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**Dufferin Literary Society.**

The first meeting of this society was held in the chapel on Saturday evening, November 14th, when all the members were present, and the President in the chair. Mr. Nurse, Mr. Loughheed, and Mr. Wallace were appointed as judges. The subject for debate was "Resolved, That railways tend more to the prosperity of a country than ships." Mr. A. Jaffray supported the affirmative side and Mr. Shilton supported the negative side. The judges gave their decision in favor of the negative. The President then invited Mr. Bates, an honorary member, to address us, and he gave an account of General Butler and Thaddeus Stevens, also the foundation of Gallaudet College and the cause of the Boer war. His address was very interesting.

JOHN T. SHILTON, Secretary



Mr. Keith is keeping the boys busy clearing up the fallen leaves and making the surroundings tidy for winter.

We are indebted to Mr. Louis J. Bacheberle, 1101 Elm Street, Cincinnati, for a copy of his Directory for the Deaf of Ohio.

The ashes from our engine room are being put to repairing the roads in the rear of the buildings. They make a good dry road bed.

The boys in the carpenter shop are now busy on some new hardwood desks for the teachers use in the class-rooms, and when finished they are expected to equal anything of the kind purchased.

Our shoe shop sent off a case of men's long boots and women's shoes to the Kingston Asylum last week. The order took up nearly the surplus stock made last term over the requirements of the Institution.

We have been enjoying what will probably be our last spell of fine dry weather before the long winter sets in, and the pupils have been given opportunity to enjoy it. They were excused from the work rooms several afternoons lately and spent the time in outdoor sport.

Since the South African war opened our boys are eager for the daily war news, and they will be still more so when our Canadian boys arrive at the front. As far as time permits the teacher on duty gives a brief resume of the day's news, much to the gratification of the boys.

A number of our pupils have lately been down to the dentist to get their teeth filled. Mr. Caldwell made a note of all such requirements when he was here a short time ago and the parents were notified of the work required to be done and the cost and in most cases sent the money promptly.

If the boys don't have a good skating rink this winter it will not be their fault, but that of the weather. A request to Mr. Mathison for the use of the farm team and plough to cut up a portion of the rink was promptly granted, and now the boys are spending much of their spare time in levelling it down nicely.

Our young lady teachers were so enthusiastic over hockey playing last winter that they talk of forming a club this season and if the boys will play their sticks left handed, the ladies will issue a challenge for a game. Of course the boys will get beaten, they know well enough that a lady has the right of way on all occasions.

Two or three of our pupils who will graduate next June, will probably enter the preparatory classes of the National College for the Deaf at Washington next term. Many others would like to go but for financial considerations. The college is free to residents of the United States, but Canadians from across the border, of course justly, must pay for it.

The latest news received from H. Forgette, who graduated from here last June, was, he had worked the only other shoemaker out of the village and now has the whole trade to himself, but he has to work from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. to keep up with business. We hope that he will not injure his health or overstrain his eyes, which often troubled him here.

The boys are very anxious for the time to come when they will be allowed down town again, except for special reasons none have been allowed to go for a month past. About 20 of the senior boys arranged some time ago to get a group photograph taken, but they will have to wait some time before they get permission to go. The pupils' health and progress stand first, all other things are of secondary importance.

Subscriptions to our paper have been coming in lively lately but there are still many others who ought to be on our list and whom we are waiting to hear from. Every progressive deaf person in the country ought to be a subscriber and so keep in touch with their fellow mates. The time for the next convention is coming on and our readers will be kept fully informed in our paper of the plans of the Executive Committee.

A gentleman visitor was shown through the Institution the other afternoon and in due course dropped into the shoe shop. He looked around with an unusually critical eye. He was invited to inspect the work of the boys and the instant he handled the first pair of boots shown him he was twiggled as a fellow craftsman, at which he was immensely pleased. Every opportunity was given him to closely inspect the work turned out and he complimented the boys on its excellence.

There is no lack of work in the girls' sewing room. Miss Dempsey and her pupils are kept constantly busy. Healthy boys furnish plenty of repairing as mothers at home know very well, and there are about 150 of them here and they are no wise different from other boys. In addition to the required repairs a number of new dresses for the girls and new suits for the boys are in course of manufacture. With the advantages they have, all our girls should be good needlewomen by the time they leave school and it pleases us to hear good reports of many of them. They are putting to practical use the lessons they have been taught.

