officials from the highest to the lowest are most courteous and this is fast becoming one of the most popular roads on the continent and is being used more and more by the travelling public.

The pressmen and their lady friends owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. E. Tiffin, the traffic manager of the Intercolonial, who accompanied them throughout the trip and did everything in his power to secure the comfort and enjoyment of every member of the party, in which he was ably assisted by his charming wife. Mr. Tiffin began at the lowest round of the ladder and has risen step by step, by virtue of his genuine worth and ability, until he has attained his present responsible position; and that he is eminently qualified therefor is amply demonstrated by the splendid results that have been attained under his management so far. To Mr. Lyons, General Passenger Agent, and to Mr. Lambkin, Assistant General Passenger Agent, and Mr. Archibald, of the Dining Service, the tourists are also indebted for many courtesies and favors.

Among those who joined the excursionists at various points and conduced not a little to the pleasure and interest of the trip were Mr. Sharp, Superintendent of the Prince Edward Island Railway, Dr. Kendall, M. P., and Mr. Johnson, M. P., of Cape Breton, Mr. Coyne, Manager of the Dominion Coal Company's Railway, Mr. McIsaac, M. P., Antigonish, and his wife and daughter, Miss Sewell, the clever authoress of that popular book "Black Beauty," and Hon. Mr. Fielding, who was especially solicitous for the welfare of the excursionists while in Halifax. Mr. Brennan, of Summerside, Mr. Stewart, of Chatham, and Mr. Fulton, of Truro, were simply indispensable to the entertainment of the party, and contributed in no small measure to the pleasure of everyone.

NOTES.

If the Maritime Provinces were all joined together under one local government it would be a good thing for them and an advantage to the people in the saving of expense.

The Legislative Assembly room in Halifax was one of the most interesting places visited there. The old portraits hanging on the walls testified to by-gone times and reminded us that our country was not a new one by any means.

Mr. D. McGillicuddy and Mr. D. F. Burk kept everyone in good humor and proved they had kind true hearts for all mankind.

Everyone was delighted with their visit to Halifax and regretted more time could not have been spent in that old historic city.

The drive to the Cliff was one of the most pleasant side-outings the party had. It is a seaside resort at Mount Pleasant, Stanhope, about fifteen miles from Charlottetown. It is a good place for a prolonged summer stay.

President Macdonald and Secretary Law made everything run smoothly and pleasantly during the entire trip. We could not have arranged matters better had we had it in charge ourselves.

The ladies of the party, especially the young ones, enjoyed the trip immensely and will not need very much urging to accept an invitation for future excursions.

Rev. Dr. Howay and Colonel Matheson we believe were the only ones connected with the present party who visited the Maritime Provinces on a similar excursion of the Press Association fifteen years ago.

The trip was a revelation to nearly all of us, we want to go again as the limited time at our disposal precluded us from seeing many places of interest.

Friend Young, of Cornwall, was the only disappointed man in the lot as he had no opportunity of engaging in deep sea fishing.

Mr. "Smeaton" White, of the Montreal Gazette writes so badly that when he registered at hotels he was taken for "Senator" White and treated with all the consideration due to a member of that distinguished body. He had the best room usually and a bed all to himself while other fellows whose names were easily read had to turn in two in a bed. He is a good fellow anyway and deserved the attention he received.

We were pleased to meet our old friend, Mr. Hawke, of Moncton, who favored us with his company for several days, only regretting that business engagements prevented his coming all the way. His many friends in Ontario will learn with pleasure that he is prospering and is held in high esteem in the city where he now resides.

While in Halifax Mr. Mathison visited the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and was kindly shown through the building by Miss O'Brien, the courteous matron. Nova Scotians should be proud of their Institution and from all we could learn they are undoubtedly so. Mr. Pearon, the Principal, is doing a splendid work there for the deaf of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. he spent most of his vacation in Belfast, his old home. Mr. Mathison regretted he did not see him.

