

Just Common Folks.

If only sweetest bells were rung,
How we would nuzzle the minor chimes,
If only gentlest notes were rung,
There'd be no simple little rhymes:
The modest clinging vine adds grace
To all the forest's giant oaks,
And 'mid earth's mightiest is a place
To people with just common folks.

Not the, the warriors who shall win
Upon the battlefields a name
To sound afar the awful din,
Not theirs the palmer's deathless fame,
Not theirs the poet's muse that brings
The rhythmic gift his soul invokes:
Theirs but to do the simple things
That duty gives just common folks.

Fate has not lifted them above
The level of the human plane;
They share with men a fellow-love
In touch with pleasure and with pain.
One great, far-reaching brotherhood,
With common burdens, common joys,
And common wrongs and common good—
God's army of just common folks.
—Nolan Waterman's "Book of Verses."

BRANTFORD BRIEFS.

From an occasional Correspondent.

We have not had the usual number of visitors this summer, while the peddling gentry has passed us by entirely. We have not seen a single one and presume the kick we made against them a year or so ago, has caused them to take the loop line in getting past Brantford. So mote it be.

Bamber Brown has been hiring here since his father died, working at various jobs.

David S. Mrs. who a few years ago moved to Clinton from Northfield, has moved his family to Brantford, and is employed in the Cortland Carriage Works.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, of New Durham, were in the city for a day or two.

We miss our old friend Archie Smith very much, but we are glad to hear he has a good situation in Toledo, Ohio, and is doing well. He writes he is going to send his old friend A. E., a bicycle. He writes the only thing he regrets leaving here is little Melvin Smith and the roosters that he liked for the crow that was in them and the spur that was on them to back up their crow.

James Goodbrand lives up on the hill quite a distance from the rest of us. His sister-in-law, Miss Sophia Lafferty, spent part of the summer with them and Mrs. Lafferty will be here about the end of September to spend a month or so with them.

During the last year three of Brantford's mutes have bought property in the city. Mr. Lloyd bought a house and lot on Superior street, and A. E. Smith a vacant lot on Buffalo street.

Miss Sarah Foulds has been visiting at Simcoe for some time past. We expect to see her home again soon.

Mrs. A. E. Feast and two children, of Baltimore, Md., have been here for six weeks visiting Alfred's mother and sisters. We expect him up before this appears in THE CANADIAN MUTE to take his family back to Uncle Sam's domains.

Little Francis Smith, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith, has been dangerously ill lately with inflammation and abscess. An operation has been performed and he is now getting better.

We now have the pleasure of reporting the marriage of Mr. Robert Sutton, of our city, to Miss Martha Leigh, of Port Albert on June 19th., at the English Church, of the latter place. About 60 relatives and friends of the happy couple were present. The mutes who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. D. Souris, Miss L. Cummings, Mr. John Reynolds, Mr. T. Johnson, Mrs. Thomas, of Belgrave, Misses Mabel, Ethel and Althea Thompson, of Dungeness. Miss Ethel Hull was bridemaid, and Mr. Charles Hull assisted the groom. The wedding took place at 4 p. m. and the wedding party left for Clinton at 6 p. m. The many handsome and useful presents show how popular both the bride and groom are among their friends. Prof. Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, sent a present of \$15.00. The mutes of Brantford presented them with a handsome oak rocker. We would like to give a full list of the donors of many other beautiful presents they received but want of space prevents it.

We are glad to have living among us Miss E. Bennett, who has nearly completed her studies at the Deaf Mute College at Washington, D. C.

The best way for a man to get out of a lowly position is to be conspicuously effective in it.—*Rev. Dr. John Hall.*

LONDON NOTES.

From our own Correspondent.

Among those of our community who visited the Pan American were Mr. H. Cowan and Miss Mab. Steel.

The latest to join our deaf circle in London is Miss L. Cummings of Clinton. She has obtained a steady position here and is engaged with Miss McIntyre by the same firm.

We noticed Chief of Police Newton, of Belleville, in the city during August. We had often seen him while at school and know him at once.

Mr. Green and wife, of Toronto, were lately in the city visiting friends and attended the Travellers' Annual Picnic while here.

Miss Lilly Bryce has returned home after a visit to friends in Toronto during the exhibition there.

Mr. Leathorn lately visited Poplar Hill and called on Messrs. John and Richard Pincombe. We had received poor reports of Mrs. J. Pincombe's health and are pleased to hear she is much improved.

Martin Scholowski, a foreign deaf-mute, was charged in the police court here with catching black bass out of season. He was carrying the fish home when the inspector caught him. He did not know that he was doing wrong and a humble appeal to the court gained his liberation.

