

If We Only Understood.

Could we but draw back the curtains
That surround our better lives
We should see the angels
Who are at the feet of the angels
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If we only understood

Could we judge all deeds by motives
We should see the good and bad within
We should see the good and bad within
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We should see the good and bad within
We should see the good and bad within
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If we knew the care and trials
We should see the efforts all in vain
We should see the efforts all in vain
We should see the efforts all in vain
We should see the efforts all in vain
We should see the efforts all in vain
We should see the efforts all in vain
We should see the efforts all in vain

Could we judge each other harshly
We should see the hidden force
We should see the hidden force
We should see the hidden force
We should see the hidden force
We should see the hidden force
We should see the hidden force
We should see the hidden force

Budget Kipling

PUPILS' LOCALS.

Contributed by the Pupils of Mr. Coleman's Class.

We are having changeable weather here just at present.

The double window have been all put up on account of cold weather coming.

On Thanksgiving Day, Mrs. W. Hart came to this institution to see her friends.

We are anxious to have the bay freeze and we hope it will be frozen early in December.

Francis Butch got a letter from Albert Stoss last week and he is doing well at cigar making.

We all ate turkey, and some pupils ate too much, and they are sick. We hope they will be careful in future.

Last week Miss Gertrude Pilling received a box from her parents, and she feels thankful to them for their kindness.

Maggie South sent a little box to her sister Mary before she went away to Johnstown, N. Y. but it was too late.

On the 24th ult., Eunice Brazier came back and we were very glad to see her again. The girls think she looks fat.

The time is passing very fast. We are eagerly looking for Christmas Day, and we hope to get good things from home.

Last week Lizzie Scott was sick in bed for four days, and the girls are glad she was able to be at the Thanksgiving party.

We are all glad to see Mr. Mathison's wife again. She came home last Wednesday evening from visiting friends in Hamilton.

The scarlet fever is visiting Belleville, and we hope that we will not catch it. We are not allowed to go to town in church in the city.

Miss Bessie Woodley received a little box from home in which was a lovely brooch sent by her father, and she is very proud of it.

Some girls were very glad to get boxes of things from home last Wednesday, as it was Thanksgiving, and they heartily thank their parents.

On the 16th ult., Miss M. Smith's sister Mrs. Frank Arnold, went away from Acton, Ont., to Johnstown, N. Y., and she missed her very much.

We are all eagerly looking forward to winter, when we can play hockey and go skating. There will not be so much danger of sickness then as now.

About three weeks ago, Henrietta Hammell got word from home saying that her cousin, Emma Sproule, had gone to Toronto to take music lessons.

Mr. Mathison told us not to go to the city last week as the people have the scarlet fever in Belleville. He said that when they get well, he will allow us to go.

Who is the champion chess and checker player in this institution? We boys think George R. Wallace is, and he says he wishes to challenge any man in Belleville.

On Thanksgiving Day when we went to chapel, we were surprised to see three pictures drawn upon the large plate, and we said that they were nicer than last year. They were drawn by J. E. Gray, the artist of the institution.

Henry A. Warner read in a Colborne newspaper, an item saying that his brother Jay has returned home from Rochester, where he has been spending the summer.

We are very glad that it will not be long till Christmas, and we are expecting to get something from home. We hope that we will have a pleasant time on that day.

Last week Miss Beatrice Fretz was gladly surprised that her friend came here to see her from Grimsby, and she brought her a small parcel, which she was delighted to receive.

The advanced girls want to go to the city shopping before Christmas, but they are much disappointed, as Mr. Mathison will not let them go on account of scarlet fever in Belleville.

Last Thursday, it was a great surprise to us girls that the dentist from the city came here to pull our teeth. I think some of us showed bravery. There were about 90 teeth pulled out.

On the 17th ult., Mr. Mathison kindly let us off from work after school closed at 3.30, on account of fine weather, and the girls were permitted to have a walk out of the gate to the burnt house.

