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THE CANADIAN MUTE

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*The nature springs to life once more
 The earth is set with sunny gleam
 While the stars at eve look down
 The modest flower looks up to them*

Mr. Coleman's Lecture.

Reported by John T. Shilton
 On Saturday evening the 22nd inst. our pupils were entertained by Mr. Coleman with a recital of one of Shakespeare's plays. The subject chosen was, "The Winter's Tale." The plot was a long and interesting one. He lectured so clearly that his auditors grasped the thread of the story. He was followed with ease and all understood it thoroughly. The entertainment was much enjoyed and carried far beyond the allotted time for Saturday evening. In the chapel. Once in the midst of the recital Mr. Coleman was afraid he was tiring his audience, and offered to stop the story, but he was begged to continue as all were too deeply interested in the ultimate fate of the king's wife, Hermione. The story goes as follows: Leontes, King of Sicily and his beautiful and virtuous wife, Hermione, once lived in the greatest harmony together. So happy was Leontes in the love of this excellent lady that he had no wish ungratified except that he sometimes desired to see again, and to present to his queen, his old companion and schoolfellow, Polixenes, King of Bohemia. They had not met each other but they corresponded often. At last Leontes sent an invitation to Polixenes to come and visit him for some weeks. He accepted the invitation, and went to Sicily and stayed with his companion for some weeks. After his long visit, Polixenes was going to depart. Leontes asked him please to stay longer, but he said he couldn't, but Hermione won him over with her gentle words. Suddenly Leontes became jealous as he thought his queen loved Polixenes better than she loved Leontes. So Leontes called a lord of the court, Camillo, and told him that he must poison Polixenes at once. But Camillo had Polixenes to get up at once and they both escaped to Bohemia. When they went away, Leontes was more angry and decided to punish Hermione, and he commanded two lords to put Hermione into prison. After a short time, a little daughter was born to her, and the poor lady received much comfort from the sight of her pretty baby. Hermione had a kind friend, Paulina, the wife of a Sicilian lord, who went to prison to see how Hermione was. The Queen showed her pretty infant to Paulina. The latter told her that she could let her bring it to the king to break his hard heart. Hermione agreed with her. She dressed the infant with gold clothes and jewels. Then Paulina took the now-born infant to the court

and told the king that the Queen was as innocent as the new-born infant. The king commanded her husband Antigonus to take her out of the court and she put the baby at the feet of the king and went away. Again he commanded Antigonus to take the infant to the great forest in Bohemia and leave it in the forest. The next day he went away with the infant. The ship arrived safely and he went into the large forest and put the infant on the ground under the bushes and wrote the name of "Perdita." After a few hours an old shepherd found it and brought it home. When Hermione heard that her babe was sent away she fainted and in a little while the king was informed that she was dead. The king repented of his unkindness to her. The old shepherd and his wife kept the child so carefully that when she was grown up, she was a very pretty lady. One day the son of Polixenes, Florizel went out hunting in the forest and he saw Perdita near the house and he fell in love with her. He often went to see Perdita. The absence of Florizel alarmed the king. He sent out a detective to find out where Florizel went. He found out his visits to Perdita and reported to the king, and Polixenes was angry and he and Camillo went to the place where Perdita lived and they saw Florizel talking with Perdita. Suddenly he told him to depart from Perdita and go home. But Camillo took Florizel, Perdita and an old shepherd to Sicily to his old master, King Leontes. Leontes recognized Camillo and forgave him. The old shepherd told the king that Perdita was his lost daughter. Paulina invited all to go to her home to see the statue of Hermione and they went to the room, where the statue was. Leontes gazed at the statue a long time. At last the statue walked quietly towards the king and blessed him. He found that she was his living wife and he was glad. The queen had not died when she fainted but was hidden away by Paulina to protect her from her husband's anger. Afterwards Florizel and Perdita were married with pomp and honor. At the close of the story Miss Gilleland proposed to the pupils a vote of thanks to Mr. Coleman for his interesting lecture which was heartily voted by all.

The boys not belonging to the shops are kept busy after school hours in cleaning up and keeping the surroundings of the school neat. A large party have been busy on the front lawn for several afternoons with lawn mowers and rakes and an improved appearance is the result. A good rain would give everything a fine start.

Mr. Jay Cooke Howard of the firm of Julius D. Howard & Co. bankers of Duluth was a welcome visitor at the Institution for a few days last week. Mr. Howard is a semi-mute, and a graduate of Gallaudet College. He is a gentleman of superior culture and intelligence and a good illustration of what a progressive and energetic young man can accomplish in spite of deafness. He is travelling in the interests of his banking business and incidentally calling on old acquaintances and college mates, of whom Mr. Madden was one of the most esteemed. Mr. Howard is a very graphic sign-maker and on two afternoons he delighted the pupils in the chapel with some amusing anecdotes, to each of which was appended a useful moral. We were all much pleased to meet Mr. Howard and hope he will come again and remain longer. He left on the 26th inst. for Boston. Previous to coming here Mr. Howard had a very sad experience. While in London, Ontario he was the guest of Mr. Cowan. On the morning of his departure from that city, when all ready to leave the house, he bethought himself of having forgotten to say good-bye to Mr. Cowan, Sr. He made his way with the son of the latter to the old gentleman's room and were shocked to find him sitting in his bed dead, death appeared to have occurred almost at the instant of entrance.

HOME NEWS
 LOCAL REPORTS

We have no further use for the storm windows or porches at present so they have been taken down and put away.

Only one month remains till examination time and we hope every pupil will employ these few precious days to the best possible advantage.

Our lawn is assuming the beautiful verdure of spring and the lawn mower and the rake now afford healthful recreation to a number of the boys.