The Indiana Institution has purchased an up to date barber's chair for their pupil barber, William Street. He has a good sum of patronage as he cuts the boys' hair for nothing, so it was the right thing to do. In our shop we have not only an oak revolving adjustable chair and other first class supplies, but employment and instruction is given in the trade to ten of our boys in rotation, and more will be taken on shortly. They not only do haircutting free but also the required shaving, even some of our teachers and employees drop in for regular shaves, and the boys are proud that Mr. Mathison thinks their work is good enough for him and patronizes the shop.

There were none of the old time pranks of Hallowe'en around here this year, none of the kind of fun old pupils used to indulge in on this evening; not a bit of property was damaged or displaced, but still there was plenty of innocent fun and amusement bottled up in the girls' sitting room, to which all the elder boys were invited. During the evening games of various kinds were kept up with spirit without cessation and all the pupils agree that they had a most delightful evening, being assisted by all the resident teachers and officers. Of course, something nice to eat was not forgotten, a liberal supply of fruit was distributed at the close and at a seasonable hour the boys marched back to their quarters in a much more comfortable state than they would have been, if they had instead been rushing around in the mud and rain outside which was falling copiously that evening.

**PERSONALITIES.**

The Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Belleville, and the Rev. Mr. Peck, of Napawa, were visitors to the Institution together last week.

Miss Maud Templeton has returned from a visit to friends in Kincairdine and will spend a few weeks with her Aunt ere returning to her home in Vancouver, B. C.

Miss Annie Butler, accompanied by several hearing friends, visited her former school mates at the Institution on the Sunday before last and attended the morning chapel services.

Mr. Gustave Yack, of Chepstow, and Miss Catharine Noonan, of Harper, were married at St. John's church, Perth, by the Rev. Father Davis, on the 6th inst. Both are old pupils of the Institution. Congratulations.

**From Tom Hill.**

Friend Tom Hill, who was in the General Hospital, Winnipeg, for a couple of months is sufficiently recovered to attend to his business affairs. He is on his way to British Columbia and California. On his way to Winnipeg he met Miss Annie Ward at Rat Portage. At the Winnipeg Institution he was surprised to find Robert Joyce, of Red Deer, North West Territory. Joyce was at one time a pupil at the Belleville Institution. After visiting and inspecting the Winnipeg Institution, Mr. Hill was very much pleased with the way Mr. McDermid and Mr. Cook managed things. Albert Munro has employment with Mr. A. L. Grant and is doing well. Thos. McLaren, who had a job at the Felt Factory, of Brandon, which was burned down, is expecting to resume work in a short time. Mr. M. O. Smith, a deaf man, in Winnipeg, who is a shoemaker, can read and write in the English, Danish, Swedish and German languages. Arthur Clarke put in part of the summer at threshing on the various farms in Manitoba. His brother is a high school teacher at West Selkirk and he has relations near Oak Lake in Virden.

**SIMCOE ITEMS.**

From our own Correspondent

The announcement of the death of Mr. Calver Bowlby's father, which took place early on the 6th inst., came very unexpectedly to his many friends. His father had for a few months been showing signs of advancing age, but he was not at all ill until a day or two before his death. He was born something over 70 years ago, near the village of Port Dover, in the Township in which he died. He was in every respect a good citizen. The funeral took place to St. John's cemetery, Woodhouse, near Simcoe, on the 8th inst. We beg to extend to his wife, sons, daughters and grandchildren, who mourn the loss of the head of their family, our most heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bowlby's daughter had the chicken pox lately, but is all right now.

Mr. Smyth is employed in the Simcoe Woollen factory for this winter, but when the spring comes he will be an upholsterer.

**LONDON NOTES.**

From our own Correspondent

Nearly all the mutes of this city had a half holiday on Oct. 25th and they witnessed the London Contingent off for South Africa, about 50,000 people were at the station to bid them goodbye.

Mr. Vernal Morse was working at George White and Sons' Engine Works all summer. He was laid off this fall and returned to his old home in Fingal.

Mr. Sam. Thompson is working in Sergt. Erskine's paint shop. He is a first class painter and is doing very well.

