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## Death of Dr. Isaac Lewis Peet

Deaf mutes everywhere, and especially in America, will learn with profound regret of the death of one of their truest friends and ablest instructors, Dr. Peet, of the New York Institution, which occurred on December 27th. On the previous Sunday he caught a heavy cold which developed into pneumonia, with fatal results.

Isaac Lewis Peet was born on Dec. 4th, 1824, and had thus attained the ripe old age of 74 years and 23 days. He was a son of the late Harvey P. Peet, an able and successful teacher of the deaf, so that, from his youth up, Dr. Peet had been associated with this work. He graduated from Yale College in 1845, and in the same year he began his life work as a teacher in the New York Institution. At the same time he began a course in the Union Theological Seminary, graduating in 1849, and in the same year received the degree of M. A. from Yale University. In 1872 Columbia College fittingly recognized his eminent services by conferring on him the degree LL. D. After twenty-two years of continuous service as teacher and vice-principal he became Principal of the New York Institution, succeeding his father when the latter retired with the title of Emeritus Principal. For twenty six years Dr. Peet continued at the head of the Educational Department of the Institution, so that for 48 years he was engaged in active work in connection with deaf-mute education. On January 1st, 1893, he was obliged to relinquish his arduous duties, and in recognition of his long and valuable services the Board of Directors appointed him Emeritus Principal and granted him an annuity of \$3,000.

Dr. Peet had no superiors and few peers as an educator of the deaf. He was a man of broad culture and rare

erudition, of warm heart and ready sympathy; and he possessed most of the qualities of the successful teacher. He devoted all the powers of his cultivated intellect to his work, and sought earnestly for the best methods for the attainment of the highest possible results. And few men have contributed so much of lasting value to the cause which he so much loved. In addition to his valuable work in the class room and his inspiring personal influence on his co-workers, he was a prolific and scholarly writer on many subjects relating to the deaf, and some of his manuals have been and continue to be regarded as among the best aids to the work of the class room. But, though one of the pioneers in this work, and although he helped to establish the surest foundations of deaf-mute education, yet his gaze was always towards the future rather than towards the past. For, while holding fast to that which was good in old methods he was ever pressing forward to higher attainments and better systems, and, even to the very last, he welcomed with enthusiasm any innovation in educational methods that commended themselves to his judgment.

Personally Dr. Peet was one of the most lovable of men; and, because he loved much and always manifested the spirit of unselfishness and good will to all men, he was always regarded by his pupils and by all his friends with feelings of warmest esteem and deepest affection. He has gone from our midst, full of honors as of years, but he, being dead, yet speaketh, and his works do follow him; for in all the coming years the power of his example and the personal potency of his influence will be felt in every school in the land, broadening the sympathy and exalting the ideals and rekindling the enthusiasm of every educator of the deaf.

### The Mackay Institution.

The Annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Mackay Institution at Montreal was held on the 6th inst. The report of the Superintendent, Mrs. Ashcroft, was presented, and gave indication of a very successful and satisfactory year's work. The number of pupils enrolled was 62, of whom five were blind and the remainder deaf or semi-deaf. During the year the health of the pupils continued good and nothing occurred to interfere in any way with their happiness and progress. The report of the directors expressed great satisfaction with the year's work, and was eulogistic of Mrs. Ashcroft and her staff of able assistants. We hope that the present year will be a most pleasant and prosperous one for our sister Institution.

We were very pleased to receive a few days ago a copy of the first issue of a new magazine for the deaf entitled *Philosophus*, a word which means "The deaf-mute's friend." It is published quarterly at Los Angeles, Cal., and is edited by our talented and esteemed friend, Mr. Thomas Wadd. Mr. Wadd's purpose is to supply the deaf everywhere with a first-class magazine devoted to morals, religion, literature and general information about the deaf. The number before us is an excellent one in every respect. The miscellaneous articles are well selected, the original matter is interesting and well written, and the frontispiece is of special interest and value, being a facsimile of a photograph of the original "rock of ages" where Toplady composed that famous hymn. We wish for the new magazine abundant success. There would not seem to be any need for another journal for the deaf, but there is always room at the top and if *Philosophus* maintains

the high standard of the first issue it will very quickly justify its existence by its success.

When school opened last Fall a bright little girl was brought here by her father, who then returned home. The next day he came back to the Institution for her, saying that her mother could not endure the separation. All remonstrances seemed to be in vain and the girl, who seemed quite happy and contented, was taken home again. At New Year's the father returned with the girl, saying that they had thought better of it and would let her remain this time. The parents are to be commended for this action. We know that it is very hard indeed for parents to part with their children, but the truest affection is shown by sacrificing all personal considerations and enduring all consequent pain in order to advance the best interests of the loved one.

