

Resolve.

...and not upon regret,
of the future. Do not grope
in the darkness. Waste no tear-
fullest resort of lost years.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

The Girls' Side of the Institution.

MAUD THOMAS.

...girls seem to find great pleasure
in going home soon as it is
a few weeks more until vacation

...time ago Miss A. Henderson
received a letter from her loving mother
that she would get a bicycle for
her present which she goes home.

...older pupils spent last Satur-
day morning in listening to Mr. Bais
Christopher Columbus
seemed to enjoy it very
much.

...Miller and Daisy Brown re-
ceived photos of their loving sisters
who has two lovely little
daughters. All admire Anne's
greatly.

...are sorry to learn that Miss
Elizabeth's mother who is very
ill has removed into the General
Hospital Toronto. We wish for her a
speedy recovery.

...last Sunday week our kind teach-
ers James gave the advanced girls
a story with which they were very
interested, entitled 'The Exiles'
They greatly appreciated
it.

...little girl Marion Waters birth-
day. All the little girls wished
for her happy returns of the day.
She received a box of sweetmeats
from her mother and she was very happy.

...were greatly astonished on
Saturday morning when Mr. Mathison
went to Toronto without informing us
of his going, but he returned the
same day and we all were glad to have
him again.

...four Showers girls were called
to school on account of their
illness. They arrived home
although not in time to see their
father living. Poor girls, they
were much grieved when they heard the
news. We all condole with the
girls on the great loss of such a loving
father, but he is in the happy land.

SE. CATHARINES.

From our Correspondent

...Miss F. J. Wheeler and W. Wallace
working here, the former in a
factory and the latter in the fruit
and works.

...Mrs. J. A. Braven promises to
return on a visit at Easter.

...Mr. Jefferson is here for a week
going to Buffalo for a short time.

...Mrs. J. A. Lloyd will come
on the 20th. Mrs. Wheeler reminds
us they have not been here for four
years.

...Wheeler's sister, Mrs. Koukle, of
Perth was here for a few days and
her sick son to the hospital.

DUNDAS JOYNTINGS.

From our Correspondent

...Mr. Ford, a deaf man from England
who worked at the Valley City Seating
Company's Works here, is now in Ham-
ilton painting the seats in the Ryerson
School.

...Mr. Sutherland is doing well at
Perth. He is employed at the Stratton &
Co. Clothing Goods Factory. He has
a steady job and has held it for a num-
ber of years.

...Miss Bridgford is working on a farm
some miles from this town.

...Mr. Fisher has been employed at
Perth office since last November. He
was every Wednesday night and gets
off holiday the next morning. He
is expert at setting type and would
like to try conclusions with any other
compositor in Ontario. Perhaps
the Convention is next held at
Perthville, a type setting tournament
may be arranged in the Mure office.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

...bike has many good points,
though as ugly as a sewing machine, an
iron bridge or a graphom, it is a joy for
ever. While on the run it does a fellow
a world of good. A poor nigger like
man who has to toil all day to fill the
vacuous maw of the printing press with
lead atoms picked up one by one as the
wretched woman in the Arabian nights
picks up her rice grains singly with a
pin, when he is at last astrid his bi-
cycle flying on the wings of the wind
does he not expand with freedom - vital
breath - a soul full man again? Is he
not detest of any amount of rabs and
tumbles? Does he not come back braced
up and fit for any amount of the whips
and stings of his outrageous portion,
even though it be the shape of a type
setting machine? And then that human
sewing machine, who finds himself as
little account as the iron goose that
scorches his fingers on a bicycle he
feels like being 'Over the hills at the
break of day' and in his full heart has
hardly room to wish to be an angel.

Then there is our worthy friend who is
stiffening his back and weakening his
knees in repairing the world's failing
understandings. I was going to imagine
his sensations, when it struck me I
never heard how a shoemaker feels on a
bicycle, except from one who told me
how he felt when going into a ditch, and
that will not just serve my purpose.

The shoemaker on a bicycle is an open
question, but we have known the dear
good young woman who after a long,
dull devoted spell by a sick bed have
been brightened and strengthened for
their trying tasks by good hours spin.

What a deal of friendly fun and rivalry
the bicycle puts into circulation. No-
thing pleasanter surely can well be
than a company of kindred spirits on a
five mile run along a good country road.

How kindly we go in helping a 'solid
by cycle man'. What trouble we will
take in getting him mounted again.

The delightful bicycle has indeed saved
so much sweetness out of old savage
human nature that we are inclined to
place it among one of the great moral
forces of the day.

We have in the gentility of a soul
mounted on springy hubs, set free from
wear and tear fret, and bile, no room
for caustic peer or satiric grin at the
unlucky man whose life has given up
to the ghost, or whom some other irrepar-
able bicycle disaster has brought to grief.

