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La Grippe at the Institution.

It has been said that all things come to those who calmly watch and wait, and this has proven to be the case in regard to the grippe at the Institution. For two or three months past we have been reading of the prevalence of this dread disease on all parts of the continent, and of the havoc it was making everywhere. We at the Institution, however, viewed all this as from a higher sphere, and, while sympathizing with the multitude who were suffering, wondered how it was that people could not resist and overcome this insidious enemy as we had done. But ours was the pride that goeth before destruction, and when we fell the results were disastrous in just proportion to the vast height of supposed immunity from which we fell. Grippe struck us at last and it struck us hard, and battered and shattered our ranks beyond any previous experience, not a 10 per cent of our little company having been placed hors de combat. On the first day of this month there was not a case of illness in the Institution, and in our last issue we were felicitating ourselves on our good fortune in this respect. On the second, however, the epidemic first manifested itself, and four or five of the pupils were sent to bed. On Friday we had some thirty cases, on Saturday the number was increased to seventy and by the following Wednesday the maximum number was reached, when some 147 pupils and several of our teachers and attendants were confined to their beds. Two of the classes were reduced to two pupils each and all the classes had from six to fifteen out. Even in this, however, there was an element of satisfaction, in that the epidemic made a clean sweep, and then passed away. When we have been visited with some other epidemic in former years they lingered along for many weeks, a few pupils

being out at a time, so that the work of the class rooms was seriously interfered with. On this occasion, while there will doubtless be a few isolated cases later on, nearly all who are liable to the disease were out at once, and by the time this reaches our readers they will probably nearly all be back into their class rooms again, so the school work has been interfered with for only a few days. Every care and precaution has been taken with those who are ill. We have trained hospital nurses, besides our own corps of attendants, and nothing has been neglected that will aid in securing the return to health of all who have the disease. Meantime the routine of work and duty in the Institution has gone on as usual. The school room work has been continued without interruption, the pupils have marched regularly to their meals, the bells have been rung at the usual times, the hours for retiring and rising, eating and working have been punctually observed, and, whenever a boy or girl has dropped out from illness, the pupil next in order has stepped into the vacant place, so that the front ranks have always remained unbroken and no detail of duty has been neglected. We are glad to say that there have been no serious developments in any instance. Many of the pupils, in fact, have suffered very little, and, except as a precautionary measure, need not have been confined in bed for more than a day or two. We are firm believers in the adage, "An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure," and we never run any risk in such cases as these.

The Red Cross Society.

In this issue we print a very interesting paper, written by Mr. H. A. Flower, Custodian of the Volta Bureau, which will repay perusal. It comprises a brief history of the inception and development of The Red Cross Society perhaps the sublimest expression of christian philanthropy which has ever been known. This Society is unique in that it is the only really tangible evidence of the "comity of nations" that we read so much about - "comity" more generally symbolized by all the dread paraphernalia of war. Let us hope, however, that this Society, which is the antithesis of hatred and warfare, will impress on rulers and statesmen the real significance of the fact of the brotherhood of all mankind, and, since all civilized nations now work harmoniously together in this beneficent Red Cross philanthropy, may it suggest the idea of dealing with all international questions in a like spirit of mutual good-will.

The editor of the *Silent Hoosier* now gets out his copy by means of a typewriting machine, and he says he finds it a great aid. That is all right as far as it goes, but a more vital editorial requirement is a machine that can think great thoughts and then clothe them in choice verbal garb. The mechanical labor of writing a few columns is not great, but when one tries to perform the wondrously superhuman task of making something out of nothing - that is, of writing when he has nothing to write about - well, this is what produces gray hairs and furrowed brow and wild eyed despair; and no machine ever yet invented can lighten this task. To use the favorite simile of one of our staff, it is impossible to get juice out of a lemon that has been sucked dry.

The Kansas Institution has a class in cooking, and sometimes the pupils entertain the officers and teachers with samples of their culinary productions. It speaks volumes for the cast-iron constitutions of our Kansas friends that

no fatal results have yet ensued. We do not know whether or not hockey is a favorite game in Kansas, but if so no doubt the sand cooking class could furnish any number of nearly indestructible pucks.

A contemporary sagaciously remarks that in giving presents to children we are inculcating in them a spirit diametrically opposite to the true Christmas spirit. This, it observes, should be a season when they receive nothing, but learn fully the joy of giving. As a theory this is all right but our contemporary neglects to explain what is to become of all those gifts which nobody is to receive.

The Corby Cup.

