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## THE CANADIAN MUTE

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1895.

What we gave, we have  
What we spent, we had  
What we left, we lost  
*Epitaph of Education, Part of Deaf*

### Our Third Anniversary.

This issue of the *Canadian Mute* is the first of volume four, and we take this opportunity of thanking our many friends for their patronage. This paper was not started as a commercial venture, but for the two-fold purpose of enabling such of our pupils as wished to do so to learn the printing trade, and of providing for the deaf-mutes of Ontario, and their friends, a medium for communication with each other, and to keep them versed in all of interest that transpires among deaf-mutes everywhere, and we are not guilty of vain boasting, but simply express a patent fact when we claim to have abundantly fulfilled our mission in these respects. Typographically the *Canadian Mute* is the equal of any of the deaf-mute papers in America, while its columns are full of timely news, and it has always been noted for the fairness and courtesy of its editorial discussion. For the future we propose to adhere to the principles of the past, though of course with a constant effort to improve the paper in every respect, and to try each year to approach more nearly to our ideal. We thank our contemporaries for their many kind references to us. In all our discussions we have endeavored to confine ourselves to the merits of the subjects under consideration and to avoid all offensive personalities and rancorous contentions. We enter on our fourth year in the hope and with the expectation of improving on the past. Not "mark time" but "forward" is our motto.

### Good Friday.

In keeping the anniversary of this day, honored throughout christendom, we were no exception. The shadow of the cross which reaches down through the long vista of nineteen hundred years, proclaiming the mighty sacrifice offered for man, will never grow dim while the earth remains. At the Institution the day was spent very quietly by the pupils. The chapel services in the morning were commemorative of the day, and were deeply impressive. Mr. Campbell, who was on duty for the week, invited Mr. Bala to lead the services which he did, taking for his text Luke xxiii. 34: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." The scene at the cross was vividly portrayed in graphic signs and lessons of humility, forgiveness and love were drawn for our example. The services closed by all signing in unison the grand old hymn—"Rock of Ages."

Miss Linn acted as matron during Miss Walker's absence, and discharged the multifarious duties connected with that office very acceptably.

## Hockey--Still Another Game.

We fully expected that the hockey season was over, as far as we were concerned, and sticks and skates were laid away and our lads had turned their attention to foot-ball; so it was a surprise all around and we took it for an April Fool joke when Trenton sent us word that they would pay all the expenses for us to go up and play them on their covered rink. We had heard a great deal of the inconvenient rink, inhospitality and the rough play that awaited hockey visitors to Trenton, but it did not deter us from at once accepting the invitation. Our boys are used to hard knocks on the foot-ball field and they thought they could give as well as take anything in that line. We boarded the Trenton stage on the afternoon of the 2nd and in due time arrived safely at our destination where we found all had been arranged for our reception. On entering the rink in the evening we found the ice much better than we had looked for, and our boys got a little much needed practice before the game was called.

The game began at 8.30 p. m. and Trenton at once rushed the play and scored in a few minutes. Gilliam received an accidental cut over the eye by an opponent's stick and the Trentons scored again in the confusion. After a kind doctor had repaired damages, Trenton again scored, our defence seeming sadly out of practice. Our silent players then concluded that it was time to hustle and they soon put two goals to their credit. Trenton retaliating with goals Nos. 1 and 5 before half-time was called. During the last thirty minutes our boys scored twice again, but Trenton also added three to their tally, making the total score at the close 8 to 1. From start to finish the game was of the most lively and exciting description. The referee allowed both sides plenty of limit on "off-sides," consequently there were no bothersome stoppages to face the puck, and it was rush and rush all through, only one "off side" being called on a Trenton player for a flagrant breach of the rule. Our boys did better in the last half-time, and had they been in good practice form and the rink larger the score would have been closer.