On behalf of the Canadian Press Association, Mr. D. McGillicuddy, of Goderich, and Mr. D. F. Burk, Port Arthur, have presented three handsome gold rings to gentlemen who assisted in making their jaunt through the Eastern Provinces a pleasant one. The rings bear the letters "C. P. A." on the outside, and inside is engraved the name of recipient. Those receiving them are J. B. Lambkin, A. G. P. A., I. C. R., Halifax, N. S., J. M. Lyons, G. P. and T. A., I. C. R., Moncton, N. B., L. B. Archibald, Superintendent P. S. and D. cars, I. C. R., Halifax, N. S.—*Toronto Star.*

At a meeting held on the train, from Quebec to Montreal, the following resolutions were adopted:—

"That the thanks of the members of the Canadian Press Association are due to Mr. Alexander Gibson President of the Canada Eastern Railway, for having so kindly placed at the disposal of its members a special train while journeying between Fredericton and Chatham N. B. also for the entertainment provided by himself and members of his family during the all too short sojourn at Marysville, on the occasion of the inspection of its several important industries.

"That the heart, appreciation of the Canadian Press Association be expressed to Mr. E. Tiffin, General Traffic Manager of the Intercolonial Railway, for the kind attention and thoughtful consideration, on the occasion of their trip, and the efforts put forward to contribute to their comfort and pleasure in which he was assisted by the gracious courtesy of Mrs. Tiffin. They also desire to express their hearty thanks to Mr. J. M. Lyons and Mr. L. B. Archibald, for their many acts of kindness and thoughtful care.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent.

It is our painful duty this time to chronicle the death of one of our young men in the person of

JONATHAN ADOLPHUS GATES.

who departed this life on the 22nd of August. The deceased had been in poor health for about two years, and although he was receiving the best of attention and care from the physicians in attendance he never rallied. His death was not unexpected as he was suffering from an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs. A month before his death he was up to our Sunday afternoon service greeting old friends, looking in better spirits than he had been for a long time. On Saturday, August 10th, he had to take to his bed, not leaving his room again till death removed him. The funeral took place on August 24th to St. James' Cemetery, and was largely attended. The pall bearers were Messrs. McGillivray, Labelle, Reeves, Crouge, Elliott and O'Rourke. At the Bible Conference held in Toronto last winter when the deaf ther in attendance were asked to come forward and confess their sins and make up their minds to lead a better life, the late Mr. Gates was among the first to respond to the call. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Gates and family in their sad bereavement.

Our friend, Mr. Bregden, has returned from the Old Country, where he spent the past two months renewing old acquaintances, looking the picture of health.

Mr. C. Gillam, who was sent to the Gravenhurst Sanitarium for Consumptives, has left that institution and returned to the city, feeling much improved, but it will be some time yet before he will be in his usual good health.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore, who have been summering on Centre Island, have removed to the city and taken up residence in their new house on Howland Avenue.

Mr. Samuel Pugsley spent a few days at his home near Jarvis recently. Something must be attracting Sam's attention out west, as he says he won't be a "bach" long.

During the summer some of us had the pleasure of meeting Messrs. Burns and Douglas from your Institute while in the city. Sorry they could not stay over to attend the Sunday service.

Mr. A. A. McIntosh spent his holidays in Muskoka. As usual he had no fish yarns to tell.

Miss Jessie Munro spent her vacation in Bobcaygeon, the guest of Miss M. Justus.

Mr. N. Labelle took in the Pan-American exposition in Buffalo. Noah reports having a good time and that the fair is well worth a visit.

We are all glad to have Mr. Nasmith back in our midst. He returned on August 31st from China, where he went as companion to Mr. Frost, directo of the China Inland Mission. He has seen around the world, and while away met many former residents of Toronto. Hope he will give us a lecture on China at some convenient date.

During the summer we had quite a number of visitors from outside points. As far as your scribe can recollect the following were those who spent their holidays in the city:—Miss Bessie Ball, Detroit, Mabel Ball, Windsor; N. Cunningham, Mrs. R. M. Thomas, Oakville, Miss A. James, Miss Templeton, Miss Bull, Miss Dempsey, Belleville, Miss May McGillivray, Richmond Hill; Mrs. F. Wheeler and daughter, St. Catherines, M. Wilson, Mr. Barley, Niagara Falls, R. McPherson, W. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner, J. Isbister, Mrs. Gottlieb, Mr. E. Gottlieb, Hamilton, J. A. Braithwaite, Carluke, A. D. Swanson, Alberta, N. W. T., Wm. McKay, Woodstock, Chas. Mellentz, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Pettiford, Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Balis, Belleville; Miss Huddleston, West Virginia, Mr. Wm. Nurse, Belleville.

