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HOME NEWS
Wm. News Local Interest

Our ice house is now being filled with ice to keep things cool and long piles of hard wood is being hauled in to keep things warm, so we are getting provided for both extremes.

Mr. Downie is at present away on a holiday. During the summer when others had their outings, was his busy time and he could not be spared. We hope he will enjoy himself.

It will interest those who are fond of birds to know that a pair of horned larks was seen on their old nesting ground in the Institution pasture field, the morning of the 11th inst.

So far this winter our hockey teams have had no opportunities to show what they can do with outside teams and are anxious for a match. We hope they will get a game before the winter is quite gone.

The first to respond to our letter about the convention in last issue, was friend Haselton of Delta. He would like it to be held in the Institution and we know nearly all the members are of the same mind. Well, we will see later.

Miss Walker, our matron, has not been very well lately and rest for a month or six weeks was prescribed for her. After seventeen years devoted and conscientious service in Institution work a short respite from duty will do her good.

Miss McNinch, our nurse, is back to her post again. She has been away for a couple of weeks for rest and change after her long detention under quarantine in our hospital nursing the fever patients. Both she and we hope it will be a long time before we have any more.

We had a large party of country visitors on the 5th. They were a sleighing party from across the bay and were not pressed for time at all, so took a leisurely view of everything to be seen and when the rounds were made they spent quite a time seeing how our boys and girls enjoyed themselves on the rink, no doubt thinking that they were most happily placed.

The boys are indebted to Mrs. Terrell for the illustrated magazine *The Black and White*, which is just now filled with interesting views of the South African War. Mr. Balis is also very kind, to encourage reading, he distributes his daily papers and illustrated magazines among them. The daily progress of the war is closely watched and commented on by our pupils.

One was hardly surprised to hear the loud, clear call of the flicker last Sunday morning, as the spring like temperature brought thoughts of the return of the songsters. The bird at that time was invisible but one was seen in the same vicinity in the afternoon. An occasional individual must remain with us during the winter as it is too soon for their return.

Miss Gibson was requested by those having charge of the Red Cross fund in the city, to take up a collection among our pupils for this worthy object. The matter was laid before our assembled boys and girls in the chapel, and they were invited to give any little amount they liked from 1c. up. The response was very good and Miss Gibson was able to forward over five dollars for the fund from the pupils alone.

One of our intermediate pupils, Walter Reid was lately taken ill, the cause being appendicitis. The case was considered so serious that his friends were at once communicated with and his mother arrived as soon as possible. It was the first illness of the kind that has appeared among our pupils and all are glad to know that prompt treatment checked the disease and the lad is now out of danger and recovering. His mother returned home on Tuesday.

Our rink was so well graded that it has been quite easy to keep the ice on every part in fine condition, and the only thing that bothers us is the frequent snow falls. It is an interesting sight to watch the boys clear off the leavings of a heavy storm. It takes a hundred or more of them all the winter long to do the job, even with one of the horses to help them. Every boy who can handle a shovel or other implement is pressed into service and has to do his share. The boys deserve credit for the hearty way they persevere.

PERSONALITIES.

Mr. James Dunin, an ex-pupil, has a good situation in Carman, Manitoba.

Miss F. Gardiner of Guelph, has been in the city for the past week or two, the guest of Miss Butler.

Miss E. H. Smith, of the Marchmont Home in the city, was a visitor to our work rooms last week.

Mr and Mrs. Tindhope visited Laura for a day or two this week accompanied by a little sister of Laura's. It was a happy reunion for all of them.

Dr. Forster came up with the Rockwood Hospital curlers from Kingston last week and he and Mrs. Forster were the guests of Mrs. Terrell during their stay in Belleville.

