

**TORONTO TOPICS.**

Days are now over and our friends who came to take in the show all returned home, and we are all working again in earnest. As a reporter can learn our friends are never doing better. Quite a number of our country friends have come in the last summer and secured time at least.

Monthly Bible class meetings conducted by Mr. Bridgen have been resumed after having been discontinued during the summer months, the first of which was held last week at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. Fraser, 100 St. George street, and was well attended. These meetings are both profitable and interesting.

A meeting was held at Mr. Bridgen's residence last night, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of forming a deaf society, and as a good number of the undertaking, it was decided to organize such a society. Another meeting for this purpose will be held at the same place on Thursday evening next, a delegation of deaf mutes gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Slater, 19 Garden avenue, to go to congratulate them on the twentieth anniversary of their marriage. An address was presented by Mr. Fred Bridgen, of the Toronto Engineering Company, and Mr. Chas. Elliott presented them with a beautiful set of crockery. Mr. Slater, on rising, thanked them on behalf of Mrs. Slater and himself for their very kind services as expressed in the address, and said that he would always do his best to be able to further the best interests of the mutes in the city. Though somewhat surprised, he made a response in the same language. The remainder of the evening was spent in games, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Slater have for years been prominent in the church and social work of the society and the occasion was taken advantage of in order to show that their services have been fully appreciated.

Mr. Geo. Reeves, of Lindsay, has been living in the city the last couple of weeks, and as he has fair prospects of securing a situation it is probable he will leave the city his home.

Master Fredly Terrell, before going to school at Belleville, paid Master M. Wilson of Niagara Falls a visit. Since then M. Wilson has come to the city and is working in Boeckh's brush factory, along with Noah Labelle, Wilson Brown, H. Lawson, and M. Brown.

Mr. A. W. Mason, Misses J. Munro and Miss O. Neil are working over-time at present at Mr. Ford's, owing to the rush orders. We learn that W. E. Gray is going to work in this studio in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mason are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bowen's, at Belleville.

Mr. N. McGillivray has been visiting in Oakville and reports that our old friend Mr. R. M. Thomas, is going to leave for the winter.

Misses Grace and Eliza Muckle have been working regularly all summer along with Miss M. Campbell, and we hear they are all highly respected by both employers and employees. They will require a good long holiday next summer.

Miss Dolly Morrison spent a short time at her old home in Muskoka during the summer.

Mr. F. Bridgen and family have returned from St. John, N. B. They are greatly improved in health. Mr. B. conducted a number of deaf mutes there and held religious services for their benefit.

The marriage of J. R. Nowell and Miss Lattie Montgomery takes place on Nov. 1st. They expect to visit friends in Toronto on their journey home. Both are ex-pupils of the Belleville Institution.

We are pleased to hear from Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grant. They speak well of Manitoba crops and are raising poultry and cattle. They have three horses and look for prosperous times ahead. Their address is Elgin P. O., Manitoba.

Self-trust is the essence of heroism.—*Cartson.*

Come my best friend, my book! and read me on."

The discovery of thought is one of the mysteries of life.—*Holland.*

Be careful of his impressions. The impress of a cat's foot on a green brick is never lost.

**Teachers' Chapel and Study Duty.**

WEEK	CHAPEL DUTY.	EVENING DUTY.	EVENING DUTY.
BEGINNING.		BOYS' SIDE.	GIRLS' SIDE.
1899			
Sept. 24	Mr. Forrester,	Mr. Forrester,	Miss Gibson
Oct. 1	" Stewart,	" Stewart,	" Linn
8	" Balis,	" Campbell,	" Bull
15	" Coleman,	" Forrester,	Gibson
22	" Denys,	" Stewart,	Linn
29	Campbell,	" Campbell,	" Bull
Nov.			
5	" Forrester,	" Forrester,	" Gibson
12	" Stewart,	" Stewart,	" Linn
19	" Balis,	" Campbell,	" Bull
26	" Coleman,	" Forrester,	Gibson
Dec.			
3	" Denys,	" Stewart,	Linn.
10	" Campbell,	" Campbell,	" Bull.
17	" Forrester,	" Forrester,	" Gibson
24	" Stewart,	" Stewart,	" Linn
31	" Balis,	" Campbell,	" Bull
1900			
Jan.			
7	" Coleman,	" Forrester,	" Gibson
14	" Denys,	" Stewart,	" Linn
21	" Campbell,	" Campbell,	" Bull.
28	" Forrester,	" Forrester,	" Gibson
Febr.			
4	" Stewart,	" Stewart,	" Linn.
11	" Balis,	" Campbell,	" Bull
18	" Coleman,	" Forrester,	Gibson
25	" Denys,	" Stewart,	" Linn
March			
4	" Campbell,	" Campbell,	" Bull
11	" Forrester,	" Forrester,	" Gibson
18	" Stewart,	" Stewart,	" Linn
25	" Balis,	" Campbell,	" Bull.
April			
1	" Coleman,	" Forrester,	" Gibson,
8	" Denys,	" Stewart,	" Linn.
15	" Campbell,	" Campbell,	" Bull.
22	" Forrester,	" Forrester,	" Gibson
29	" Stewart,	" Stewart,	" Linn.
May			
6	" Balis,	" Campbell,	" Bull.
13	" Coleman,	" Forrester,	" Gibson
20	" Denys,	" Stewart,	" Linn.
27	" Campbell,	" Campbell,	" Bull
June			
3	" Forrester,	" Forrester,	" Gibson.
10	" Stewart,	" Stewart,	" Linn
17	" Balis,	" Campbell,	" Bull
24	" Coleman,	" Forrester,	" Gibson.

