



# HOME NEWS

Toronto and Ottawa correspondence received too late for this issue.

Some very fine specimens of our root crops from the farm and garden have been on exhibition in the store and would be hard to beat.

The girls were given an afternoon shopping down town a few days ago. Every one was well and had the cash to spend for the trip. They returned home in the evening heavily laden with parcels of purchases and of course much lighter in purse.

The new boiler has now been placed in position in the engine room. The boys were so much interested in the methods of getting it down there that they had to be kept at a distance while the work was going on. It took two strong teams to haul the boiler from the station and several men nearly three days to get it down in position. We hope to have it in complete order before cold weather sets in.

The following pupils have entered the sloyd department and spend two hours there after school on three afternoons a week: J. Kirk, M. Mapes, W. Elliott, I. Simsek, T. Russell, D. Boomer, J. Orr, A. Walton, F. Roth, S. Jones, W. Reid and F. Ford. When the boys are at work their shop is one of the most interesting places to visit and gives promise of much practical utility. Triple the number of boys could be profitably employed if there was room.

## PERSONALITIES.

Mrs. Butherford brought her daughter Jessie back to school last week and spent a short time visiting the classes and shops.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thomas of Oakville, visited Mrs. Arthur C. White, of Charing Cross, en route to the Falls, on their wedding trip.

Mrs. H. Moore and Miss Ogilvie, of Toronto, were visitors here last week. Mr. Moore and family have just returned from summering in New Brunswick.

John Crough, formerly of Peterboro, is now in Seattle, Washington, along with David Luddy, and they both have steady positions in that city and are doing well.

We lately received news of our former pupil, Moses Leblanc. He is married now and living at Lowell, Mass., and is making a good living at the shoe-making trade.

Miss Anne Butler, who has been spending the past two months visiting friends in London and Toronto, returned home last week and was warmly welcomed by her dear friends in the city.

Miss Brown, of Morrisburg, formerly a teacher here, sent a box of beautiful flowers to be distributed among the officers and teachers. She has the thanks of the staff for her thoughtful kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. Weston Jenkins, formerly of New Jersey, are both teaching in the Alabama Institution for the Deaf. We are rejoiced that they are in positions where their undoubted ability can find free scope.

The Rev. Mr. Cowsett, Baptist, made a brief visit last week. He was accompanied by his guests, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Baker, newly appointed missionaries to Bolivia, and who leave shortly for their field of labor.

While Mr. McKillop was on his vacation tour through Manitoba he was pleased to meet our old pupil, John Fitzsimmons, who is located at Carberry, where he has built up a fine home. He owns a good shop and harness business and is prosperous in every way.

Mrs. Geo. Begg and her daughter, Edith, of Austin, Texas, spent several months of the summer in Belleville. Mr. Begg was formerly connected with this Institution but for fifteen years or more he has been a valued teacher in the School for the Deaf at Austin.

Charlie Johnson, of Swansea, little brother of Willie Johnson, a pupil here, met with a fatal accident on Wednesday, the 3rd. He fell out of a wagon and one of the rear wheels passed over his body, inflicting such injuries that he died inside of five hours. Willie and the friends at home have our sincere sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowrie have been called upon to endure more than their share of affliction the past few months. Shortly before the session closed Mr. Dowrie's mother died, during the vacation his father passed away and last week Mrs. Dowrie's mother also joined the great majority. Our warmest sympathy is extended to them in the three-fold loss they have sustained.

In a trip through the Canadian Northwest I should like to give you some of my impressions of the country through which I travelled, and I did the best I could in the six weeks at my disposal. I noticed many new buildings going up, a sign of prosperity, and think a great deal of the country well suited for mixed farming. I met a few deaf-mutes in the west who had been there for some time and they had good farms and seemed contented, happy and comfortable. They said they were proud of their farms and success as they could not have done so early as well in the east. They said the winter, although cold, was pleasant and healthy. I think the west a good place for young deaf-mutes who have a few hundred dollars ahead to go to, and shall be pleased to advise all such to go there. It might be best if they could settle in groups, as they might be less homesick or homesick and perhaps more likely to succeed. — D. J. McK.

When the September issue of *The Silent Worker of the New Jersey School* reached us it did us proud to see among the many fine engravings the familiar features of our old friend and former pupil, A. J. McLaren. The sketch of his character which accompanies the photo honors him highly and gives him a prominent position among the deaf of Brooklyn, N. Y. For the past two years he has been President of the Brooklyn Guild of Deaf Mutes with credit to himself and to the best interest of the Society. Archie was born in Kingston, Ont. in June, 1866, and shortly after leaving school here, removed with his parents to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he has since resided. He has been employed steadily for the past twelve years in the wire works of Howard Morse, and has given entire satisfaction to his employers and is well liked by them as well as by his fellow workmen on account of his quiet and genial disposition. While here at school he was a model pupil, highly respected by his teachers and officers, a leader among his school mates and prominent in all kinds of manly sport. Keep on in the good way, Archie, we are proud of you.