Mr. R. Murray Thomas is here from Canada visiting his niece, Mrs. H. V. Peters. Mr. Thomas has many friends here, who are glad to see him. *Chicago paper, Feb. 10th.*

Dr. C. K. Clarke, of Rockwood Hospital for the Insane, Kingston, spent a couple of hours with us on Monday, the 5th. He was the guest of Superintendent Mathison.

John McIsaac is working in the mocasin factory at Delhi. He has steady employment and has been engaged lately both night and day on a big order for the north west.

Miss Rosa Dempsey, who was the guest of her sister, Miss Dempsey, returned on the 8th inst. to her home in Toronto, greatly benefited in health by her sojourn in this salubrious section of the country, among friends in the city and at the Institution.

The members of the Rockwood Hospital curling club who came up to play against the Belleville curlers last week, gave us a brief call during their stay in the city and were taken through as many classes and departments as their limited time would allow.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Calder are happy and prosperous on their farm in Manitoba. They write:—"Our crop turned out very good last year. We had 1800 bushels of wheat off 80 acres and 523 bushels of oats off 10 acres." Their many friends will be pleased to hear of their prosperity and happiness.

The marriage of Mr. James Goodbrand and Miss Matilda Lafferty took place yesterday, Wednesday, the 14th inst. at Windsor, at the residence of the bride's mother. The contracting parties were pupils at this Institution some years ago and have our best wishes for their happiness and prosperity through life.

Miss Clow, who has acted as nurse here while Miss McNinch was confined to the hospital with the scarlet fever patients, returned home on Saturday last. Miss Clow greatly endeared herself to the pupils and won the warm esteem of all connected with the Institution, and, should the occasion ever rise, we hope to see her among us again.

Many of the early pupils of our school will remember Mr. P. C. Canutt, who used to be the farm manager of the Institution some twenty five years ago. They will be pleased to hear that he is still alive and hearty. He is at present living in Chicago with his son and daughter-in-law who will also be remembered as Miss Isabel Palmer, daughter of the first Principal of our Institution.

Although Alfred P. Lockhart has been away from the Institution for ten years, he does not forget the officers and teachers who were here when he was a pupil. A recent letter conveys from him the pleasing intelligence that he is prospering in his Manitoba home. Alfred is a thorough farmer and last year his labors were rewarded by a bountiful crop and his neighbors gave him credit for being one of the best all round farmers near Armstrong Lake, where he resides.

The following quib would convey no meaning to a person who never heard, and we have seen a number of hearing persons badly puzzled by it. "She had a voice like a siren, and when she sang: 'Be it averse oh wain bull there snow play sly comb, and so on to the conclusion, there wasn't a dry eye in the room.'" If however, the reader will read the test line straight through to another person, making no pause, the listener will be almost certain to catch its meaning at the first reading.

When one builds castles in the air, he leaves out the troubles.

A Wonder-Worker Makes His Appearance.

The Associated Press has sent out a story from Kokomo, Indiana, to the effect that a doctor there had restored to hearing two girls deaf from birth and, *mirabile dictu!* with the restoration of hearing had come a return of speech. The story is somewhat colored, as statements made in the public prints about the deaf generally are. It is probably true that the doctor did benefit those girls. There are cases now and then that can be helped, and we are always glad when such cases are found. The great harm that those stories of restoration to hearing do, is to mislead the public and, especially, parents of deaf children. They lead them to believe that their child can also be restored and induce them to experiment, perhaps with quacks whose chief industry consists in securing, through the instrumentality of gab, large unearned fees. The worst of it is that the loss of the money is not always the most harmful feature of the transaction. The disappointment to the parents, and the loss of time, suffering and, it may be, permanent injury occasioned the child are likely to outweigh the loss of money. The best course for parents to pursue, if they entertain a hope that their child may be benefited by medical treatment, is to submit the case to the authorities of the school, who are supposed to be better informed in everything pertaining to the deaf than themselves, and let these take such steps with reference to the treatment of the child as they see proper. There are but few deaf-mutes who can be successfully treated.—*Lone Star Weekly.*

Slander.