**DUNDAS JOYRINGS.**

*From our own Correspondent*  
George Bridgeford, who since leaving school, has spent most of his time on the farm, has now secured a steady situation with the Bertram Tool Co. Fred Ford has also been employed in the same works for about a year.

Mr. Jas. Reid, an ex-pupil of your school, has steady employment at the Dundas Knitting Mills. He has been there for the past eighteen years, which vouches for his ability as a machinist and to give satisfaction to his employers.

Robert Sutton, of Brantford, was a late visitor to town. His stay was short but pleasant. A Clarke, of Aurora, was also a transient caller.

Miss A. deBelleville is justly proud of her young brother Duquesny who, though only sixteen years old last June, took the silver medal for highest proficiency in the Commercial course of St. Michael's College, Toronto. The prize was a handsome one and beautifully engraved. He also received a diploma.

Mr. H. Grant, of Hamilton, called to see us lately. He was returning from Orillia, where he had been visiting for a month.

John F. Fisher's parents have now removed from Chatham to Hamilton, so John will be able to visit them frequently now.

James Goodbraud, of Brantford, was in Dundas lately. He came to attend the Bertram reception.

Lately John F. Fisher, accompanied by his friend, James B. Sutherland, went by wheel from Dundas to Chatham to visit the former's parents. On the long trip of 160 miles they made many calls. At London they found Willie H. Gould doing well in his shoe shop, and all other mutes there busy. In Thamesville, Duncan Bloom was making things hum in his shoe shop. He is considered a great hustler. At Chatham they found Mr. and Mrs. Liddy well and happy. Mr. L. still keeps his seat at the Banner office and is doing well. M. Cartier, who left school last June, is apprenticed to the tailoring and likes the work. Mr. and Mrs. Kiddo also live there and have an interesting little son. After a brief visit Messrs. Fisher and Sutherland again wheeled the long distance home, doing the trip in a day and a half.

**GALLAUDET COLLEGE.**

*From our own Correspondent*  
Tuesday, the 3rd of October, was observed as a holiday in this district, not all over the United States, in honor of Admiral Dewey, who has cut a conspicuous figure during the war against Spain. Of course, it was lucky for us students, for then we could allow our selves a short relaxation from hard study. As the morning dawned, the sky was deep blue, not a speck of cloud visible. The weather was propitious, though crisp, and was the very thing the eager pleasure seekers wanted. Early in the morning many people of all descriptions flocked from all sides to different places where the great admiral was to pass. Pennsylvania Avenue was by far the most favorable place. Now imagine yourself standing on a vantage place, and taking a view of the broad and long avenue. Along the avenue you would see two long stripes of black heads with a white one in the midst. You would also see many photographers with their cameras in readiness to photograph anything they thought important.

Before the clock struck ten the avenue was lined on both sides with people eager to get a glimpse of the admiral. At last the imposing military pageant was under way. Patriotic shouts of praise followed the admiral, as he passed along on the way to the capitol. The President who sat on the right of the admiral, did not attribute to himself a mite of the congratulations from the excited people, judging from his actions on that day, he was modest and was looked upon as if he were not an important personage.

