

Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

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The Canadian Mute.

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How hard it is to hide the sparks of Nature's CYMBELINE III, 2.

CHRISTMAS.

The greatest Happiness is Found in Making Others Happy.

Superintendent's Office, Belleville, Dec. 1st, 1892.

To Parents and Friends

Christmas Greetings. We have 20 pupils, and everything is going on in the Institution satisfactorily. Christmas and New Year are drawing near, and one and all are looking forward with anticipations of pleasure to your times.

Forward by express or mail, some responsible present for your child. A book, toy or some little article that will bring to its mind the loved ones at home. Do not send roast turkey, geese, or chickens, as we will have abundance of those here, be prepared to send indies, nuts, etc., they are much appreciated in such quantities.

There are a few orphan children and some whose parents cannot afford to send anything. I trust those who can spare an extra gift will not forget these, make up a small parcel, and the name of someone it had will be put on it here.

For parcels, boxes, and other things by express or mail so as to arrive not later than the 20th of December. Put name of the child on the parcel, in care of Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville.

We are aware we have no money to give. A few requests for the children to go home for Christmas. We sympathize with the love which calls for the children, but cannot, in the present state of the Institution, give consent to their going, and to allow a few to go makes those who remain more discontented. One or two have been allowed to go, but the loss of those who remain, be it never so small, is a loss which we have had

here for several years past, has been brought back in the first instance, by returning pupils at the holiday time. Pupils who go home this month will not be allowed to come back until the re-opening next September.

During the holidays, parents will be made welcome in the school rooms and be allowed every opportunity of seeing the general work of the Institution. We cannot furnish lodging or meals, or entertain guests at the Institution. Every room is occupied. Good accommodation can be had in the city at the Hoffman House, Queen's, Anglo-American, and Dominion Hotels, at moderate charges.

With kind regards, and wishing you and yours "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully, R. MATHISON, Superintendent.

At the Institute.

TRIAL OF THE WATER-WORKS. THE FEVER HAS DISAPPEARED.

About the beginning of the present month, the operation of laying the pipes for the introduction of the Water Works Company's service into the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb was begun. Despite bad weather and delay caused by waiting for pipes, the work was completed yesterday afternoon, and a test was made of the service in the presence of Supt. Mathison and officers of the Institution, Mr. E. B. Calkins, supt. of construction, and Mr. M. M. Thompson, representing the Water Works Co.

First, with pressure from the stand pipe, water was thrown through a 1/2" nozzle to a height of 75 ft. and with direct pressure a height of 100 ft. was attained with the same nozzle. The Institution has now a thorough system of fire protection, with and without, the test having proved entirely satisfactory.

Our representative paid a hurried visit to the buildings, and found everything in perfect order. A water motor is being placed in the printing office, by which the presses will be driven, as well as other machinery in the building.

The two children who were prostrated by scarlet fever have recovered and everything is going on with the usual system and regularity in the Institution over which Mr. Mathison so ably presides. -Belleville Daily Intelligencer, November 24th.

Miss Hattie, daughter of Mr and Mrs. W. O'Connor, of the Cane Spring, Georgia, Institution for the Deaf, was married to William S. Stevens on the evening of 23rd November. Mr and Mrs. Mathison were invited to the wedding, and only the distance prevented them from being present. Congratulations were telegraphed from here, and the young couple began life's journey with the best wishes of hosts of friends.

Mr. McKillop has been counting "Miss Fortune," and although she is usually fleckle, yet she has been very kind to him, probably because he did not court her assiduously, but quietly laid down his silver and stood on his dignity. Mr McKillop is a sober bachelor, and disclaims all intention of ever being anything else. He dropped a quarter in a lottery for a charitable purpose and never expected to hear anything more of it. What was his surprise when he found he had put down his name opposite a lucky number, and found him. If the happy possessor of an easy chair. He now looks at his ease and can entertain visitors at his quarters comfortably.

An exchange says: "If young boys and girls could only understand how happy it makes their parents when they are doing well and conducting themselves like ladies and gentlemen, it seems to us that they would make a greater effort than they do to avoid evil deeds and acts. A great part of the pleasure of this life to parents is found in the success and welfare of their children going out from their home. And much of the misery is caused by the waywardness and unkindness of bad boys and daughters."

HOME NEWS

Miss Marion Campbell, of Chatham, is visiting friends in Detroit.

Miss Matilda Lafferty, of Windsor, is employed in a seed store. Her sister Sophia is engaged in dress and cloak-making in Detroit.

Jas Chambers is the latest addition to our shoe-shop staff. Although he has lost the thumb of his left hand, yet with industry, he bids fair to become a competent workman.

We think, from the stores of apples we find hid away in obscure corners of the out-buildings, that the boys, like the little busy bee, improved each shining hour, while the apple season lasted.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of Toronto, who lost their bright little girl recently with diphtheria, have been visiting friends in Belleville. They deserve, and receive, the sympathy of many in their great bereavement.

Mrs. Balis has a well-written and interesting article in a recent issue of the Silent World, entitled "Midst Wind and Waves." It partakes of an allegorical character, and contains some fine word painting.

The "cold snap" last week made the boys dance with joy, in anticipation of winter sports. The mercury went down below the freezing point, and ice was formed on the ponds of sufficient thickness to bear the weight of large persons.