Miss Lily Bryce is still employed at Mr. Wright's fur and cap factory. She likes the work well and is likely to have steady employment.

Mr. W. H. Gould, Jr., went to Chilton to spend Thanksgiving holidays, where he visited Mr. and Mrs. David Sours, nee Miss Agnew, and had a pleasant time with them. He found them prospering.

Mr. William McKay, of Woodstock, paid a visit to Mr. Harper Cowan on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. James O. Smith has been away to Wingham to see his old friend Mr. Dalmage, of the largest hotel in Wingham who is very sick. James worked for 26 years for Mr. Dalmage and then took a place as machinist at the Watson Box factory here.

Mr. Dark, accompanied by his wife and children, and Mrs. Lily Bryce, drove to Denfield, on Thanksgiving Day and visited Mr. John Noyes' where they found Mr. and Mrs. Franks and children, of Strathroy.

Mr. Nelson Wood and Mr. R. Loathorn spent the holiday and a few days in Duncreef, and visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miss E. McIntyre has been away in Chilton lately.

Mr. Noul McCallam, of Strathroy, spent Thanksgiving Day at his sister's place here.

"What is your opinion of city people?" "They live too close together and too far apart." - *Chicago Record.*

**THE CANADIAN MUTE.**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1899.

... for the touch of a vanished hand  
 ... the sound of a voice that is still  
 Tennyson

**Old Mother Hubbard.**

The following "prose versions" of a known nursery rhyme were written by pupils of various ages and ability from continuous action only—the teacher refraining from the use of any arbitrary conventional signs.

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get a bone. She saw a poor dog and she pitied it. She arrived at the cupboard, and she looked at the bone but it was gone. She pitied the dog and it did not get a bone.

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get a bone for a poor dog, and when she arrived she found it for him, it was gone, and she pitied it.

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get a bone, but the cupboard was bare. Her poor dog got none.

Old Mother Hubbard had a poor dog and she went to the cupboard to get the meat for the dog. She missed the meat and the dog got none.

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get a bone for her dog, but she couldn't give her dog anything because she had lost it.

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard, but she found a poor dog a bone. When she got there the cupboard was bare, so that poor dog got none.

The old mother Hubbard, had a poor dog. She went to the cupboard and she searched for the bone, but it was gone and a poor dog got none.

Old Mother Hubbard has a poor dog, she called it. She talked to the cupboard and asked it to take a bone for it but it was gone. She pitied a poor dog.

Old Mother Hubbard walked to the cupboard to get the bone for her dog but when she opened the cupboard, she looked for the bone but it was gone and the poor dog did not get the bone.

Old Mother Hubbard had a poor dog, she went to the cupboard to get her dog a bone, but she found the cupboard was bare. Her poor dog got none.

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard, but she found a poor dog a bone. When she found that the cupboard was bare, her poor dog got none.

Old Mother Hubbard had a poor dog, and she asked the cupboard to get the meat for the dog, but she saw the meat was gone, and the dog got none.

Old Mother Hubbard had a poor dog and she asked the cupboard to get the meat for the dog, but she didn't get it and it was gone.

Old Mother Hubbard had a poor dog and she went to a cupboard to get some meat for the dog, but it did not get them and it was gone.

Old Mother Hubbard had a poor dog and she asked to the cupboard to get meat for the dog but the poor dog ate none.

Old Mother Hubbard had a poor dog, and she asked to the cupboard to get meat for the dog, but she missed it but she missed the meat and the dog got none.

Old Mother Hubbard had a poor dog. She went to the cupboard to get the bone. She looked for it, but it was gone. She pitied her poor dog.

Old Mother Hubbard had a poor dog, and she asked to the cupboard to get meat for the dog but the poor dog got none.

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get her poor dog a bone but when she got there her poor dog got none.

The above "compositions" may provoke a smile, but they will compare favorably with the following letter written by a 16 year old hearing and speaking girl who attended an Industrial school in one of the large American cities.

(Oct. 31, 1899)

Dear \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have a few words to tell you. That we are a little hear and she calling me a boy and she to make me do what she wants. I do not like to stay but I do not want to go to school because she will or I will go back answer dont say a year.

With all my love  
 Hello, with wishes.