The Foot ball Club of the Institution would like to say a word to the care of the Corby Foot ball Trophy. The Belleville Foot ball League has been defunct for the past two seasons and is not likely to be revived. Our team as far as we can see at present, is out of it and we believe the Albert College team is the same. At the time we severed our connection with the league our pupils were preparing for the examination and we voluntarily resigned the Trophy, it was never won from us. Had we ever been defeated in any series of matches they would not have been written, but we had won the cup for five consecutive seasons, playing in that time fifteen matches, winning all but one, taking forty-one goals and losing only three. With this record it seems but justice that if the cup is no longer to be competed for, the team that won it so gallantly and held it so long against heavy odds should have the honor of it a care until the Belleville League is reorganized on a firm basis. The trophy would better grace our library where it could be seen and admired by our many visitors than where it is now - in the home of a private citizen. The Institution Foot ball team respectfully comments this to the justice and consideration of those concerned. When the league is reorganized, we will gladly resign the Trophy to any club that can win it.

W. S. NURSE,
Secy Mute Athletic Ass'n

OTTAWA NOTES.

From our own Correspondent.

Mrs. McClelland's cousin from near London, and Miss McLean, a near neighbor of R. Pincombe, of Poplar Hill, and Miss Campbell of the same vicinity, are at present in Ottawa attending the Normal School, and boarding at Mr. McClelland's.

Miss Gray, of Metcalfe, made a call on Mrs. McClelland lately and reports her brother Alfred very busy just now.

We are sorry to hear that our genial friend, Miss Northwick, was suffering from a severe attack of la grippe, but latest word, we are glad to say, reports her better.

We are sorry to have to chronicle the death of Mr. Morand's child. What makes it doubly sad is that this is the fourth child he has lost through death.

We regret to have to announce the serious illness of D. Bayne's father, who is upwards of 74 years of age.

Mr. McEwan's numerous friends will be glad to hear that he has been more successful in business this year than for several years past.

We understand our talented and enterprising friend, A. Gray, will soon go to Montreal to have an operation performed on his eyes which have been giving him considerable trouble of late.

JARVIS JOYFINGS.

From our own Correspondent.

Mr. Sam Pargley, of Chateauside, was the guest of Mr. H. W. Roberts on Sunday, Feb. 5th. Although they do not live very far apart, yet it was nearly three months since they saw each other last.

Mr. Wm. Sutton has been elected mayor of Simcoe, and so Mrs. Sutton is probably the first deaf lady to be styled "Lady Mayor." They have our hearty congratulations.

James O'Neil is working for Mr. Thos. Crozier on his farm.

Lowis Kennedy is in the county gaol at Simcoe, where he is confined as a vagrant. He is a heavy drinker.



To Parents and Friends.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
BELLEVILLE, Feb. 6, 1894.

I regret to inform parents and friends of pupils that we have an epidemic of La Grippe in the Institution at present. After the Mumps left us we had general good health for a time, but on Friday several of the pupils showed signs of La Grippe, on Saturday the number increased to seventy and on Sunday there were ninety confined to bed. This morning (Monday) we have 115 on the sick list, and the probabilities are we shall have more in the days to come. The disease, fortunately, is of a mild character and many of those first affected are recovering in a most satisfactory manner. Notwithstanding the mildness of the disease every care will be taken that the ailing ones do not get up too soon; we shall guard against relapses. La Grippe has been very general in the Province for some time and the wonder is we have escaped a visitation so long. We were looking for it and were prepared for any emergency. In addition to our own regular staff, we have additional Hospital Trained Nurses, and other assistance, and nothing will be wanting to secure the return to health of all who have and will take the disease. I have written to the parents of those under treatment, if you have not yet received a special letter **YOUR CHILD IS WELL.** The parents of those sick will be kept informed as to the condition of their children from time to time. If you are uneasy about your child write me, or telegraph, and you will get a prompt reply.

The classes and ordinary working of the Institution will go on as usual. We do not look for any serious results, when we were visited with La Grippe about ten years ago all our children made good recoveries and we expect to be equally fortunate this time. We believe a Good Wise Providence has us in His keeping. He is too wise to err and too good to be unkind.

With best regards,
R. MARINSON, Supt.

THE MACKAY INSTITUTION.

From an occasional Correspondent.

Skating is now the order of the day so far the boys have played few hockey matches but hope to make up for lost time. If the ice remains good a carnival will take place next week. Owing to some of the household having la grippe, it had to be postponed. Unfortunately, Mrs. Amherst was also laid up with it.

We had a letter from Adam Howatson. He is doing well at the College, being a great favorite. All were glad to hear from him.

At present you are at work in the Institution putting in the electric light. When it is completed we hope to give a reception, probably in February.

One small tot has arrived since the holidays, a sweet little maid of four, named Winnie Danakon. She is very amusing and a general favorite.

Christina McLeod, who completed her course at the Mackay Institution last June, fell a victim to a severe attack of la grippe, which developed into pneumonia. She was treated at the General Hospital and since has been removed to the Correspondents' Home, Longue Pointe, Montreal.

The names of Lord and Lady Minto have lately been added to our Board of Management, and we hope to be honored by a visit in the near future.

We have a superabundance of grip at the Institution. Only ten of our household have escaped.