



# THE CANADIAN MUTE

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At the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb,  
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### OUR MISSION

- First.—That a number of our pupils may learn type-setting, and from the knowledge obtained be able to earn a livelihood after they leave school.
- Second.—To furnish interesting matter for and encourage a habit of reading among our pupils and deaf-mute subscribers.
- Third.—To be a medium of communication between the school and parents, and friends of pupils, now in the Institution, the hundreds who were pupils at one time or other in the past, and all who are interested in the education and instruction of the deaf of our land.

### SUBSCRIPTION

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### The Two Methods.

Here is the mild but clear and reasonable way in which the Minnesota Companion puts the issue relative to methods of instruction:—

So long as the two methods can work side by side, each instructing the deaf pupils in the way most profitable to them, we have the true combined system, and the deaf of America will get the best education that is available. If it is one method triumphant to the exclusion of the other, the deaf will be the losers. On the one hand, they will lose the speech and speech reading that are so useful and valuable in many cases; on the other hand, they will lose considerable possible intellectual development.

This is the conclusion to which all instructors of the deaf are fast coming. The oral system is a grand thing for some deaf-mutes, but you can no more teach some of these children to talk intelligibly than you can make them all expert mathematicians. So soon as nature moulds all children in one die and creates in them a perfect uniformity in intellect, so soon can a rigid and identical system of instruction be applied to all. But so long as we have diversity of aptitudes, so long will we seek for diversity of methods, in order that each pupil may receive the greatest possible benefit.

### Supt. Kendall, of Texas.

Educators of the deaf throughout America have learned with deep regret of the removal of Mr. W. A. Kendall, of the Texas Institution, from his position. This was done by the Governor of the State simply in order to make room for an impetuous political supporter. Mr. Kendall has filled his position with eminent success and was loved by the deaf and admired by educators of the deaf wherever he was known; and it is sad to reflect that so able and useful a man has been sacrificed to the miserable spoils system. Mr. How, Mr. Kendall's successor, may be a good man for aught we know, but we feel certain that at the best he cannot surpass Mr. Kendall, while he has not the latter's valuable experience. It is to be hoped that the indignation this removal has aroused will induce the Governor to reconsider

his decision, and not make the best interests of the deaf and dumb a plaything for needy politicians.

### Mr. Gilbert Parker.

Mr. Gilbert Parker, the well-known novelist and literateur, spent a few days in Belleville about New Year, and while here he was entertained with a "camp-fire" banquet which was attended by a large number of our leading citizens. This Institution was represented by Superintendent Mathison and Mr. Denys. Mr. Parker was at one time a teacher in this Institution, and all his old associates here have watched his career with much interest. Mr. Parker is yet a young man, but has already attained a high rank among the leading novelists of the day. His success in fact has been phenomenal and critics speak in words of warmest praise of his works. This success is partly due to the fact that he has exploited a new field and described phases of life different from what is to be found in the conventional novel of the day, but chiefly it is due to his undoubted genius. Nor has his pen been devoted entirely to fiction, for his book, "Round the Compass in Australia," is an acknowledged authority on the characteristics of the island continent, and on its resources, its political status and the present condition of its inhabitants. This being Mr. Parker's native county it was very fit that the citizens of Belleville should honor him as they did, for he has reflected honor on the city. We are pleased to notice also that the Canadian Club of Hamilton has tendered him a warm reception, as one of our most distinguished fellow-countrymen. Mr. Parker's many friends here will continue to watch with interest the continued development of his genius, and they hope and expect that what he has already produced, excellent though it is, is but an earnest of what is yet to come from his graceful and facile pen.

### Twin Deaf Mutes.

The Deaf Mute's Journal says twin deaf-mutes are or have been attending the South Carolina, Western Pennsylvania and Louisiana Schools for the Deaf, and would like to hear of similar cases in other schools, if there are any. About ten years ago in our Ontario Institution we had twin sisters, born deaf, who were so alike that they could with difficulty be recognized apart, and when they were together the officers and teachers were often non-plussed as to which was which, but the pupils knew one from the other. At evening study one of them was required to stand at one side of the room for talking too much, and during a temporary absence of the teacher the sisters changed places, greatly to the amusement of the other scholars who were quite numb. The teacher did not learn of the exchange until the next day when she enjoyed the merriment the incident created as much as any one. While at school, they delighted in playing innocent pranks and often got off Scott free by the uncertainty as to which one was the offending party. When they first came to school one was taught her name was C — and the other I —. At home their parents discovered their names had been changed and endeavored to rectify the error but to no purpose for several years. Afterwards the girls requested that their names be taught them over again, as they were mixed when they were babes, and we were more mixed than ever. A rather amusing story is told of them when they were grown, and is properly vouched for. One of them had a lover, and the young man was received by the other in the dusk of the evening. Little endearments pecu-

lar to accepted suitors were being indulged in when the right one appeared; she knew there was a mistake somewhere, and the young man's consternation may be more easily imagined than described. The one who took the other's place, just for fun, was asked how she endured the ordeal, and replied, she was "patient."