Trenton players behaved in a most gentlemanly manner, and if at times the play was a little rough and the checking close and heavy, our boys did their full share of it. No doubt the tumblers lent a spice to the match and were enjoyed by the large number of spectators of both sexes who crowded the galleries and applauded good play, from whichever side it came. Our boys received quite a Chautauqua salute from the ladies after each goal they scored and were the recipients of many flattering compliments for their pluck. The Trentons were a much heavier team than ours, and were very fast and in good practice form, so our boys have no reason to be ashamed of their defeat, the more so as the same team defeated Cobourg the night before with a score of 8 to 3. After a short rest we bade adieu to Trenton, well pleased with our treatment and hoping that they were satisfied with the game we had put up. They provided a good conveyance for our return and we arrived safely at the Institution soon after midnight. Gilliam had the honor of scoring three of the goals, Labelle gaining the fourth. Names of players: Goal, J. Chambers; Point, W. McKay; Cover Point, S. Latt; Forwards, C. Gilliam, N. Labelle, J. Smallidon, J. Dubois.

The Separate School Board, of which the late Mr. Flynn was an honored member, passed a resolution of condolence to Mr. Flynn's family at its last meeting.

## HOME NEWS

WM. NURSE, LOCAL EDITOR.

General good health prevails.

The shoe-makers had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Wm. Douglas as a visitor a few days ago. Her stay was brief but pleasant.

Mr. Langmaid and a staff of boys have been taking down and storing away the storm windows this week and it is quite a large job, as unless it is carefully done much breakage would result.

Mr. Willis is preparing his hot beds for early plants. Since the greenhouse was built he is not so dependent on his hot beds as he was before, as he can raise in it those he wants particularly early.

Easter Sunday passed away very quietly, there being little of unusual interest to mark the day. Mr. Denys took the chapel service and explained in a very interesting manner the significance of the day.

Mr. Burns is preparing a number of copies of Vols. II. and III. of the *CANADIAN MUTE* for binding, and those who get a copy will be lucky. By carefully preserving the numbers every subscriber could get them bound at a small expense.

At this time last year the bay was clear of ice and trading vessels and steamers were plying their trade. Just now it is still frozen up but is not safe to be crossed on. Mr. Bala was the first to get out his boat for a fish last spring and the last to close business in the fall. He will seize the first chance to get out again.

We may now consider that spring has formally opened for business. With boys and girls spring business means the opening out of foot-ball and base-ball for the boys, croquet and such like sports for the girls. The boys have already started their games in defiance of the mud, and are looking forward to a fine time before school closes.

A large pile of hardwood is waiting to be cut up by the steam saw as soon as the ground is more favorable the work will be started. The platform on which the saw rests is being refitted in the carpenter shop. The pupils are never trusted to feed the wood to the saw for fear of accident, they are employed to bring and carry away the wood leaving some of the employees to do the feeding.

On Easter Monday night the children had a party in the dining-room—probably the last one of the season. The usual games were indulged in for a couple of hours, after which bags of candies, nuts, raisins, &c., were distributed. The boys and girls all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and if they could have their way they would have a party at least once a week throughout the session.

We must not forget to mention a drawing of Calvary and the scene of the crucifixion executed on the chapel slates on Good Friday by little Nelson Wood. It was a beautiful piece of artistic work and was entirely his own design. It gained praise from every one who saw it. Nelson shows a genius for drawing, and perhaps the world will hear of him in years to come. During the visit of Lord Aberdeen he was complimented by that gentleman for specimens of his work in crayon on the class-room slates.

"All Fools' Day" passed off with the usual complement of innocent jokes on the unwary. There were very few who did not get taken off their guard at some time. Probably the biggest sell of the day was got up by the queen of our kitchen, Miss Nellie Sweet. All the morning she had been the butt of every mischievous boy or girl whose business or no business took them to the kitchen; the waiter boys were especially annoying; but when dinner time came she had a sweet revenge. Calling the head waiter she told him that there were puddings in the bakery waiting to be served out, he in his turn called his assistants from various parts of the dining room and the whole trooped with expectant faces to the bakery. It is needless to say there were no puddings there, and it was a mischievous lot of boys that marched back through the kitchen amid the jeers of the cook and her assistants. They had to go back to the dining-room and confess to the 210 expectant ones that the puddings were all a gigantic "April Fool" sell. If you want to raise the ire of those boys you have only to make the sign for pudding.