The expected has at last happened, and the *Calverna News* man stands exposed to the gaze of the cold, unfeeling world. For some years past, the strong feature of the *News* has been its puzzle column, and we have often wondered what was the source of those fearfully and wonderfully devised puzzles for which we were sure our friend was too clear-headed to evolve such brain-racking torture. The secret is out at last. Some years ago he subscribed for a cheap puzzle paper which has been coming to him ever since and now the editor is billed for the subscription and requested to pay up.

Neither wealth nor honors nor titles of high degree exempt men from the afflictions and misfortunes of humanity, a fact strikingly illustrated by the statement that the only son of the Duke of Norfolk, Britain's proudest noble, is blind and deaf and dumb. If he lives, he will become the premier noble of England and the only man in the kingdom who, by hereditary right, can sit in the presence of royalty with covered head.

We are indebted to Mr. Arthur J. Goolwin, Instructor of Printing at Mt. Airy, for a little dictionary of technical terms used in a printing office. The book is well planned and very complete, and should be of much assistance to those learning this trade.

### Silent and Pathetic Grief.

On Sunday, December 18, 1895, the lay-reader of the deaf of Los Angeles visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward, both deaf mutes, on 49th street, this city, and found them bowed down with silent grief, and their care-worn faces bathed in tears as they bent over the crib of their dying child, a bright and intelligent four-year-old boy, who, while at play, almost covered his tongue in the middle by getting it between his teeth and striking his head against something when jumping. The wound not being properly attended to, typhoid and fever brain set in till there was no hope of recovery. The child lay unconscious in his crib, and father and mother, full of unspoken sorrow, were bending over their child, as if struggling with the angel of death for the possession of the loved one. The scene was pathetic in the extreme. Nothing could be done but to console with them and urge them to resign themselves to the will of Him who does all things well. - *Philosophus*.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward were pupils in this Institution in the 70's, and have our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss. - *ED. CANADIAN MUTE.*

Senator Hoar made a remark recently in a public address which seems to be entirely in harmony with the facts. Wherever anything good is to be had or to be done in this country, you are apt to find a Scotchman on the front seat trying to see if he can get it or do it.

### Sheldon's Popular Books.

A copy of that splendid story entitled "Overcoming the World," by Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," "The Redemption of Prentiss," etc., etc., has been sent to us by the Poole Printing Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont. This story is interesting alike to old and young, and has a powerful influence in the moulding of character. Dr. Horrick Johnston, who stands among the very foremost of religious leaders, says "I have read 'Overcoming the World' with genuine interest. It is a bit of moral heroism that the world wants more of. By the side of realistic stuff that vaults up fidelity to nature by stirring up moral cess pools, this little story shines like a star out of the darkness. It will put tears up into many eyes, and put moral heroism into many hearts." This makes eight books of Sheldon's published by The Poole Printing Company, Limited, the extra fine cloth edition of which makes a splendid set of books for Sunday school libraries. They are undoubtedly the best library books published this year. In paper covers, 25 cents extra fine cloth binding, 60 cents. For sale by all dealers, or sent by the publishers postpaid on receipt of price. On any six books in paper covers will be sent postpaid for \$1.00, by sending to The Poole Printing Co., Limited, 28 and 30 Melinda Street, Toronto, Ont.

### These Things Forget.

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget all the slander you have ever heard. Forget the temptations. Forget the faultfinding and give a little thought to the cause which provoked it. Forget the peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which make you fond of them. Forget all personal quarrels or grievances you may have heard by accident, and which, if repeated, would score thousands more worse than they are. Not out as far as possible all the discards of life; they will come, but they will only grow larger when you remember them, and constant thought of the acts of meanness makes you more familiar with them. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday, start out with a clean sheet for to-day, and write upon it for sweet memory's sake only those things which are lovely and lovable.

### How Peanuts Grow.

It is a pretty sight to see a peanut plantation when the vines are in blossom. The blossoms are a bright yellow, and the vines are a vivid green. As soon as the blossom appears a fine branch forms on the vine and shoots down into the ground. The peas, as the nuts are called on the plantation, form on the shoot beneath the ground, like potatoes. When the crop is gathered in October, the vine is plowed up, and the nuts hang to the roots. Vines and all are piled in cocks in the field, and in 20 days the nuts are ready to be pulled off, placed in bags and taken to the factories. There they are cleaned of dirt, assorted, polished in revolving cylinders and put into bags ready for the market. - *Washington Star*

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### DIED.

WARD, in Los Angeles, Cal., on December 19th 1895, John Bennett, beloved and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ward, aged 4 years and 2 months.