

BACK TO SCHOOL.

MARGARET E. BANISTER

Back again to school, dears,
Vacation days are done,
You've had your share of frolic
And lots of play and fun.

We all can work the better
For having holiday,
For playing ball and tennis,
And riding on the bay.

So back again to school, dears,
Vacation time is done,
You've had a merry recess
With lots and lots of fun.

'Tis only dunces loiter
When sounds the school bell's call,
So fall in ranks my boys and girls
And troop in, one and all.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

J. L. Smith and family are now living
at 214 Kensington Ave. It is much more
convenient for John and Nelson to go to
work in the mornings and come back in
the evenings, as it is more than half less
the distance where they were before.

Thos. Bradshaw was spending most of
the summer months in Toronto, but he
has returned to work in the Massey
Harris Co. at Brantford. Toronto mutes
can ill afford to lose Tom.

In the last issue of the Echo we saw
Mr. Angus McIntosh will soon be among
us in Toronto. We believe Angus will
be a valuable acquisition to the Toronto
mutes and we can assure him he will
receive a hearty welcome to the Queen
City.

Your correspondent was reprimanded
for omitting two names who had been
pupils of the Hamilton Institution men-
tioned in last issue of the Echo. They
are Mrs. J. W. Terrill and Mrs. Nurse.
We beg pardon for the oversight. It
may be added that Harry Meers was not
a pupil of that Institution in Hamilton.

The deaf-mutes residing in the city
during last summer have been doing
tolerably well. So far as we can learn
none were laid off for any great length
of time. As workmen some of them are
superior to any deaf mutes in the world.

We understand that there were some
six or seven pupils of the Institution re-
siding in the city during the summer
vacation, and we are sorry to say that
we did not meet more than two or three
on the street or at any of our meetings.
What was the matter?

A man riding on the electric street
railway in the city, during the exhibition
time, tried to play a joke on an innocent
looking man, but the joke was turned on
himself. He remarked to another man
beside him that such a heavy load was
hard on the horses, when the other man
replied "I am deaf and cannot hear a
word you say."

The following was clipped from "Kit's"
Department in the Mail two or three
weeks ago. We learn a friend has sent
a reply to her enquiry, and we hope to
meet her some day ere long. "A Deaf
and Dumb Unfortunate. But I am so
glad you can write and read. Isn't that
a blessing? It is so awful to be blind.
Your letter is very pathetic in its quiet
reticence. You say, 'I am one of the un-
fortunate class of deaf and dumb mutes,
a young lady and a stranger in Toronto,
and what I would ask you to answer
in your paper is if you know of any
church or hall where the deaf and dumb
meet on Sunday afternoons or any time,
and if you do not, perhaps some of your
readers may.' They have such meetings
in nearly all large cities. It would make
my stay here pleasant if I could find
out. And I hope you will through this.
I had to print that much of your note,
as you put the question better than I
could. If I got any answers you will
hear of them through this column over
the same pen name."

So far as we know four Canadian deaf
mutes have been at the World's Fair at
Chicago:—A. W. Mason, Chas. Elliott,
Daniel Hadden and Mrs. Sutton.

Mr and Mrs. Flynn gave a party on
the 27th ult., to some 30 of their friends.
A real enjoyable evening was spent. Mr.
and Mrs. F. received the congratulations
of their guests for the bounteous repast
served.

Henry Gilbert, better known as the
"Philosophical Tailor," is a contestant

for the World's "Old Coat Competition
and here is what that paper has to say of
his collection exhibited. "The owner of
the most ancient coat in his collection
was Thomas Perkins of Astley Castle
Gardens, near Coventry, England. Mr
Gilbert is at present employed by Mr
Fawcett, the tailor in Queen street east.
His grandfather, great grandfather and
and he himself all were tailors, also his
cousins and uncles, these ancestors of
his carrying on business near Coventry,
Warwickshire. I am the last of the
family who is a tailor of the name of
Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert, as the World
stated yesterday, wears every day
clothes which he made 80 years ago,
which he has turned, and which have
had both fronts facing the weather."

Miss Webb, the missionary lady who
accompanied us to Hamilton to our pic-
nic last July, was married lately to the
Rev. Mr. McCarthy, another China mis-
sionary. The ceremony took place at
the residence of Mr. Nasmyth. Both of
the contracting parties are well known
to the deaf mutes of this city, and we
tender them our most sincere congratula-
tions.

From another Correspondent

It has been several months since I
corresponded with your paper, but will
try and begin again.

All the mutes are well, but two or
three are out of work.

Mrs. R. W. B. McEae from Kingston,
visited Mrs. H. Moore last week. She
came with the Foot Ball Team. Mrs.
McEae, who is a sister of A. P. Van
Laven, is a great favorer with mutes.