Foreign deaf-mute tramps are brought up sharp some times, one of them was causing annoyance to the residents of Park Hill recently and was promptly sent to jail for four months.

Mrs. Jno. Smallton and little baby daughter, of Cranbrook, and Mrs. Mary McKay, of Monerick spent a few hours the guests of Mr. Gould. They were returning home after a week's visit to friends in St. Thomas and Talbotville.

There is an added joy in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cowan now, a blue bouncing baby boy arrived recently.

Miss Lizzie Scott and her sister, of Park Hill, were in town during fair week and visited friends here.

Mount Pleasant is one of the finest cemeteries in Middlesex. Mr. Cowan and his hearing brothers have lately erected a fine monument there to the memory of their late father.

Mr. W. H. Gould took a wheeling trip during the Labor Day holidays, in the course of which he visited Ridgetown and Thamesville. At the latter place, in company with Geo. Wallace and Wm. Thompson, he helped the Thamesville foot-ball team to defeat a team of opponents from Northwood. The score was 1 to 0.

This summer we have had many deaf visitors to our pretty city, among them were: Elber Thomas, of Ohio; George Patterson, of Montreal; August Lloyd, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Green, of Toronto; Jay Gould, of Duluth; Mr. and Mrs. J. Noyes, of Denfield; Mr. McGee and wife, of Ivan; Miss A. Matheson, of Kowoka; Mr. Thos. Noyes and wife, Wm. Bryce, of Poplar Hill; Mr. and Miss Henderson, of Talbotville; and Mr. N. McCallum, of Belmont.

Mr. Wm. Bryce has been working for Mr. Jno. Pincombe on the farm during the summer. He has now returned to London and hopes to get steady employment here.

HAMILTON ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent.

The class for Bible study opened on Wednesday evening, 11th ult. and will continue weekly through the winter. They are held on McNab street north.

Miss F. Warwick, Evans street, visited Toronto during the exhibition accompanied by her father. Messrs. E. Gottlieb, Watt, Isbister and McPherson also attended the Toronto Fair on Labor Day.

The Hamilton mutes arranged to hold their annual picnic at Oakville on Aug. 17th last, and there met the Toronto friends. The occasion passed off as pleasantly and happily as such gatherings always do and the deaf from both cities heartily enjoyed themselves. A base-ball match between a team from each place was a feature and rivalry keen for victory. The Torontos succeeded in winning the game by one run, the score being 12 to 13. A programme of races was arranged and carried out, and in the evening the friends separated all much pleased with their outing. In the course of the afternoon a photo of the assembly was taken to commemorate the occasion.

Messrs. Melisac of Delhi and Bamber Brown of Brantford were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gottlieb lately.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

—Well begun
—Is half done.
—Happy to return.
—Industry is the best policy.
—Beginners bright and many.
—It's a long lane that has no turn.
—How did your vaccination come out?
—Sweet remembrance of the folks at home.

—Is the man with the forceps still living?
—The end of the world is not yet. Look at our procession.

—John A. Kirk says his father is very busy building a big new mill now.

—Mr. Mathison always classifies the pupils. He wants them to improve.

—One parent said our boys make the best boots, and so it is from head to foot.

—Eva Brown says her sister Florence is working at Josias Pogue's and doing very well.

—We were pleased to see Mr. Mathison, Miss Walker and all the teachers and officers again.

—Some of the large boys and girls have not returned. We hope that they will get on in life.

—We are very sorry to part with our dear parents but we must come here to get an education.

—We never before saw the Institution grounds look as green and beautiful at the opening of school.

—Mr. Forrester has returned from a trip to Auld Scotia. All are glad to see him back and looking so well.

—There are about thirty four new pupils here. We are surprised that this year there are more than last year.

—We are sorry for Gertrude Pilling, as she is very sick. We hope she will get better soon and return to school again.

—Our Institution has undergone a number of repairs during the vacation and looks as nice and comfortable as possible.

—Algo Perry got a letter from home which said Maggie and Ralph, his sister and brother, went to Calgary two months ago.

—Last summer Nellie Derocher visited Mrs. O'Brien, whose son is deaf. His father brought him here last Monday. He is 8 years old.

—The teachers have all returned from their vacation and are looking well. We hope we will all keep well and make good progress this season.

—Dalton Gardiner says that his father was pleased with his progress last session. He says that he will try to make more progress this session.

—R. McMaster received a letter from J. Vance last week. His parents were burned out. We were very sorry. They will get a new house we hope.

