heads square on your shoulders and you will look much handsomer and your lungs will get more air.

Quite a company of John Isbister's cousins and their friends paid him a visit one day recently. John led his visitors through the classes and work shops, and did his best to make their visit pleasant. We do not know if it were the pretty cousins, or the occasion of their visit that upset him, but his thoughts were 'wool gathering' for sometime after their departure, and it was quite difficult to bring them back to such mundane things as the manufacture of boots and shoes.

Mr. H. M. Thomas, in a private letter to the editor, says: "St. Clement's Church for the Deaf was opened on the 14th ult. It is a very small edifice. It is a copy of one Mr. Armour saw in Russia, and which he had duplicated in Chicago at great expense. On the occasion of its opening the weather was very bad. I plodded through blinding snow in the face of a great blizzard, but there were quite a number of mutes in attendance. Intend going to Oakville in a few weeks to look after my interests, and stay there a little while."

The Supt. always regrets to be compelled to enforce the rule, that no pupil whose conduct has an injurious tendency, shall be permitted to remain. So one of our boys has been returned to his parents as incorrigible. For a long time, the teachers and officers have borne with him in the hope of doing him good. Many of his faults have been overlooked, his actions frequently leading to the impression that he was scarcely responsible. When, at last, his vagaries took the direction of vicious contamination, his removal became a necessity, and he was sent home on the 21st ult.

It would be difficult to express in language the feeling of a teacher when one of his pupils is called home in the middle of a session, and the feeling is shared by every teacher and officer in the Institution, from the Supt. down. Nothing but sickness or death in a family should warrant the action. When a brother of one of the boys arrived to take him home to help on the farm a few days ago, a feeling of pity and disgust at his removal was expressed. The boy did not want to go, and Mr. Mathison convinced the visitor that it was to the advantage of both the boy and his family that he should remain. He is still here.

Prof D. R. Coleman, teacher of the senior class, and one of the veterans of the Institution, turned the 52nd milestone in his earthly journey on the 12th ult. The members of his class, desirous of congratulating him on the event and also of expressing their appreciation of his valuable services as a teacher, sent a deputation to his house with an address. They surprised him considerably, but they were not unwelcome visitors. The address having been read, Mr. Coleman replied briefly, thanking them for kind expressions of friendship and esteem, and concluding with some wholesome advice for the future guidance of all concerned. Prof Coleman has been teaching here since the Institution was opened in 1870.

Disobedience sometimes brings its own punishment, and such was the case with one of a party of boys who one day went to the bay during the noon recess. Disregarding the advice of the rest of the party to stay with them on the ice boats, he spread out a sail and recklessly whirled off over the uneven surface of the bay on his skates, at a greater speed than any of the ice boats. With a smooth ice he would probably have escaped accident, but the ice was rough, with patches of snow here and there. Into one of these the toes of his skates struck, and the wind getting under the sail he was lifted off his feet, and the top of his cranium kissed the ice with a hearty smack, tearing off a large piece of his scalp. He is still under the doctor's care, and we guess, when he recovers, that particular spot will never require a barber's attention again.

One rule of the school is - the pupils must not go to the bay without permission. We are glad that the pupils do not often break this rule, but sometimes the temptation is very strong, and it becomes convenient to have a weak memory when a cherished and long deferred pleasure can be enjoyed. After spending their spare time for two months in the autumn to sit up an iceboat, and parting with much of their pocket money for sails, ropes, pulleys, &c., wherewith to rig it up, it is discouraging to have snow come just as the ice becomes strong, and block the bay without a break for several months. What is more natural, or boy like, when a thaw at last takes place and a coat of ice is formed over the snow, for a few reckless spirits to make a break for the bay and launch their boats, even though a semi-blizzard is raging and the snow-drifts around in whirling eddies, it may be their last chance.

BUFFALO NEWS.