In the cyclist world, any way, that
miserable old cynic is going discount,
who makes us so uncomfortable by the
insidious suggestion that there is some-
thing not wholly displeasing to us in the
misfortunes of our dearest friends. On
a bicycle a man cannot see his bitterest
enemy go down without something of
fellow feeling.

But as there is not an innocent joy on
earth around which evil things do not
cautiously gather, the cyclist's enjoy-
ment has dangers. We have heard of
malicious envy scattering tacks along a
choke bicycle track and many poor
weak brothers have gone down hill with
dreary croppers. We are afraid some
of our deaf friends have loved the bicycle
not wisely but too well, and have spent
more than they can afford on their
wheels. To some of our lads it has been
a temptation and has led to grievous
wrong. A lobe got by dishonesty, one
on which has been spent what ought to
have been spent on home - or in laying
up for a rainy day - must take its place
at the criminal bar, with the whiskey
bottle, the beer barrel and the too fre-
quent pipe. Deaf friends, consider your
bicycle and its ways. See that your
wheeling account will pass just and
righteous judgment.

We have had another addition to our
happy little family lately, in the person
of Miss M. Campbell, formerly of Berlin.
Ours she having secured a situation
here similar to that which she had in
Berlin. We tender her a hearty welcome.

Master Nelson Wood has gone home.
He is a very promising young lad and
we shall miss his smiling face.

There is an exciting contest at check-
ers going on some of these evenings be-
tween A. Buchan and J. Webster. So
far it is hard to predict who will come
out the victor. The result of the last
game played was three games for each
with two draws.

Mr. Chas. Elliott, who has been
spending a couple of weeks in Detroit
and London, returned to the city some
time recently, bringing full of news
from a number of our old friends. We
has not yet exhausted his budget.

Mr. E. M. Thomas, Oakville, was in

the city for a few days lately, looking
as hale and hearty as ever. On being
asked what he thought of going to the
Klondike he replied that he thought
there was more gold for him at home on
his own Bonanza Paradise in Oakville
than at the Yukon.

The Canadian Journal of Medicine
and Surgery for February has an article
on the Institutions for the Deaf Mutes
in Canada and their training, the head-
ing of which is adorned with a portrait
of Mr. Mathison, Supt. of our own Insti-
tution at Belleville. There are also two
illustrations, one of the late convention
at Brantford and the other of the Insti-
tution at Belleville with the pupils in
the fore ground. The article gives an
appreciative account of what is being
done for the deaf in the Dominion.

An evening paper recently gave a
prominent place to the announcement
that our good friend Mr. Nasmith was
adding another to his long list of stores
this time a large place to rival the lead-
ing New York restaurants. It is situat-
ed at one of the best spots on the prin-
cipal street of this city.

One day recently three ladies visited
a department store. Two were respect-
ed members of our community and did
them shopping by writing. This led the
clerk to think they were all deaf, and
as they were leaving he indulged in an
ill timed remark on "dummies." The
ill-trained animal wilted and evidently
wished to get under the counter when
the third lady told him they appreciated
his compliments and would recommend
him to the consideration of the manager
of his department.

The tall and stately form of our
genial friend A. W. Mason, was not seen
around for some time. On enquiry it
was learned that he had been confined
to his house on account of an attack of
la grippe. We are happy to state that
he is giving up something to look up to
again and is always a welcome sight,
however small he makes his friends
look alongside his exemplary height.

One of the most pleasant little socials
of the season was held at the residence
of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Wilson, 287
Delaware Ave. on Friday, the 18th ult.

The guests on arriving found a well
spread table awaiting them to which
all did full justice. Nothing was spared
on the part of the host and hostess to
make all feel at home. The remainder
of the evening was spent in various
games, etc. Before leaving, Mr. and
Mrs. Wilson were tendered a hearty
vote of thanks.

We regret to state that we have two
patients in the hospitals at present,
both from the same cause at different
times, unfortunate falls on slippery pave-
ments. Mrs. Chas. Smith badly injur-
ed her thigh, and her case being com-
plicated with an attack of pneumonia it
has given rise to some concern among
her friends. Mr. H. Gilbert, the other
sufferer received a severe sprain on his
right arm, which necessitated an opera-
tion under chloroform. He has however
got well through it and we hope he will
be about again shortly.

The 16th ult. being Mr. A. W. Mason's
birthday his family and a few imme-
diate relatives availed themselves of the
opportunity of presenting him with a
handsome set of dining room chairs.
He was taken by surprise, as everything
was prepared for the eventual day. A.
W. has our congratulations.

Mrs. C. E. Wilson had a canary bird
aged 19 years, which died last Sunday,
the 20th. It was presented to her by
her mother seven years ago.