Our annual picnic was held at Niagara Falls on July 17th. Owing to the weather being stormy the trip was far from enjoyable. All were glad to get back home.

Mrs. M. Zingg and daughter, Mrs. Marrin, of Berlin, took a trip to the Pacific Coast via Chicago during the summer. On the return trip they stopped off at Winnipeg, and visited the school for the Deaf there.

What about playing a game of football with some senior team in the city before winter sets in. We have the material for a first class team, now that Mr. Wallace has removed to the city.

Our population has been increased lately. Mr. Geo. Dickson, of Parbrook, Muskoka, has secured a position with the Firstbrook Box Co. Mr. Geo. Wallace, who has been employed by Mr. Bloom of Thamesville, during the summer, has decided to become a resident of our fair city, he having secured employment in the Boeckh Brush factory.

During the summer, pic nics were the order of the day, no less than ten being held in the different parks of the city. In June the lady friends of Miss M. Hutchinson got up a pic-nic to celebrate her home coming from Gallaudet College, to which some ten couples were invited. Games of various kinds were indulged in till a late hour, when all returned home tired but much pleased with the day's outing. The other one worthy of mention is the one given in honor of Mr. A. D. Swanson, who has just graduated from Gallaudet College, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. On one Saturday afternoon some twenty couples wended their way to Munro Park, the place selected for the pic-nic. It would take up too much space to mention everything. Suffice to say it was one of the best and most successful of the kind held in the city. During the evening Mr. Swanson was made the recipient of the following address:—

Toronto, July 20th, 1901.

To Alexander D. Swanson, B. A.

On behalf of your many friends in Toronto we desire to extend to you their sincere congratulations upon the success which has attended the steady patient and persistent endeavor, throughout the successive steps of your school and college life.

Your friends look with pride upon you for the honor you have gained, feeling that your brilliant success in passing the final examination and obtaining the much-coveted degree of Bachelor of Arts, reflects credit, not only upon your native town and county, but more especially upon yourself and the Belleville Institute for the Deaf, which has so thoroughly prepared the ground and well and truly laid the foundation upon which you have built such a successful college career.

Realizing that with the commencement of the new century you are entering into the avenue of the practical duties of life under such promising conditions, and feeling that your past is, in a very practical way, an augury of your future, we shall be interested in watching your progress, and anticipate for you great achievements in whatever life-work you choose to pursue, and to this end we all join in wishing you a hearty God-speed.

Signed,

Geo. W. Reeves,	A. C. Shepherd,
W. Lightfoot,	E. C. Pickard,
A. A. McIntosh,	Noah Labelle.

Mr. Swanson was taken completely by surprise, and in a few well chosen words thanked those present for their kind wishes.

Mr. Darnoy, of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent a portion of his vacation in the city, looking up old friends.

Mr. Brown of New York, has been spending a few weeks in the city. He is no stranger to Toronto, he having lived here years ago. He was in charge of our Sunday services on several occasions and his lectures were much appreciated.

On August 17th, our friends of Hamilton held a pic-nic in Oakville, to which they invited their Toronto friends. During the afternoon a game of baseball took place between the two teams, and after a hard struggle the Torontonians came out victorious by the score of 18 to 12.

Messrs. Powers and Prince, teachers of the deaf in the Maritime Provinces, were interested visitors in the city for a few weeks lately.

Mr. C. Pickard spent his vacation with his parents in Mount Forest.

The Misses J. Munroe M. Hutchinson, M. O'Neil and J. Burk took in the Pan-American Exposition.

The books that help a young man, or anybody else for that matter, are the books that interest him. Therefore a young man must select his own reading, if he is to read with any profit to himself.—September Ladies' Home Journal.