The bicycle fever which attacked our staff last year seems to have run its course and the reaction has set in. Two of our lady teachers have sold their wheels and the others are exhibiting considerably less enthusiasm than formerly.

When tools are all dead the frequent records of death on the railway track will vanish from Institution papers, not before, but there is a possibility of the number being much lowered when the new single track railways are introduced. Speed the day.

Thomas Green of the carpenter's shop, has on exhibition one of the most picture frames that we have seen worked by hand from plain wood. The whole of the work was done with his jack knife and saw. All who saw it complimented him on his ingenuity.

Judging from the big catches we have seen taken this last week, fishing is going to be good in the bay this season. A couple of our young lady teachers took an idea to fish the other afternoon but they seemed to have very poor luck as between them they only angled one wretched little perch.

The teachers were much interested in a large number of photographic views of Duluth exhibited by Mr. Howard during his brief stay here. The architecture of the schools and other public buildings was very fine and were specially admired. To take a good look through the views was almost as good as a personal visit to the city.

Mr. Shane was an astonished man the other evening as he went the watch man's rounds and never heard the like before. Words loud, stern and commanding cut the stillness of the night and he thought that a big row was in progress behind the closed doors. But no it was only one of our folks training his pup for locutionary purposes.

The boys played their first game of Fox and Hounds a couple of weeks ago. They started well but it changed to a fizzle as the roads and fields were ankle deep in mud and the foxes, Charbonneau and Dubois, were much too smart to be caught. They doubled back and arrived home while the chasers were still floundering around in the mud. The boys promise to make it interesting for the chase the next time they go.

Our barn yard has lately been having more visitors than is agreeable to those in charge. The cause of the influx is a fine little colt that was foaled up there being the first we ever had. Morning noon and night as soon as the boys are released there is a rush to see how the little creature is getting on, but the mother decidedly objects to visitors and keeps them at a distance. Mr. Moore hopes to make a fine carriage horse of it in time.

Mr. Mathison lately received a letter from a boy who was recently returned to his parent's care, because he began to fancy that he knew it all and acted in a manner to the officers not conducive to good discipline. We are glad to know he deeply regrets his conduct and would act different under the same circumstances. This should be a warning to our boys to be guarded in their conduct and value properly the privileges they enjoy. Regrets like this come too late.

Only a little more than a month and the examinations will begin. The faithful pupils since school opened need not fear the result even if they do not stand so high as they hoped, yet they will have the consciousness that they did the best they could, and their teachers know and will give credit. But they must not relax their efforts much can be done during the next few weeks by hard work and when it is all over they will the better enjoy the vacation at home, conscious of duty well performed.

All arrangements had been made with the Rev. Mr. Watch, of the West Belleville Methodist Church, for our pupils to attend morning service there on Sunday the 23rd ult. Mr. Watch had kindly prepared a suitable service for children and Mr. Stewart had arranged to act as interpreter, but owing to the spread of scarlet fever in the city it was thought best for our pupils to put off their visit for a time, much to their evident disappointment when it was announced to them.

On a recent afternoon Mr. Mathison informed the pupils that owing to sickness in the city he was sorry to cut down their liberty for a time and pupils must stay away from the city for the present. It had also come to his notice that several of the boys had been to the railway track, this he emphatically forbade them to do again. Of all places the railway track should be shunned by the deaf. As the warm weather was coming on he knew that the cool waters of the bay would be tempting for a swim, but here again he must say no, he did not want any drowning accidents and pupils must not go down there without permission. We are sure parents of pupils will all agree that the rules are for the children's good.

PERSONALITIES.

When the Town Council of Barrie took over the Electric plant of that town, they retained the services of Urson Johnson, one of our pupils, as he is a good steady workman.

Mr. V. Morse has steady employment at Messrs. White & Sons machine and engine works, at London, and is doing very well. His special work is the "Challenge" threshing machine.

Miss Mathison arrived safe in Winnipeg and enjoyed her trip very much. She at once assumed her temporary duties at the Institution as teacher of articulation where she will remain till vacation.

Mr. Alfred Cowan of London, has our sincere sympathy and that of all his old schoolmates, in the death a few days ago of his esteemed father, Mr. James Cowan, ex-mayor of London. The old gentleman's death was very sudden. He died while sitting up in his bed apparently without any premonitions and without a struggle.

Mr. A. McLean, of the Rockwood Hospital, Kingston, called at the Institution for a few minutes on Thursday of last week to see Miss Walker and the Superintendent's family. It was altogether too short a stay but he promised to come again in the near future and bring his estimable wife with him and remain a week or so. They will both be more than welcome guests.

Parents of children, or any of our friends, who come to Belleville, to visit the Institution, by railway, are advised when they arrive at the station to ask for Mr. Bourgoyne, the cabman. His charges are reasonable and no one will be imposed upon. A number of people who have come here recently have had to pay an excessive cab rate. By asking for Mr. Bourgoyne this may be avoided. He meets all the trains, night or day, and is very obliging.

Mrs. McGregor, of Almonte, arrived on an unexpected visit last week. She is this way on a business trip and called to see her little girl. The care of a growing family has kept her tied to her home for a great many years, now they are growing up able to shift for themselves and be an assistance to her, she thinks it time to hand some of the care and responsibility of the home over to them and enjoy herself a little. So she has left her daughter in charge and come west.

A pleasant event took place on Wednesday last at the home of Mr. William Nurse, being the marriage of his sister, Miss Lizzie Nurse, to Mr. John Cassidy, of Rossmore. Only the immediate friends of the bride and groom were present. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy are highly esteemed throughout Prince Edward County. Mrs. Cassidy has many warm friends among the deaf, who will unite in best wishes for her future happiness and prosperity.

Great ambition is the passion of a great character. He who is endowed with it may perform either very great or very bad actions, all depends upon the principles which direct him.