What is slander? 'Tis an assassin, at the midnight hour, urged on by envy, that with footsteps soft steals on the slumber of sweet innocence, and with the dark drawn dagger of the mind, drinks deep of the crimson current of the heart.

'Tis a worm that crawls on beauty's cheek, and, like the vile viper in a vale of flowers, it revels in ambrosial pleasure there.

'Tis a coward in a coat of mail that wages war against the brave and wise, and, like the long, lean lizard that mars the lion's sleep, it wounds the noblest and best.

Oft have I seen this demon of the soul, this murderer of sleep, with visage smooth and countenance serene as Heaven's own skies; but storms were raging in the soul of thought; oft have I seen a smile upon its brow, but, like lightning from the stormy clouds, it shocked the soul and disappeared in darkness, oft have I seen it weep at tale of woe and seem as 'twere the heart would break with anguish, but, like the drops that drip from Java's tree, or the fell pest that sweeps o'er Arabian sands, it withered every flower in the vale.

I have seen it tread upon the hly fair, one in whom the world could see no harm, and, although hiddden within the sacred tomb, it has dragged its victim from the hallowed grave for public eyes to gaze upon; it hath wept that from earth its victim passed away ere it had taken vengeance on its virtue.—*Selected.*

Feeling the Parson.

Clergymen are seldom overpaid, and to most of them the occasional fees bestowed by generous and happy bridegrooms are items of considerable moment. It is easy to sympathize with a certain Yorkshire clergyman who, after pronouncing a couple man and wife, was asked by the groom what the charge was.

The parson, according to *Spare Moments*, told him that there were no fixed charges in such matters, but that he might give what he thought proper.

"Parson," said the young man, "I have five greyhound pups at home, I ask a sovereign apiece for them, but I'll let you have one for half a sov."

The clergyman protested that he could not accept a fee of such a character. It would be quite impossible.

The bride and groom went home, and the marriage must have turned out very happily, for before a month was over the parson received a crate containing a fine greyhound pup, accompanied by a note from John, saying that Maria had proved such a treasure that he was glad to give the dog for nothing.

Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

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THE CANADIAN MUTE
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1900.

Give and you help me,
 What a helping world there'll be
Lucy Wheeler

A merry sleighing party left here on the afternoon of the 2nd inst. for a drive and to pay a surprise visit to one of our former pupils who lives fourteen miles out. The party consisted of Misses F. Gardiner, Morrison, Butler and home, and Messrs. McKillop, Madden and Holton. The objective point was the pleasant country home of Miss D. Healy of McRose. Sleighing was good, the team well appointed and the weather on the drive out was very pleasant. Owing to unavoidable delays in starting the party arrived at their destination some later than was intended. By a pre-arranged plan only two of the party were knocked for admission, these were welcomed with effusion, in a few minutes another pair appeared then another and another until the surprised family were kept guessing how many there were, but a warm welcome awaited one and all, the feasting, games and other merry-making the party enjoyed themselves until a late hour. Mrs. Beatty would not hear of their returning home until the following day, so they remained until returning to the city after a late breakfast next morning. Although it was a surprise party yet in the hospitable home of Mrs. Beatty nothing was found lacking for the fullest comfort and enjoyment of the visitors, who left with warm expressions of thanks to the kind entertainers.

Mr. Stewart came up to entertain our pupils last Saturday evening. He did so with giving them, what many of us are most eager for the latest war news from South Africa, and caused amusement by some sarcastic remarks about amateur war strategists, from our school has its share. He told an amusing anecdote to show that at least some wise old chap, enter his fellows, is sure to strike an idea to turn the situation. He then told an interesting simple story more especially for the amusement of the younger ones and wound up the evening with the legend of Persius. Miss Mosey gave a vote of thanks, and Mr. Stow replied said he hoped to be up again in a few years, but was instantly corrected to a few weeks.