All the teachers and officers of this Institution are indebted to Mr. McAloney for a copy each of *The Messenger*, published at the Alabama school. Mr. McAloney has entered enthusiastically on his duties there and his influence has been most beneficially felt already. He has taken charge of the foot ball club, and hopes in the course of time to produce a team that will almost rival the invincible team of this Institution. Mr. McAloney is also one of the associate editors of *The Messenger*, and the last issue of that paper appears in a new form and considerably enlarged in size. While at the Belleville Institution Mr. McAloney found out how to run a model paper, and his great ambition now is to make *The Messenger* as nearly as possible equal to the *CANADIAN MUTE*. We all thank Mr. McAloney for his kind remembrance, and wish him abundant success in Alabama.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Dr. Gallaudet's golden wedding have adopted a unique method of securing the required funds. They will issue 500 books of rings, each to contain 20 rings. The cost of each ring is ten cents, or \$5.00 for each book. These books, in addition to being a means of raising money sufficient to purchase a suitable present for the venerable doctor and his estimable wife, will in themselves be very interesting souvenirs. If some person would also make a scrap book composed of all the kindly references that have been made of Dr. Gallaudet by the press, and present it to him at the same time, it would constitute a bulky volume and would no doubt be more highly esteemed than any other gift.

The Deaf-Mute Advance, of Jacksonville, Ill., has just attained its twenty-fifth birthday, and we take much pleasure in extending to it our hearty congratulations, and in wishing it many happy returns of the day. The first issue of this paper appeared in January, 1870, as a small four page monthly. The second year it was considerably increased in size and issued bi-weekly, but soon afterwards became a weekly. Since that time it has justified its name by steadily advancing in excellence, until it is now one of the most interesting and valuable papers published for deaf-mutes. To mark this anniversary the *Advance* has issued a fac-simile of its first number, which even now makes interesting reading.

It is alleged that Superintendent Westervelt, of the Rochester, N. Y., School, can spell 120 words per minute with his fingers. We don't believe it, for the reason that we consider such a feat a physical impossibility. It takes a very rapid talker to speak 200 words per minute, yet we are asked to believe that this gentleman can spell on his fingers twice as rapidly as the fastest talker can speak. Four hundred and twenty words per minute means seven words—equal to about forty letters—per second. No person can make that many distinct motions with his fingers in that space of time; and if he could, no man living could distinguish them or their combinations.

### THE MOTHERS OF MEN

The bravest battle that ever was fought  
Shall I tell you where and when?  
On the map of the world you'll find it  
'Twas fought by the mothers of men.  
Say, not with cannon or battle-axe  
With sword or noble pen  
Say, not with words of eloquence freighted  
From the mouths of wonderful men  
But deep in the walled-up mother-heart  
A mother that will not yield,  
But patiently, quietly bears her part  
To them in this battle-field.  
No marshalled troops, no bivouac wag  
No banners that gleam or wave  
But, oh, those battles they last so long,  
From babyhood to the grave!  
—Joseph Miller

### TORONTO TOPICS

From our own Correspondent

On the 2nd inst., a very interesting and exciting debate took place on the subject—"Resolved, that hand labor is more profitable than machine work to employers." Messrs. Mason and Smith supported the affirmative, and Messrs. W. Terrell and Boughton the negative. The debate was decided in favor of the affirmative.

Mr. and Mrs. McClelland made a short visit in the city on their way home to Ottawa. They carried away the best wishes of their numerous friends in this city.

Supposing we should form a deaf-mute fire brigade in the city, we would strongly recommend Mr. Neil McCallum for chief. He was the first and only deaf-mute on the scene of the great *Globe* fire last Sunday morning. The scenes he saw at the fire were most thrilling.

The following deaf-mutes from a distance have been visiting the city lately: J. Nowell, Milton, John Dean, Sandhill, Mr. and Mrs. Hambley, Nobleton Arthur Bowen, Penville.

A number of the deaf-mutes spent New Year's Day skating on Grandview Pond. The ice was in excellent condition. Some of the married deaf-mutes had small parties in the evening.

A. W. Mason is quite a hustler at election times. The election for mayor was so close that nobody could tell for sure who was elected on Monday night. A. W. was up and out looking for a newspaper at five o'clock on Tuesday morning. His disgust can be better imagined than described when he learned his opponent got in by a small majority.

A. A. McIntosh is back from his visit to Montreal. We expect to get something fresh from him for the next number of *THE CANADIAN MUTE*.

Your scribo has been informed that there is a law-forbidding deaf-mutes being employed in post offices, but he has doubts about its accuracy. Mr. Editor, is it so?

Mrs. and Master Fraser, mother and brother of Philip, were spending New Year at the latter's place.

### BAGLAN ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent

At the handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ormiston, Baglan, was witnessed the scene of a merry gathering on New Year's Day. The relatives and friends of the couple, to the number of about forty, had been invited to spend the day, it being the eleventh anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ormiston's wedding. Among the company were eight deaf-mutes: Robert and Richard Allen, Oshawa; Francis Spinks, Carlisle; Charles McLaren, John King, and Mrs. A. W. Mason, Toronto; and Mr. and Mrs. Ormiston. Charles McLaren, who is known as the clown, kept the party in a state of merriment during the afternoon. After partaking of a delicious tea, the company broke up at an early hour owing to the seriousness of Mr. Ormiston's father. Mr. and Mrs. Ormiston, whose generosity is proverbial, deserve the warmest thanks of all who shared their hospitality.

We are indebted to Miss Anne M. Perry for a Souvenir Number of the *Colony Advertiser*, a very handsome publication, issued by Mr. A. G. Lewis.

### BIRTH.

VAN LUYK. At Morven, on the 27th inst., wife of Mr. A. P. Van Luyk of a son. Congratulations.