

To the Dandelion.

Common flower, that grow'st beside the
dusty road with harmless gold
the pride of blitheome May.

James Russell Lowell.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Boys' Side of the Institution.

BY FRANK HARRIS.

Beautiful spring weather,
Maple sugar socials are in order.
This is "All Fools' Day," and the
tricks are played.

Seven months have gone, but we
only a little over two months
to go now. The time is flying very
rapidly.

The Bay of Quinte is open now
on the 24th ult., for the first time
the pupils saw the steam boat named
Huron sailing down.

The convention of the deaf-mutes
will be held at Grimsby Park in June.
We think Grimsby Park is a nice place.
Who will attend the convention?

On the 24th ult., for the first time
Sam Crough, who works in the printing
shop all day, wore a straw hat and
thought that summer was coming.

Our next holiday will be "Good
Friday," the 8th inst. We will have a
nice party and refreshments on Easter
Monday evening and expect to have a
pleasant time.

Saint Patrick's Day, the 17th ult.,
the Catholic pupils attended church in
the city in the morning. They had
no school in the morning, but had in
the afternoon.

Last week our Superintendent, Mr
Mathison, went to Ottawa to attend to
some important business. Our pupils'
parents from the east met him there.
He stayed for two days.

On the 15th ult., William Lightfoot,
who went home on account of his grand
mother's death, came back again. He
is improving well. He stayed home for
two weeks and had a nice time.

Last week one of our boys was
dudly surprised to receive a photograph
from Mr. Angus McGillivray, who
graduated from school a few years ago.
We think he looks nice. He did not
say what he was doing now.

Last week one of our boys, Henry
Wagner, received word from home telling
him that his brother Jay has gone to
Oregon, in the United States, and his
wife will reside with her parents during
his absence. He says that he hopes he
will be successful throughout his life
in the world.

The senior and the junior boys are
beginning to have a new football. They
are practicing now and think they
will play better this spring than last
fall. There is strong talk of organizing
a match this spring. We will try to
play against the Belleville and other
teams for pleasure.

Lately one of our boys was very
glad to receive word from Ernest
Hakbusch, who left our printing office
in February on account of his poor
health, saying that perhaps he would
attend the convention at Grimsby Park in
June and stay for a day. We are glad to
hear that he is improving in health.

The bicyclists are welcoming this
spring weather. Our officers and teach-
ers have enjoyed riding on their wheels.
Our master shoemaker, Mr. Nurse,
bought a new one lately. He has two
now, but perhaps he will sell his old one
to our new teacher, Mr. McIntosh, can ride
very well and enjoys himself. We would
like to have one.

Hamilton McBride's brother made
him a happy visit here lately. His
brother intended to take him home for
helping his father to work on the farm,
but Mr. Mathison did not let him as he
wanted him to stay here and get a good
education. It was kind of Mr. Mathison
to help him. Hamilton seems to be the
happiest boy here at present.

DETROIT NEWS.

From our own correspondent

On Saturday evening, March 7th
Mr. Stewart of Flint gave a lecture to
the deaf of Detroit. His subject was
"The City of Washington and the prin-
cipal places in it, including The Dead
Letter Office, Treasury Prison and
Washington's Monument." He told a
very amusing story about two men
making a bet one man bet that he
could throw a cat from the top of Wash-
ington's Monument which is 500 feet
from the ground and that when the
cat reached the ground it would walk
away safe and sound the other man
bet that such a thing was impossible
and that no cat could live after a fall of
500 feet. So on a certain day the men
taking a bet went up to the top and
threw the cat down. The story goes
that the cat on reaching the ground
walked calmly away. Of course Mr.
Stewart would not say the story was
true. Cats are supposed to have nine
lives, but a cat that could walk away
after a fall of 500 feet must have had
more than nine lives. The next day,
Sunday, he held service in the afternoon.
Subject, "What do you think of Christ?"
Both were largely attended. Misses M.
Connelly, M. Ball, M. Lafferty, S. Lafferty
and Mr. and Mrs. Sepner were the out
of town guests present at the lecture.

On Saturday the 12th Rev. A. W.
Mann was in Detroit and held an even-
ing service with service and Holy Com-
munion the next morning. He preached
an excellent sermon about being ready
for death when it came to claim us. He
said it was better for us to become fol-
lowers of Christ early in life and spend
our life in trying to serve Him, than to
love a worldly life until we felt death
approach us and then in tears begin to
repent our past life and beg God to for-
give us. Sometimes such repentance
came too late, and then there was regret
for the many years we had wasted and
not given to God while it we were fol-
lowers of Christ when death came we
felt no fear at its approach, but quietly
and peacefully went to sleep in Jesus.
The weather was so bad that none of
our friends from Windsor came over to
the service.