Last week the infant daughter of H.
Mason had a narrow escape from being
choked to death by a copper she found
on the carpet, but was saved in time by
the mother, who, with difficulty, ex-
tracted the copper from baby's throat.

We think Mr. Boughton should have
been a competitor for the best preserved
baby gown, as offered in the Toronto
World last week. He has been sent the
dresses which his mother wore 51 years
ago and which he himself wore and are
now worn by his children. They are of
the best linen and are very good yet.

Mr. A. McIntosh has not yet arrived
in the city, but we expect him soon.

Miss Edith Ogilvie is learning dress
making at R. Walker & Sons.

We are all interested in prohibition.
The picture of the Institution Foot
Ball club is very nice.

Mr. Deal, deaf mute assistant Super-
visor of boys in the Institution at Fred-
erickton, N. B., called here on his return
from the World's Fair.

Miss Nellie Cunningham is spending a
few weeks with Mrs. H. Moon.

BRANTFORD BUDGET.

From our own Correspondent

Mr. Henry Gottlieb, who was working
at the Brantford Steam Laundry has
left there and started a shoe business of
his own near the Courtland Carriage
Works. His prospects are good for a
profitable trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb's little daughter
Emily is at present visiting the parents
of Mrs. Gottlieb.

Mr. R. Sours, of New Durham was a
welcome visitor in Brantford last
Saturday.

Mr. A. V. Smith, who has been work-
ing on his cousin's farm for several
months past, is now in the city and will
probably secure a situation here before
long. Archie is a good worker and
always strives to please his employers.

Mr. Thomas Bradshaw has returned
to the city and is employed in the
machine shop of the Massey Harris
Works.

Mr. James Goodbrand has come back
from his visit to Ancaster, and has com-
menced work again.

Messrs. Fraser and R. Green, of
Toronto, and John Braithwaite, of Car-
leton Place, are coming here for Thanks-
giving Day. The mutes will be very much
pleased to receive them.

Miss Sarah Foulds has returned to
Brantford, so as to be near her friends.
She was employed at dress making in
Hamilton.

Mr. John Chantler from Woodstock
would like to secure a situation in some
of the factories in Brantford. Mr. Thos.
Bradshaw is doing all he can for him in
that direction.

Mr. P. Fraser, of Toronto has ar-
ranged to lecture to the mutes of Brant-
ford in one of the rooms of the Young
Men's Christian Association on Thanks-
giving Day. He will be specially wel-
come.

Death of Geo. Stewart.

PARTICULARS OF THE OSHAWA TRAGEDY

The following particulars of the killing
of Geo. Stewart at Oshawa, last July, on
the railway, has been sent for publica-
tion —

Many of the readers of THE CANADIAN
METS will regret to learn of the sudden
death of George Stewart of Oshawa,
which occurred one evening in July last.
While returning home from the Malle-
able Iron Works, where he had been
working for the past three or four years,
young Stewart went to the station and
boarded a freight train going west, cling-
ing to the ladder between two of the
box cars. When about a mile or so from
the depot he was discovered by one of
the trainmen, and hauled up to the top
of the car. Refusing to get off when
told by the conductor, that official struck
and pushed him so roughly, that he fell
to the ground apparently stunned. A
man standing near witnessed the assault,
and went to George's assistance when
the train went ahead, helping him to a
water-trough, where he washed the blood
and dirt off his face. Soon after George
started back along the track in the direc-
tion of the station, staggering, as eye-
witnesses declared, as though drunk or
badly stunned. Owing to his condition
he failed to see another train approach-
ing from the east at a high rate of speed,
and the poor fellow was struck by the
engine and thrown a considerable dis-
tance. The train was quickly stopped
and he was picked up and carried into
the station, where an examination dis-
closed that he was already dead, a gap-
ing wound extending from the eye to the
ear, showing where he had been last
struck. There were also a number of
bruises on other parts of his body. Some
who did not know of the first assault
expressed the opinion that he must have
been drunk, but there was not a shadow
of truth in the statement. Deceased
was a pupil of the Belleville School for
the Deaf for about four years, after
which he was kept at home to assist his
father. He then started a trade, at
which he had been working faithfully
until the awful fatality. Deceased was
but 19 years of age. The parents have
the sincere sympathy of all connected
with the Institution and of all who had
been his schoolmates.

Parental Fondness.