## PERSONALITIES.

Miss Wood and Miss Campbell, of Madoc, are visiting Miss Belle Mathison.

Dr. Chamberlain, our Inspector, favored the Institution with a visit yesterday.

Miss Maybee spent Easter with her mother in Warkworth, and Miss Ostrom spent the day with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jameson and Miss Amelia Mace and Miss Hattie Mace, of Tamworth, graced our Monday evening party with their presence.

Mr. Keith, our boys' supervisor, was laid up for a few days. His illness did not prove serious and he is able to be on his usual round of duties again.

Miss Henry, one of Chicago's belles, has prolonged her stay in the city. It had been her intention to return to her parental roof in Canada about this time. —*National Exponent.*

Mr. Willio Barragar, Maynooth, Co. Hastings, a former pupil, expects to spend Queen's Birthday at the Institution. He has a niece and nephew here—Miss Marthe Barragar, of St. Ola, and George Barragar, of Maynooth.

Mr. Dowrie, our new foreman carpenter, arrived from Hamilton on the 1st inst. He at once entered on his new duties. He is quickly accommodating himself to the change and familiarizing himself to the means of communication with the deaf.

Dr. and Mrs. Murphy, of the Asylum, Brockville, who were ill of La Grippe, we are glad to say, are quite well again. Both the Doctor and Mrs. Murphy were connected with this Institution some years ago and have many friends among the old and present pupils.

Miss Eliza Garden and Miss Sadie Garden, of Bobcaygeon, surprised their sister Elsie on Saturday last by coming to the Institution to visit her. They were accompanied by Miss Luella Robinson, of Bobcaygeon, a former pupil. They all had a pleasant visit and were sorry when the time came to go home.

On Thursday Miss Walker returned after a well earned holiday of a week's duration which she spent with friends in Toronto and Hamilton. Miss Walker's duties keep her occupied nearly twenty-four hours of each and every day, and a rest of even a few days was very beneficial to her. She received a hearty welcome when she came back.

Mrs. George Bergeron, who was employed temporarily in the Sewing Department has given the utmost satisfaction; her home duties prevent her from accepting a permanent position anywhere and only came to us for a month or two until we secured some one to carry on the work.

Miss Minnie Dempsey is the new Seamstress, Supervisor of Girls, etc., and she commenced her duties to day. She is an estimable, capable young lady and comes very highly recommended; we bid her welcome and hope she will succeed in discharging the duties required of her in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. J. T. Wilkinson, of the Vancouver World, was here visiting Mr. R. Mathison, Jr., for a couple of days last week. "The World man on the wing," as he is usually called, has been doing good missionary work for British Columbia in the east. His trips during the past three years to all parts of that Province have given him knowledge of the resources of the different sections and have made him the best advertisement of British Columbia that has ever appeared in Eastern Canada.

On Wednesday Mrs. Terrill left on a trip to Strathroy, where she was subpoenaed as an expert witness in a case in which a deaf-mute was interested, and also to act as interpreter during the trial. She spent Wednesday night in Toronto with Mrs. Keegan, went to Strathroy on Thursday, returned to Oakville on Saturday, where she remained over Sunday, and arrived home on Monday night. Her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Forster, of Rockwood Asylum, spent Sunday with her at Oakville. During her absence Miss Linn had charge of her class.

The meeting of teachers of the deaf to be held at the Institution at Flint, Mich., next July will probably be attended by quite a number of our teachers, and if the proposed meeting and organizing at the same place, of the mechanical foremen and instructors be carried out, it is likely that some of ours will be present.