Miss Elliott is getting along nicely and
is fast making new friends among the
deaf here. Her friends will be surprised
to know that she has adopted a charm-
ing little fellow and he looks real fine in
his black silken coat and big yellow bow.
He is quite mischievous and has not
always the best of manners, but she is
training him in the way he should go
and I have no doubt he will be a perfect
gentleman some day. His name is
Pete.

Mr. John Pincombe, Sr. recently
bought 1000 acres of land making about
1500 acres he owns altogether. Four of
his married sons each live on 100 acres.
Three of his sons were former pupils of
Belleville and Mr. Richard Pincombe is
one of the best deaf and dumb farmers
in that part of the country and in fact is
ahead of many hearing farmers. He
has on two or three occasions been ap-
pointed Pathmaster, and his farm is
one to be proud of. It was not very
long ago that he had a wind mill put up
it is 42 feet high and the wheel of it is
12 feet. All he has to do is to set it in
motion and in a few minutes it has
pumped enough water for a large num-
ber of sheep, cows and horses.

Two weeks ago the deaf here were
called upon to mourn the loss of one of
its number, in the person of Mr. Edward
Lee Van Every. He was called away
Sunday morning, Feb. 27th. He had
been ill for some time with fever but a
few weeks before his death his illness
turned into dropsy, which was the cause
of his death. His funeral took place on
Wednesday, March 2nd, and was quite
largely attended by a number of hearing
as well as deaf friends. The floral
offerings were numerous and very beau-
tiful. The deaf sent a large pillow of
pink and white flowers, in each corner
was a large white calla lily and in the
center the word "Sleeping." The pall
bearers were all deaf mutes and four
were old school mates. As he breathed
his last while offering up a prayer to the
throne of Grace, let us hope he is now
happy in his home above. He will be
greatly missed by many of the deaf, as
he was quite popular and was well read
and informed in all the leading topics
of the day, which made him a very
agreeable person to talk with.
March 11th, 1898.

To be good and disagreeable is high
treason against the royalty of virtue.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own correspondent

The pleasant Saturday evenings at
Mr. Bridgen's were resumed on the 12th
ult., with a very large company. We
hear that Mr. Bridgen is thinking of
enlarging his house for the better
entertainment of his friends. He
certainly cannot increase the heartiness
of his welcome to all deaf mute friends.
He appears evidently to enjoy the meet-
ings as much as all his company and
evergetic superintendence is due the keeping
within enjoyable limits the most excit-
ing discussions and securing that every
body gets a fair chance of having his or
her say. He pays special attention to
the ladies and the weaker brethren,
making it apparent that the pleasure
of the evening consists largely in
every one of the company assisting in
the entertainment. The ladies were
well represented on this occasion and
gained great applause for their contri-
butions to the discussion. The report
of the financial committee for the
past three months was found to be
satisfactory. The attendance at the
Sunday meetings have been uniformly
better and the Doreas Society has done
valuable service in arousing the women
to realize their part in promoting the
general welfare. The first subject of
debate as previously announced, was
the very live topic as to whether mar-
riage of deaf mutes amongst themselves
or with hearing people was preferable.
Mr. Fraser was unavoidably absent to
lead his side of the debate. Mr. Slater
in advocating the marriage of deaf-mutes
with the hearing urged that in forming
a partnership for life the great aim of
the deaf should be, if possible, to
counterbalance the great disadvantage
they are under that for the deaf to
marry the deaf was the same thing as
for the blind to had the blind, whereas
the blind man will always seek for some
one with the blessing of sight to guide
him so the deaf should seek for one
who should be as ears to them. He
dwelt on the comfort of the deaf man
with a hearing wife in being able to mix
in with society. He urged, too, that a
hearing partner would be a great
assistance in business as was proved by
the frequent necessity of calling in
hearing friends to help in such cases,
they as a rule, not being sufficiently
versed in business matters or being un-
available to obtain necessary information.
He referred too, to the need of one of
the parents hearing for the good training
of children. Mrs. A. W. Mason followed,
on the opposite side by stating that a deaf
mute and a hearing partner could never
understand one another thoroughly. It
often happened that the deaf husband
had an uncomfortable suspicion of his wife
when she was speaking so that he could
not hear her. Mr. Widderburn related
his experience in Scotland, stating that
the deaf mute couple were on the whole
much happier than when one was a
hearing person. Miss M. Campbell said
that the disability of deaf mute parents
to train their children was much coun-
terbalanced by the advantage of a public
school education. Mrs. Widderburn
considered that she was able to manage
her children as well as any of her
neighbors and her children did not
suffer by companionship with others.
Mr. Darney, supporting Mr. Slater,
urged that at the marriage of deaf-mutes
there was a tendency to increase deaf mut-
ism. Mr. H. Mason disputed this
point, attributing the transmission of
deafness to other causes than the
fact of the parents being deaf.
Mr. Bradshaw spoke strongly of the
domestic comfort and strong bond of
both parents being deaf, the freedom
of their intercourse and mutual confidence
from thoroughly understanding one an-
other. Mrs. Smith gave a lively defence
of the deaf wife and her full capacity to
manage all domestic matters, contending
that she gave less trouble to her neigh-
bors than many women and that deaf
mute wives homes compared well with
those around. Our report is necessarily
very brief and leaves out the lively
illustrations of the various speakers of
their points of view. The opinion of the
meeting was overwhelmingly in favor of
deaf mute marriages.

