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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1895.

While we climb from day to day,
There is many a little way
We can help each other upward, if we will,
For the paths are rough and steep,
And the right one hard to keep,
So let's try to help each other up the hill.

Planting operations in our garden are now going on briskly. The reason is three weeks later than last year.

Little Harry and Herbert Grooms spent a few hours with their parents at home last week. Their father called for them on Saturday and brought them back on Sunday afternoon. They had a long drive of over 20 miles.

The carpenter and his staff have been repairing the side-walls around the Institution, much of it had to be entirely replaced. The wear and tear on the boys' side is especially heavy, and the two inch pine-planks do not last very long.

The young shade trees planted two or three years ago are thriving nicely, and as they nearly all look root well they are too thick in some places, so the surplus have been removed and planted around the hospital which is now the most attractive place in the rear of the Institute.

Now that fine weather has set in we may look for a stream of visitors nearly every day until the close of the term. The walk along the bay shore from the city to the Institute is pleasant enough to alone compensate for the distance, beautiful maple trees shading the sidewalk the whole way.

The chicken pox is on the girls' side now. They were congratulating themselves on their immunity from the disease and hoped to prove that they do not quite get everything that happens to be floating around. We are glad that there is plenty of time for the disease to run its course before the home going.

The matron and supervisor have been busy stock-taking. Every pupil's clothing has to be gone over and its fitness judged to stand the wear of another seven weeks. Judging from the orders that are flowing into the shoe shop, boots and shoes form a considerable item in the requirements; nor is it strange that the foot covering of our boys and girls needs frequent renewing, -out of school and shops they are constantly on the run.

It will be just as well for the pupils to understand that the rules of the Institution are made to be obeyed, and that no personal destination will be made in carrying them out. A boy or girl may be at the tail end of everything, or may lead the highest class in scholastic attainments; be a crack foot-ball player, or have a phenomenal base-ball curve, it will make no difference, their stay here will be only as long as they conform to the rules.

The foot-ball is flying around here and our five or six teams are each spoiling for a match with outsiders of their own age and weight. The first eleven are of course, as usual, bound to tackle any or every team that comes. We have not yet heard from the officers of the Belleville Foot-ball League to call us to the meeting to arrange the usual schedule of games. Lacrosse and bicycling seem to be absorbing attention in the city. We understand that Albert Collego proposes to put a team in the field this spring and compete for the cup. The Alberts always make a good team when they have any and they succeed in making it interesting for others.

The 18th ult. was one of the nicest days we have had this season and the pupils were released from the work-room at 3 p. m. These little relaxations are always enjoyed, especially so by the pupils who belong to the industrial departments.

Mr. Stewart has just taken his turn at chapel duty. All who have been through the same experience will sympathize with him. For a novice in the sign language to stand up in a crowded chapel and lead the service is not a light task and needs a cool nerve. Mr. Stewart acquitted himself very well indeed, and now he has once faced the ordeal the duty will soon become a pleasure.

The Athletic Association held a meeting for organization on the 26th ult. All the old officers were re-elected. Captain Chambers, of the first foot ball eleven, tendered his resignation, he thought it but right that some of his fellow players, who had so gallantly supported him, should share in the honor of leading the team for a season. His resignation, however, was not accepted and he was requested by the whole team to continue his leadership.

The letters in our bag were in a sad state a few days ago, every letter or paper that came was strongly impregnated with iodiform. The task of distributing them was a very disagreeable one, every hand that touched the contents became infused with the odour. Our mails are always welcome but for once no one was anxious for a letter. We think that the sweetest love letter that ever was penned would have been too strongly perfumed to preserve if it had come in that lot.

Mr. Middlemas, our engineer, is a bee fancier and keeps a number of colonies in his garden. A few days ago, a swarm of them left the paternal hive, and following their new queen sought out a new home. They alighted in the Institution garden, and Mr. Wills thought that all were fish that came in to his net and that they properly belonged to him. Mr. Middlemas, however, followed up his property, swept them into a new net and carried them home again. The operation was viewed by a number of the boys, but they kept at a respectful distance.