It has been remarked by those who make observations, that the girls have unusually good appetites this season, so far, as evidenced by their cheerful attacks upon the victuals placed before them. We are glad of it. They will be handsomer and healthier.

"Father Time" is cutting his swath both broad and deep, but Mr. O'Meara is determined to keep a correct mark of each. He is sporting a brand new gold watch, and the boys have given up begging for just a few minutes more play on the ples. "Your watch is too fast."

For many years a clock has hung in the hall near the boys' reading room, but this term it has been removed to the boys' sitting room. Neither teachers nor boys can break the habit of years, and glances still go up to the wall in search of the face that is gone.

Mr John Moore, whose conservatory is on the Kingston Road, wishes our pupils and all in connection with the Institution to visit his conservatory. Roses, chrysanthemums, calla lilies and other winter flowers are in full bloom. It is likely a number of our pupils, officers and teachers will go and see Mr Moore's collection.

Teachers and officers have received from the Secretary of the Dufferin Literary Society a polite note, inviting them to attend the meetings of said society, and assist in any way they can in promoting its welfare and improvement. It should be a pleasure as well as a duty to respond cheerfully to this request.

The contractor for laying the pipes to supply us with water from the bay, hustled at a lively rate. If he had not been delayed by inclement weather, and a deficiency of pipes, he would have finished the contract two weeks ago. Twenty-five or thirty muscular men made the dirt fly when they attacked the loose, sandy soil through which the trench was dug.

Mr S. J. Welden, cut flower grower, has sent us a special invitation to visit his conservatories, opposite Albert College where chrysanthemums, roses, violets, carnations and other winter plants are in full bloom just now, and at this dreary season of the year it is a great pleasure to see them. Our officers, teachers and pupils will be sure to go and see Mr Welden's display.

The water works extension to the Institution has been completed, and was tested on the 23rd ult. The hose was attached to two hydrants and the water was thrown with much force over the building. The test was quite satisfactory to those who witnessed it, and now we can rest securely with the assurance that we have the means of producing a miniature deluge if necessary.

The boys have been so interested in other sports, that very little interest has been taken in preparations for ice-boating. In other years the rear of the skating rink resembled a boat builder's yard at this season, but now we only notice two or three heavy craft being fitted out. Probably the difficulty in

getting suitable masts and booms for the rigging has something to do with it.

Willie Watt, one of the brightest and most obedient pupils in this school, met with a painful accident when playing foot-ball a few days ago. Coming in contact with a larger boy he was thrown forcibly on the ground, striking his left shoulder. The result was a fracture of the clavicle, which will confine him to his room for a while. He will be greatly missed from the Third Class, of which he is a promising member.

With what delight the little ones watch the first snow-flakes descend to the earth. There seems to be something fascinating in the "beautiful snow," when it begins to cover the brown, frozen earth, after the last, lingering smile of summer has departed. They are satiated with its beauty before the flowers bloom in spring, and hail with equal pleasure the first appearance of green grass and warm sunshine.

The presence of a few cases of scarlet fever has not caused a panic among the children. Work in all the departments has proceeded as usual, as the facilities for isolation and proper care disarmed fear of the disease spreading. It has been observed, however, that there were fewer visitors to the Institution than usual. This was not much regretted by officers and teachers, as class work and business generally proceeded uninterruptedly, and, therefore, more satisfactorily.

The boys still keep up their foot-ball practice, but are hopeless of getting any more matches this season. The teams are in excellent training which is due, in a measure, to the manly rivalry existing between the First and Second Eloven, and their methods of practice. In practice matches each team exchanges its defence player, and so equalizes the strength of the two parties, and the plan works so well that it is only by rare good luck that the seniors get much ahead.

The force of the stream, thrown from the hose at the recent test of the water-works, can be estimated from the fact that a window in the third story was broken when the water struck it. Miss James and Miss Henry, who were in the room, and standing near the window, received slight injuries to their faces from the broken glass and window sash. Miss Henry had a very nice black eye for a few days, which she concealed with a bandage. Some court-plaster also covered the abrasions on their faces.

The new bakery, attendants rooms, and the addition to the printing office are now finished and have assumed an appearance of neatness. Outside, the walks have been laid down, the ground cleared, leveled and made as neat as the season will permit. The new water-motor has been placed in position, and we expect soon to be running both of our presses by power obtained from it. A band will also be carried through to the bakery to run a new dough-mixer, lately set up, making the whole a very complete arrangement.

Our lawns were nicely levelled and otherwise improved during the past summer, and it has gone much against our liking to see them cut through by the trenches for the water pipes, but we must make a virtue of necessity. The water is to go to the stables, and the boys feared that their playground would be cut through, but the trenches are being cut through the garden instead. With the waterworks connection, and the improvements made in our sewage system, we hope to be well set up for many years to come.

Only about three more weeks to Christmas, quite time for papers and manna's, brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts, and all others interested, to be thinking and planning what they will send to make our little children happy. Surely, they should all remember the little ones here, so far from home and friends, at that festive season. The smallest remembrance from far-away home makes our children as happy as crickets, and more resigned to their enforced absence from those they love. If the friends at home could see the crowd of eager little faces which gather round the piled-up tables on Christmas morning, when the presents are distributed, not one would be forgotten, and we should have such a mighty pile of boxes and parcels that even our spacious sitting-room would scarcely hold them all. Everything will be done by the Superintendent, officers and teachers to make the children happy but friends at home can strike a chord we cannot reach, and make them still happier.