Now again, picture the whole plaza east of the capitol covered with black heads. If you could take a look at the vast multitude from a high place, you would inevitably imagine that you could walk over the mass of people without sinking, as it was solid and compact. The multitude was being augmented, and reminded us of a restless ocean. It swayed now and then as if it were disturbed by mysterious currents. A large force of policemen was installed to keep the people in order, but their efforts were of no avail. After a long suspense of anxiety and excitement, on the part of the people, at last the hero emerged from the capitol, arm in arm with the

President. Shouts went up from about 20,000 throats, and a moment later the hero was on the stand, surveying the vast mass. He modestly bowed right and left in recognition of the congratulations, and then sat down just opposite the President. A few addresses were given, and the much-talked of sword, which is worth \$10,000, was handed to the Admiral by the President. In a few words he expressed his gratitude for the gift he just received. In a few hours the multitude vanished, leaving no impressions of its former presence on the plaza. The fineness of the weather, and the success of the ceremonies combined to make the day a success. Now, if we ever live to be old men and women, we can look back on that memorable occasion with much pleasure, especially when we read accounts of it in history. A. D. S.

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**HAMILTON ITEMS.**

*From our own Correspondent*

Miss Maggie Platt, of Berlin, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. H. Gotlieb.

John Isbister was in Toronto for a week, and then he went to Woodstock to see his relations.

On Labor Day, Messrs. H. Gotlieb, E. Hackbusch and T. Tims spent the day in Toronto, J. Isbister and R. McPherson, in Brantford, W. R. Watt, in Milton, and A. S. Waggoner, in Ottawa.

W. R. Watt was in Guolph for two week holidays.

Mr. E. Hackbusch is working in Tuckett & Son's Factory. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. Crawley, who was in Toronto for twelve years, has got a job in the Steel and Iron factory at Guelph.

The Stewart, Burrow and Milne's factory was burned last July, and Mr. James Mosher was out of employment for a week or so.

Mr. Chas. Mortimer is working in McPherson's shoe-factory.

**DEAF MUTE RACES AT DRIVING PARK.**

The Deaf Mutes Bicycle Association of Ontario held its second annual race meet on the half-mile track of the Hamilton Driving and Athletic Association on Saturday afternoon. The track, near the fence, where the races are usually held, was considerably cut up after the trotting races of the previous days, but a fair course for the races was got on the outside edge.

Robert Sutton, of Brantford, and J. Braithwaite, of Ancaster, were the Judges, E. Pickard, of Toronto, Referee, and F. Lawson, of Hamilton, time keeper. The results were:

One mile, two in three heats—First heat, A. S. Waggoner, Hamilton, won in 2:40. D. Bloom, Thamesville, 2nd, C. Gillam, Toronto, 3rd. In the second heat the contestants finished in exactly the same order.

Two mile handicap—Chris. Gillam, Toronto, 50 yards won in 6:22. D. Bloom, Thamesville, 25 yards, 2nd; Noah Labelle, Toronto, 25 yards, 3rd.

Slow race, quarter mile—A. C. Shepherd, Toronto, 1st, C. Gillam, Toronto, 2nd, Henry White, Toronto, 3rd.

Five mile race—A. S. Waggoner, Hamilton, 1st, C. Gillam, Toronto, 2nd; D. Bloom Thamesville, 3rd. Time—16:00.

There were about ten riders present. The races were started by the drop of a handkerchief, and were conducted in a most satisfactory way.—*Times.*

In the mile race, W. O'Rourke, of Toronto; H. White, of Toronto, and R. Leathorn, of London, were also started. In the 2 mile handicap, A. S. Waggoner, scratch, W. O'Rourke, and W. R. Watt, 160 yards, H. White, 125 yards, and H. Gotlieb, 200 yards, were also started. In the five mile race, Noah Labelle, H. White, and W. O'Rourke were also started.

A. S. Waggoner rode on the E. & D. wheel, C. Gilliam, on the "Red Bird," D. Bloom, on the "Perfect," R. Leathorn, on the "Gendron," W. O'Rourke and H. White, on the "Red Bird."

Noah Labelle surprised all the other riders, capturing the 3rd prize in the two mile-handicap. We hope he will be a comer next spring.

We were disappointed that Messrs. H. Braven and J. Fisher didn't race with the other riders.

We hope that we will try to arrange the 20 mile handicap at the convention next year if it will be held in Belleville.

Mr. A. S. Waggoner captured the fourth prize, valued at \$4 00, in the 2 mile handicap, in this city last August, in the *Times* race.