We are sorry to lose one of our pupils. His parents desired his presence at home so he had to leave. He is quite a young man although at school for the first time. Since school opened he has been struggling perseveringly to gain an education the value of which he seemed to fully recognize. Perhaps if he had been younger and circumstances different, his removal would have been more strongly objected to, as it would have been a bar to his promotion next year. We have a number of over-age pupils very few of whom can be promoted from class to class in the usual way. They are too old to compete with bright young minds and would quickly become discouraged if put together with younger pupils, so they are gathered into one class and the best possible is done for them.

Arthur Clarke, of Aurora, was in Lakeshield last week, and during his stay there he was the guest of an old school-mate. Afterwards Mr. Clarke visited Peterborough, where he purchased a bicycle, and continued on his way to Usbridge where he was surprised to find himself arrested on suspicion of stealing a purse of money containing \$60 from the house he had been staying at in Lakeshield. He returned to Lakeshield, but pending his trial, the money was found hidden away in the house. Mr. Clarke was at once freed from suspicion and set at liberty. It was a most unfortunate thing, and his old school-mates will be glad to hear that his character is quite cleared. We have no doubt that the parties who caused his arrest will make ample amends for the annoyance and discomfort they have caused him.

Manitoba has always been recognized as a great wheat country, but not much is known to the outside world as to its advantages as a health resort. We wish to give a little evidence of a substantial kind in the latter direction, even if we do run the risk of being quoted by the immigration agents. The aggregate weight of the officers of this school three years ago was 879 lbs., while to-day it is 910, making an increase of 31 lbs. There has been a gain in every case ranging from 5 lbs to 35 lbs. The cause did you say? Plenty of exercise, hard work, a clear conscience and a most healthful climate. -Manitoba Silent Echo.

PERSONALITIES.

Miss Etta Featherston, daughter of Jackson and Martha Featherston, has gone to Kingston, to her uncle Robert E. Sparks, to go to the Kindergarten School for the Summer.

Colin Mitchell received a very handsome Bible from his mother on his last birthday. He was much pleased to receive it and promised to read it carefully every day.

James Watson and wife are well known in Washington and Oregon for having made a success of that Institution of learning. They deserve great praise for the way in which they are doing the work of charity and labor of love towards this class of unfortunates. -National Exponent.

Miss A. M. Mosher, a teacher in the Halifax, N. S., Institution for the Deaf, has been visiting us for a few days. She is an intelligent deaf-mute lady and is anxious to learn everything she can in regard to how the deaf are educated. In pursuance of her plan since leaving home a few weeks ago, she has visited the Institutions at Portland, Montreal and here. We hope her visit will be a pleasant and profitable one.

Dr. A. L. E. Crozier, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf, at Mount Airy, was married yesterday to Miss June Yale, the accomplished and handsome niece of Miss Yale, Principal of the Northampton School for the Deaf. The interesting ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Burlington, Vermont, only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present. Hosts of friends all over America wish the newly wedded couple a long, happy and prosperous journey through life. It troubles cross their path at any time, it is to be hoped they will only be little ones. Mr. Crozier is well and favorably known in this vicinity as his old home is within five miles of this Institution.

What is the difference between lip-reading and the sign language? The deaf-mute reading the lips, hears not the voice of the speaker, but merely reads the signs of his lips. When reading the fingers of the manualist or watching his arms, he hears no voice, but merely reads the signs of the same, and as the grammar of both the oral and the manual graduate remains intrinsically faulty, and as the latter method is by far the easiest, quickest and least painful, it is plain enough to know the place the former method should occupy in deaf-mute education. -Iowa Hawkeye.

All teachers of the deaf and dumb, in all countries and under all systems, have been forced to acknowledge, with pain and humiliation, that after their best efforts have been bestowed, they are able to show a few exceptional cases only, of deaf mutes from birth, who have attained the ability to read books with ease, pleasure and profit, which well educated persons associate with the idea of reading. Of course, some instructors conduct their pupils much farther in language, as in general knowledge, than others can do, still we all find, at the end of the term, the mass of our pupils far below the summit at which we aim and which few of them become able to scale. -Dr. H. P. Peet.