OIL SPRINGS.

From our own Correspondent

I exceedingly regret to take up this
task to chronicle the demise of that good
and christian man, Mr. Michael Showers,
father of the four Misses Showers. He
expired on Monday, 14th ult., in the
afternoon at three o'clock. It was well
known that he was for a long time a
victim of consumption and it was thought
he would live some time longer yet, but
the end came sooner than expected.
Just two weeks previous to his death,
when I arrived at the house, he himself
came forward to the front door, took me
by the hand, helped to take off my over-
coat and fur cap and hung them up.
The poor girls, who, as announced in
the last issue of your paper, were on
their way home from your school,
were met at the nearest station, New-
burg, by their brother William and
uncle Mr. White. After a drive of
twelve miles, occupying three hours, they
reached home only to learn that their
dear father had breathed his last just at
the time they arrived at the station.

On Wednesday, 16th, at two o'clock
p. m., the funeral formed at the resi-
dence, the chief mourners being Mrs.
Showers, Christiana, John and William
wife and the older children of the de-
ceased, in the first sleigh, Roderick and
Kenneth McKenzie in the second, David
A. Turill of Florence, Duncan Bloom
and Wm. Thompson of Thamesville in
the third, relatives of the deceased, and
a large number of friends. The proces-
sion wended its way to Shetland, about
two miles distant, where the solemn
services were held in the Methodist
church, a beautiful and commodious res-
tored edifice, the Rev. M. Kennedy of
Florence, assisted by a layman, conduct-
ing and gave an appropriate sermon.
The services over the remains of the
deceased were interred in the grave-yard
outside the church, beside the grave of
his brother John, who succumbed to the
same disease a few years ago. Mrs.
Showers and her nine children have our
sincere and warmest sympathy in the
sad and grievous bereavement of a good
and true hearted husband and an affec-
tionate and most devoted father. "Bless-
ed are they that mourn for they shall
be comforted," were the very words
thoughtfully and sympathetically pro-
nounced by Jesus Christ when He was
a man on this earth.

On the 17th, the day after the funeral,
I was agreeably surprised to see David
Turill, who generously and thoughtfully
came over either on foot or by means
of catching a few rides, for I am so
much indebted to him for the particulars
of that sad event. He stayed all night
with me and left for home the next
morning. We both remembered the
deaths of the good teachers Messrs. S. J.
Greene and D. M. Beaton occurring on
that day eight and three years ago re-
spectively. I am the guest of Mr. and
Mrs. Wm. Esson at the time of this writ-
ing and so I may say that the late Mr.
Showers was here three years and a
half ago for the papers of application
which Mr. Mathison, the Superinten-
dent, entrusted Mr. Esson with at the
time he was at your school with his
daughter Maggie and then Mr. Showers
brought the older girls, Christiana and
Anne, on no doubt, some of your officers
and teachers and perhaps many of your
pupils will have recollections of seeing
him and remember him as a tall and
stately man.

PERTH TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

Mr. M. Noonan is temporarily employ-
ed in the blacksmith shop at the C. P. R.
car works. Messrs. Patrick and Luddy
are in the erection shop as usual. They
did not have much to do when they
started to work again last January, but
they are on both feet and have their
hands full now.

Mr. Sam Moore, a cousin to Mr.
Henry Moore, of Toronto, is employed
on the C. P. R. local express between
Perth and Montreal, as a brakeman.
He is one of Mr. Luddy's fellow board-
ers at the Albion Hotel at present. He
intends to have his wife and little boy
come to Perth soon.

We were pleased to have a visit from
Mr. Peter McGregor, of Almonte, recent-
ly. He attended the old Hamilton
school for six months, and while there
often went hunting with Mrs. Terrill's
husband. He is pretty old now, but
quite smart. He happened to be in
Perth on business and put up at the
Albion Hotel where Mr. Luddy boards,
the proprietor, Mr. J. H. Young, being
an old friend of his, having played with
each other in their boyhood days. Mr.
McGregor once lived in Perth for five
years, so he is well known here. His
wife is also a deaf mute and so is one of
his little girls that is six years and a half
old. He intends to send her to your
school next fall and the teachers will no
doubt be surprised to see her so familiar
with the one hand alphabet and many
of the signs.

Mr. T. H. Canton who boards with
Mr. Luddy at the Albion Hotel, and
who was formerly a brakeman on the
C. P. R., but is now employed in the
iron machine department of the car
shops, once worked in a large factory in
Oswego, N. Y., and among his fellow
workmen was a deaf mute who was
the best hand in the whole establish-
ment and always received the highest
wages.

Mr. Patrick was working in the boiler
house at the car shops some time, but
the general foreman would not let him
stay there as he thought he was too
good a hand to be spared from the
erection department.