The love of parents for their children
is the purest and holiest emotion that
thrills in the human breast. A mother
cannot forget her sleeping babe, and even
when the child has grown to manhood
and entered wide awake upon the
activities of mature life, the maternal in-
stinct still follows his career with fond-
est love and tenderest prayers. There
is a danger however in parental love
unless it is accompanied by self-denial
and a ready perception for what is for
the child's best interests in the future.
We are all familiar with the spoiled child
whose every wish is indulged. Petted
and pampered, he is the little tyrant of
the household, and can hardly grow up
other than a most selfish and worthless
man. It is well known that in
a family where there is a deaf, blind, or
crippled child the parental sympathy is
specially drawn towards the afflicted
member. If the parents are wise, this
special love will prove a blessing to the
child, but love is blind, and parental love
is often very short-sighted. Quite fre-
quently deaf children are kept at home
and away from school because the mental
vision of the parents is so impaired that
they cannot see the irreparable injury
they are inflicting in well meant but mis-
taken kindness on their speechless off-
spring. Probably in every school for the
deaf it occasionally happens that young
men and women are brought to school to
begin their education at the time of life
at which their school career ought to be
drawing to a close. These much loved
children have practically been robbed of
the best years of their school life. Even at
the eleventh hour they may derive bene-
fit from attending school but how keen
must be their everlasting regret that the
blind and selfish love of their parents
should have placed them at so great a
disadvantage in the battle of life, and cut
them off so largely alike from friendly
intercourse with their fellows and the
never failing society of books. The
Oregon Sign

Letters from Home

The following letter to the Editor of the
Banner may be read with interest by all
attending this school.

GRASU FOKKS, N. D.

To the Editor of The Banner:—
Dear Sir:— Since reading in the
last issue of your paper, I feel
I feel impelled to write a few lines
to the same subject, viz. the education
of parents of deaf children. It is the
duty for all parents to who are
those little ones, who are
from the world and necessary
the home nest to glean the knowledge
which can be imparted to them in
other place than at school where they
must be kept in utter darkness. I
is passing at home unless the parents
informed from time to time by the
parents. I am sure every parent
whose parents do not write him must
hunger for just a few words which he
knows were written by a loved parent
and came really from his own heart.
By writing them often and keeping them
informed of what is passing at home
they will not become alienated from
home and its interests. In this way
they will feel and know that we
of them and love them always and
they are far away. Our thoughts
to them in the shape of letters filled
with kind words and encouragement and
loving words to cheer them on. There
are some, I presume who cannot speak
the English language but this is
always a brother, sister or neighbor who
is willing to write, and if you can
words it will carry sunshine to the child
who receives it, and gladden the heart
for many days. I hope the parents of
the children of your school will persist
in making them happy when it can be
done by so small a thing as a letter
from home. Mrs. S. E. Williams

Trying a Mute for Murder

Edward Wheary, a deaf mute charged
with the murder of his brother, who
will soon be tried under a novel method
of procedure, in St. John, N. B. The
juries will be sworn in. The first jury
to find whether the prisoner is guilty
by pretence or by the violation of law.
The second jury will inquire whether the
prisoner is capable of pleading to the in-
dictment. The fact that he has been
shown to be able to read and write was
taught in a deaf mute school and when
the indictment was given to him read it
and made signs that he was not guilty.
will doubtless be held to be sufficient
evidence for the second jury to return an
affirmative verdict.

The third jury will find whether he is
insane. If the jury finds the prisoner
insane, a fourth jury will then try the
prisoner upon the indictment in an
ordinary case, except that the evidence
must be interpreted to the prisoner.

Britain's Afflicted

A comparison of the census returns
for England, Scotland and Ireland show
that at the date of the census there were
in England and Wales 23,100 blind per-
sons, in Scotland 2707, and in Ireland
5311. Thus in England the blind form
08 per cent. of the population, in
Scotland .07 per cent., and in Ireland .11
per cent., or in England and Wales one
person in every 1236 was blind, in Scot-
land one in 1439, and in Ireland one in
881. In England 11,192 persons were
returned as deaf and dumb, 12,253 deaf
from childhood. Other deaf persons
being left out of consideration, the pro-
portion of deaf and dumb in the popula-
tion was .05 per cent., or one in 1910.
In Scotland there were 2102 deaf and
dumb (including 67 deaf from childhood)
and the proportion was thus 04 per cent.,
or one in 1840. In Ireland there were
336 deaf and dumb, and the proportion
of the population was .03 per cent.

In Philadelphia a short time ago an
alleged mute was arrested. He was
in one hand a dirty colored handkerchief
which evidently contained some money.
When Detective Amending saw the
there was revealed about \$700 in
backs. In his pockets were \$250 in
or more. The beggar talks to the
orator when the police found him.
He told them that he had traveled
mute all over the country and had
home was in England. He was
back to his native heath.