The next debate, the comparative
merits of iron and wood, was carried out
with much fun and spirit on both sides.
Mr. J. W. Terrell made a capital open-
ing speech eloquently describing the
conquests and achievements of iron in
every direction, how it supplanted wood
alike on sea and land, in the house and
in the fields, and claimed that its future

advance was limitless. Mr. Isbister for
wood, Mrs. H. Mason for iron, made
good contributions to the debate, in fact
every one gave some lovely suggestion
as to the value of his or her choice.
Wood won the day by a vote of 19 to 12.
After the debate refreshments were
served as usual, after which the meet-
ing broke up, all highly pleased with the
evening's enjoyment.

It is reported that one or two of our
popular young ladies living outside
Toronto intend coming to live in this
city if they can find employment of
some kind. If they do come we shall be
glad to welcome them at any time, and
we can assure them that they will find
friends here willing to help them if it is
in their power to do so. It may be
stated here that many of our friends often
come to the city and try to find work
but fail in doing so and have to return
home, but still we think there is room
for quite a number of the right kind if
they have real ability for it and make
an honest attempt to find work and keep
it when once found.

Mr. Neil Calder passed through the
city lately on his way home to Manitoba,
after spending the winter in Ontario.
We wish him continued prosperity.

The deaf mutes, meeting at the West-
ern Branch of the Y. M. C. A., wished to
express their sense of the kindness that
has so freely placed a room at their
disposal. The profit and enjoyment of
the meeting has made them very sen-
sible of the benefit conferred by the use
of the room, and amongst themselves
it is a frequent occasion of grateful
comment, and as a little expression of it
they sent ten dollars as a subscription
to the funds of the Association, feeling
that it is a very inadequate return for
the kindness received, but hoping it
would at least convey in a small measure
the sincere thanks of the meeting for
the privilege enjoyed. The secretary,
after receiving the forementioned sum,
sent a letter thanking the deaf-mutes
very cordially for the same.

HAMILTON PT. MS.

From our own correspondent

Mr. Chas. Golds is smiling happy,
because of the arrival of a baby girl.
Both mother and baby are doing well.
Mrs. Golds' parents are visiting there.

Thomas Hill is in the city again, and,
of course, he was given the city freedom
with much pleasure. He reports very
good times ahead. Will try and be at
the convention at Grimsby Park.

With a few exceptions, the mutes
generally were disappointed at the
committee's decision in its choice of
Grimsby, as the place to hold the com-
ing convention, but they will bow to the
general preference of the mutes over
Ontario in favor of the Park and do as
much as they can to make the conven-
tion a success.

Archie Smith was in the city Sunday,
and had a pleasant time with the boys.

The writer received a long letter from
Percy Allen, in Mountain Grove. It is
about 50 miles north from Kingston. He
wished to be remembered to all his old
friends in the city. He is working with
his father on a farm for his uncle.

The mutes are talking about the
wheel races, during the coming summer,
and are very enthusiastic over what they
talk. Get on a wheel, and get on a
lively gait.—S. H. P.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

From our own correspondent

Messrs. Wigget and McClelland are at
present on night work in the Government
Printing Bureau.

James Delaney is the latest addition
to the mute population of Ottawa.

Capt. Jamieson has departed for B. C.
to superintend the 43rd gold mine, and
is not expected back until next fall.

Our genial friend, Alfred Gray, is at
present engaged in making maple syrup.

Mr. D. Bayno's mother was taken ill
with an attack of inflammation of the
lungs, but at present is convalescent.

No sleighing now, but lots of water.

Our city was honored by a visit from
R. Mathison, the genial Superintendent
of the Ontario Institution for the Deaf
and Dumb, who kindly held a reception
for the mutes in the ladies' parlor of the
Grand Union, and the number of those
who called was a surprise to your scribe,
who has attended every meeting of the
mutes since there were any held. It is
needless to say that those present
thoroughly enjoyed the two hours spent
in his company, and on taking leave
warmly pressed him to return again
soon.—D. B.