—Yes, my friend, begin young. Because Swift was sixty when he produced Gulliver, is no excuse. Byron, Burns, Pope, and Dickens, all made an early start.

—Fifteen pupils of the high class finished their education last session and will not return. The four of us who have returned will miss their familiar faces.

—Last summer when Rose Moore was at home, she had many friends come to see her, and among them was her friend, Mabel Elliott, who stayed there for one month.

—Mr. J. Dubois and Miss Lamadelaine were married in Ottawa this summer. They have a nice little home and their many friends wish them long life, prosperity and happiness.

—Maggie Eason went to visit her relations in Michigan on the 31st of August and returned on the 4th of September. Her father went with her and she had a very good time.

—The pupils all arrived here safely, and all went back to work quietly and orderly as if they had not been home for three months. We should be thankful to God for His goodness to us.

—King Edward receives 3,000 newspapers daily and 1,000 letters, of which he takes cognizance. This work, however, does not seem to affect his emboupoint, he still weighing 240 pounds.

—We would all be delighted to see the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York as they pass through this Province, but we are sorry that we cannot. We wish them much pleasure on their visit to loyal Canada.

—We wish our friends at home would subscribe for the CANADIAN MUTE, which is printed at the Institution every two weeks. They would be pleased to read all the news about us and how all are getting along.

—Wilbur J. Elliott visited his uncle Will Toull, Woodstock. He stayed three days. He rode on a bicycle around the city. He met Willie McKay and Mary Ryan. He was very much pleased to talk with them.

—The deaf-mutes as well as hearing people in Ontario were shocked to hear of the terrible assassination of President McKinley. He was a friend of the deaf and has addressed them at Gallaudet College. He loved God, and when he was dying he said: "Thy will, not ours, be done."

—How often time in its rapid course brings together conflicting scenes of joy and sorrow. It is but the other week one could see the gay colors of the nation waving a glad welcome to a royal couple whilst at half past six places also hung the ensign of mourning in respect to our bereaved neighbors.

—President McKinley is dead! An assassin's bullet did the work. The life of one of nature's masterful men is snatched away that a blood-thirsty gang be appeased. But hold! Murderer, thine own hour is coming. A gibbet, raised by outraged justice shall end thy schemes of wrong and bury thy name in everlasting infamy.

—Did you see Mrs. Carrie Nation in Ottawa? We should say we did. Speculated, stout and stern and in Khaki attire she made her appearance in the rotunda of the Russell House at 4.30 p. m. on Tuesday, the 17th ult., and registered her name in full, giving "Kansas" as her residence and "Home Defender" as her profession. We did not see the little hatchet but asked no questions. Carrie's specialty wherever she goes seems to be to create a demand for plate glass. It were difficult even for the Duke to draw a larger crowd in a minute.

OTTAWA NOTES.

From our own Correspondent.

Many changes have taken place since June. Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner called at Ottawa on their bridal trip and visited most of the mutes here. It was found in conversation that the bride's family was connected by marriage with Mr. Hayne; David now says that he has no many cousins he will run for parliament if they will all stand by him.

We understand that Mr. Holland has gone to Montreal and taken his trade with graphing.

The deaf printers in the government printing bureau are in clover this week. Two holidays with full pay, the occasions being to allow them a chance to see the Exhibition and the reception to their Royal Highness the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York.

Miss Burns of Coblen and Mrs. Waters of North Nation Mills, Que., and Messrs. Hodgins, Patrick, O'Boyle, Sutton, La Bello and the Lett Bros. were in the city to welcome their Royal Highnesses, and to see the sights. The illuminations were magnificent, rivaling those of the Pan American Exposition.

We were told that Miss Jessie Macfarlane will accompany her sister, Mrs. Macfarlane on a visit to the Pan American Exposition in Buffalo.

Universal regret was expressed by the deaf of Ottawa at the death of President McKinley and our American cousins have our sincere sympathy in the national bereavement.

Mr. McClelland went up to pay Mr. Hodgins a call on civic holiday and had an enjoyable time. Messrs. Patrick and Armstrong are working for Mr. Hodgins this year.

Mr. Wilson spent his holiday with his father near Montreal, and our general friend Shouldice made frequent trips to Wakefield, Que., to see his mother. Mr. Haldane spent two weeks yachting on the Rideau.

John Brethour has returned to Orms-ton, Que. John cannot stand the absence of ladies from the house and their culinary usefulness.

Congratulations to our genial friend A. Gray. It is a bouncing blue boy Geo. McFareu was in the city to take in the sights. We understand he intends to return to Toronto in October.

When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words than thy words without heart.—*Dunyan.*