It is sad indeed to note at this time that even in our own small school there are a number of our pupils, who have been in school only a few years and some who are capable of taking a fine education, are detained at home this year and possibly forever because the parent does not care, or does not see the importance of educating the deaf child, but most certainly the responsibility rests on the parent and not on the head of schools for the deaf. — *Georgia School Helper*

## The Scratched Face.

To forgive an injury and to hold no remembrance of it is not a common practice among people young or old. But a little girl showed this Christ-like grace the other day with a sweetness that her elders will not forget.

Lee was on a visit to a playmate of hers and they were getting on well together for Lee is incapable of quarreling—when the playmate tried to explain some wish which she had. She does not always talk plain, and in her anxiety now she could not make her meaning clear. Leo tried in vain to understand, till the other got into a passion of impatience and, flying at the puzzled girl, made an ugly scratch on her face. The sufferer was both astonished and grieved, and the angry little miss was frightened and sobered by what she had done. Leo saw that she was sorry, and at once began to comfort her.

"I shall be whipped when mamma sees it," said the culprit.

"We will not tell anybody at all," said Leo. She did not. So questions from the passionate girl's mother could get other reply than, "It is no matter, mamma. I'd rather not speak of it." At home Leo would not talk about the scratch, and was soon asking to visit her playmate again. This time there was no trouble. The playmate will be slow to get angry again with her sweet-tempered little friend.

Diligence is the mother of good luck.

## MANITOBA ITEMS.

Howard McDermid will attend Manitoba College this winter. He intends studying medicine.

Lulu Worth, who was a pupil at the Belleville school for three sessions, is with us. She is a very bright and well-behaved pupil.

Ed. Speers, formerly of the Belleville School, is now farming with his father near Boissevain, Man., and says he likes his present occupation better than painting pictures.

Mr. A. E. Shepherd, of Toronto, was a visitor to our city in August last. He came up in company with Mr. T. Bradshaw for a holiday trip, and to see for himself what Manitoba is like.

Mr. McDermid and Mr. Cameron returned from B. C. last week. They had a good time on their trip there. Mr. McDermid said that he saw a large whale. He will tell us all about his trip to the coast some evening.

Mr. D. J. McKillop, of the Ontario Institution teaching staff, spent his holidays in different parts of Manitoba and the territories. During his stay in Winnipeg he made us a very pleasant visit. Mr. McKillop has a host of friends out here, who were pleased to see him.

George Grant, living three miles from Elgin, Man., has sold his farm recently, and is now looking for a larger and better farm somewhere in Southern Manitoba. He and his wife (sister of Messrs. A. W. and H. Mason, of Toronto), are both graduates of the Belleville Institution.

It is likely that we will have more applications for admission than our accommodations will permit this term, as six pupils are to attend from British Columbia, as a result of arrangements made by the principal with the government of that province during his visit to the coast.

The new addition to our Institution is beginning to show up well, although it was started only three weeks ago. Mr. Mike Kelly, the contractor in charge of the work, is making things hum. He expects to have the roof on by Nov. 1st, under favorable weather. The work of finishing the interior will be carried on during the winter, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy early in the spring.

School reopened on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, with a fair attendance. There are still a good many who expect to enroll this term and it is to be hoped that every one will be on hand within the next few days. The way tardy pupils have been dropping in, one by one, for the past few days, is one of the worst annoyances the teachers have ever had to complain of. We hope this tardiness on the part of the parents in keeping their children at home will not be repeated in future.

At the Brandon fair were quite a number of old pupils from the Belleville Institution, among whom were Messrs. D. J. McKillop, of the Belleville school, who was spending his summer vacation out in this great west, T. Bradshaw and A. Sheppard, of Toronto, who were prospecting for farm lands, Ed. Speers, of Boissevain, Man.; Misses Annie and Lovilla Petypiece, with their brother Clarence, of Souris, Man.; Ellen Grant, of Virden, Man., and Gertrude McPhee and her mother, living ten miles from Brandon, the latter lady being well known for her interest in the welfare of the deaf in both Ontario and Manitoba. It is rather strange to say that so many old Belleville "boys and girls" met together thousands of miles away from their Alma Mater.

## Not a "Little Fault."

A Young man who was a pupil at Rugby school was noted for his bad penmanship. When his teacher remonstrated he replied: "Many men of genius have written worse scrawls than I do; it is not worth while to worry about so trivial a fault." Several years afterward this lad was an officer in the English Army, doing service in the Crimean war. An order that he copied for transmission was so illegible that it was given incorrectly to the troops, and the result was the loss of a great many brave men. So you see that it was not a small fault after all. "Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well," is a good rule for everything in life.

He that waits upon the future is never sure of a dinner.

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### Religious Denominations.

Standing of pupils in the Institution this term is as follows. English, 36; Methodist, 97; Presbyterian, 10; Baptist, 15; Roman Catholic, 10; Lutheran, 8; Mennonite, 2; Christian, 1; Jewish, 1; Disciples of Christ, 1; Children in Christ, 1; Evangelical, 1; Later-day Saints, 1; Deaf Mute Association, 1. Total 254.

### Christmas Number—1900.

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