A number of graduates of the Ontario Institution reside in Buffalo and are prospering. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Braven and Miss Etta McCollom. Mr. Braven has a situation in Hamilton & Co's planing mill as a shop carpenter. Mr. Wheeler is a cabinet-maker and vauvezer in Kurtzman's piano factory and Miss McCollom is a tailoress for Mr. Joseph Schlageter, a deaf mute.

There was a Masquerade and Box Dance at the American Engineer's Hall lately at which all the foregoing names were present. The attendance was rather small owing to social and finan-

cial circumstances, but those who were there enjoyed the occasion immensely. Some of the ladies wore very handsome costumes and were consequently much admired by their gentlemen friends. The fun kept up till the early hours of the morning.

The Ephphatha Guild, in connection with St. James Church, has fifteen members and others are anxious to join. Rev. C. O. Dantzer is chairman; S. Cornelius, warden; Fred. J. Wheeler, secretary, and Mrs. Braven, treasurer. Mr. Wheeler would like to be relieved of the duties devolving upon him as secretary and expressed a wish to resign, but the members are desirous for him to continue and it is hoped he will do so. The meetings of the Guild are made very interesting by debates, Bible lessons, lectures, stories, &c., in which all the members participate. Mr. Dantzer was ordained as Deacon in Syracuse, N. Y., about a month ago. He is held in high estimation by the mutes here.

Miss Etta McCollom, of Stratfordville, Ontario, is to be married to Mr. David Stegmur, of Simcoe, on the 6th of April next.

If the mutes of Ontario will arrange an excursion to Buffalo some time in July or August of this year, they will be heartily welcomed. Base-ball contests, shooting matches, and other games for prizes can be organized, continuing over two days, which will afford amusement and pleasure for all who come. Mr. Fred. J. Wheeler, 17 Webster street, Buffalo, will gladly obtain the co-operation of the Buffalo friends to make the re-union a success.

TORONTO NEWS.

At the last meeting of the Literary Society, a lecture on the life of Rev. Mr. Spurgeon was given by J. L. Smith, which was listened to with much interest by a good sized audience. A few short addresses were also given by other members and an evening of real enjoyment was spent. A debate was put on the programme for next meeting, subject: "Resolved that it is more profitable to own a house in the city than to rent one." Affirmative, A. W. Mason and R. C. Slater; Negative, P. Fraser and J. L. Smith.

It is rumored that Miss Maggie Phoenix is down with an attack of measles. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mason have at last settled down in their own house, and will dub their nest "sweet home."

At the Sunday services before last, it was unanimously decided to give Rev. Mr. McCarthy \$15 in aid of the missionary work in China.

There is a young deaf-mute lady in the country who will shortly come to live in the city. Particulars postponed for a subsequent issue of the MUTE.

Mr. Gardner left for B. C. week before last, followed by another deaf-mute by the name of -- Holmes, who hails from England, but who has been living in the city for a couple of years. He went away without informing his brother whom he was living with.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore have moved to 22 Lakeview Avenue, near Parkdale. It appears as if the deaf-mutes were forming a colony up that way.

John Flynn has apparently disappeared from our midst, for a time at least. But as that is no infrequent habit on his part, there is no anxiety as to his not returning.

The Toronto deaf-mutes would be glad to hear from their friends in Hamilton and Brantford once in a while. We have not seen anything in the MUTE about them yet, so far.

Rev. Walter Currie, who was induced through Mr. Nasmith to give a lecture to the deaf-mutes of this city, prior to his leaving on missionary work in Africa some six or seven years ago, is here again on a visit, and last Sunday Mr. Nasmith announced that he would endeavor to get him to give us another lecture before he returned to his field of labor again. He was married only a couple of days before they started on their long journey to Africa, but Mrs. Currie died a few weeks after they reached their destination she being unable to stand the tropical climate of that country. Mr. Currie has stuck to his noble work till only recently when he is home on a short visit.

The Illinois Institution boasts of having "the first military company of mutes," armed with rifles, but the Silent Press says as far back as 1861 the Ohio Institution had a company of forty mutes, every one of them armed with a Springfield carbine furnished with a bayonet.