Upon returning home the other day Dr. Gallaudet saw a large crow on his porch. He picked up a stone and threw it at the crow to scare it away but unlike his brother-crows around the green, this crow was not at all timid. He finally took flight however and flew near the house of Principal Denison of Kendall School. Mr. Denison attracted by its tameness attempted to capture it and succeeded. Investigation proved the crow was blind, and the fact that he allowed one to approach him was strong circumstantial evidence that he was likewise deaf, and if some of those "authorities" on the deaf are to be believed he was most likely dumb. If other "authorities" not very far from here, are to be credited, he might be taught to read the lips so readily as to obtain a government position, be elected to the United States Senate, edit a daily paper in Germany without any one being aware of his infirmity. Scientific investigation brings out the opinion that, being aware of his infirmities, he had applied to the Dr. for admission to the college. Upon being summarily dismissed without a hearing in behalf of the good Dr., it must be said, he was not aware of the crow's infirmities he applied to Principal Denison of the Kendall School for admission there. -Buff and Blue.

An Arab Saying.

Remember, three things come not back;
The arrow sent upon its track -
It will not return, it will not stay
Its speed; it flies to wound or slay.

The spoken word, so soon forgot
Fly thee; yet it has perished not;
In other hearts 'tis living still,
And doing work for good or ill.

And the lost opportunity
That cometh back no more to thee,
In vain thou weepst, in vain dost gaze,
Those three will nevermore return.
-The Home.

A Party.

For a party brim full of fun, with the measure tramped down and running over, there is nothing to equal a party at the Deaf and Dumb Institution.

The large dining room of the Institute last night was like a hive of bees, with its two hundred and fifty scholars, besides teachers and a few guests who had been invited not only to witness but to take part in the Easter party given to the children. The uninitiated wonder what these children do to amuse themselves. Well, they play games, just as you and I did when we were children, and they play them well, which is perhaps more than could be said of you and I. They play drop the handkerchief, spinning the plate and all these old games which make their elders feel young again, and in which they cannot help participating. And then to see the little girls in groups of three and four taking steps and keeping time without music, is wondrous to behold, and when beheld who will say that dancing is not the natural poetry of motion?

The girls, little and big, are besetted in their gayest colors and look very pretty in their neat garments, whilst the boys rise to the occasion and are as neat and clean as soap and water can make them; for the Easter party is an era in the lives of these children, who have comparatively few occasions to enjoy a "jolly time." The Principal and teachers show to great advantage in their management of the games, which they enter into with a zest, even to the extent of initiating visitors into the mysteries of the winking games and if you have never had your best girl winked away from you in the "wink of an eye," you want to attend the Easter party at the D. & D. Institute, where you will see how suddenly she will disappear through the captivating "wink" of the other chap. -Belleville Intelligencer, April 16.

An Unpleasant Experience.

GRADUATE OF THE INSTITUTION ARRESTED AND JAILED ON A CHARGE OF THEFT.

An interesting story of an adventure of a graduate, of the D. and D. Institute, named Clarke comes from Peterboro. The circumstances of the case are as follows. Clarke is a deaf and dumb boy of good education, being a graduate from the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Belleville. He had adopted the calling of a peddler, and sold sticking plaster and other wares of a similar nature. Being a hard-working and indefatigable canvasser, he made money at the business and generally carried a well lined pocket book. In the course of his travels he came to the village of Lakeshield early last week, and in canvassing it came across an old school-mate in the person of young Isbister, the deaf and dumb son of the village blacksmith. Clarke was at once invited to make the Isbister homestead his home while in Lakeshield and he took advantage of the offer. On Wednesday he left Lakeshield and worked along to Lindsay and the villages in Victoria county. Thursday, Mr. Isbister discovered a purse which he was positive of having left in a coat-pocket, was missing. As the wallet contained between \$60 and \$70, the loss was a serious one, and it being known that Clarke had purchased a bicycle in Lindsay the suspicions were justifiable. He was traced from village to village by Constable Cochran, of Peterboro, who finally came up with him at Usbridge and took him back to Peterboro. On Saturday he appeared before the Magistrate and was remanded until to-day. In the meantime however the wallet was found at the blacksmith's home and was at once released. Mr. Isbister expressed regrets at his suspicions, which led to the arrest, and Clarke accepted the apology.