Henrietta Hammell received a long letter from Grace Mueckh lately saying that she was going to get a job very soon. Her sister Lizzie is still working in Eaton's store and she is doing well.

Florence Hill was afraid that she had scarlet fever at her home in Belleville, but she was happy when Mr. Mathison told her that her father telephoned him that it was only a slight sore throat.

Miss Linn's birthday was on Thanksgiving Day, and we hope she had a very good time. She got some nice presents from her old friends, and we congratulated her on the anniversary of her birth.

On the 24th ult., F. Harris and H. Warner picked out boys to make two teams to play a football match. They played a hard game, and H. Warner's team won the victory over F. Harris' team by the score of 4 to 1.

Some boys of the wood hall are troubled with the mice which have nibbled their books and handkerchiefs, and one of the boys named Willie Loughheed borrowed a trap from our shoemaker, Mr. Nurse, and caught seven.

Monty Hill has been shocked and horrified at the terrible accident which occurred at 3.45 a. m. on the 15th ult. Twelve were killed, and nine injured, but they are doing well. It is fortunate that Belleville has a good hospital.

On the 10th ult., Mr. Coleman gave the wise pupils the story of Cymbeline, King of Britain, one of Shakespeare's plays, in the chapel. It took one hour and a half, but we were so interested that the time passed very quickly, and we were surprised.

Miss Maud Thomas received a letter from her mother saying that Ma's dog was lost last summer. For months afterwards while she was walking on the street, a dog came barking and jumping at her and when she looked, she found it was Maud's little lost dog.

About three weeks ago Mr. Mathison was pleased to get a letter from Edward Leslie. He came into Mr. Coleman's room and told us that Edward Leslie sent his best regards to us and the teachers, and he thanked the teachers in this institution for his education.

When the sickness of mumps was in the institution, Mrs. Eusinger and Martha Baragar feared that they would catch it, so when they went to bed, they wrapped their stockings around their necks to protect themselves. It made us laugh heartily at them. Don't you think it funny?

Keeping Good Company.

"A man is known by the company he keeps," is a proverb as true as it is old. By constant association we grow to be like our companions in character and disposition. We imitate their right and wrong, and our characters are made good or bad according as the influence exercise over us by our daily companions is salutary or unwholesome. Books exercise as strong an influence over their readers as men do over their associates. Many a criminal owes his crimes and his sufferings to the fact that his youthful mind was poisoned by literature fit only for the flames, while many a noble character has been formed out of rough material by the influence of a close companionship with good books. Set.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

Miss Grace Mueckh has secured a situation with the Keene & Philippa Co., on Richmond St. We wish her success in her new undertaking.

Miss M. Campbell left her position with the T. Eaton Co., as she had been getting laid off too often. She will take a position with the Allen Co. when they put on more hands. They have been making in addition to their building.

Mr. Charlie Elliott spent Thanksgiving Day in London.

Mr. A. C. Sheppard lost advantage of the cheap rates excursion to Montreal lately and remained in the Island City for two days. He regrets he was unable to see Mr. Gagnon there.

Mr. Henry Whealy's brother, for whom he works in his bakery on Wilton Ave., has found his business has expanded so greatly he will have another store on Queen St. East, in connection with the business soon.

Mr. Parkin, who has been away east, returned to Toronto a few weeks ago.

Your correspondent has learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Joseph Duval, general foreman of the C. P. R. Shops, Perth lately. Mr. Duval had a deaf mute son, who predeceased him. He took a warm interest in the deaf mutes that were working in the shops. He was a valuable official of the C. P. R. and the shops were kept running since he became general foreman, and perhaps it was due to the fact that he was at the point of death when so many men were being laid off at the shops, your writer among them. No orders were received from the head offices, at Montreal, for construction of more cars.

Your writer has learned that another selection of staff was made at the C. P. R. shops, Perth, recently, and not one of your old boys is working there now.

We are delighted that the Hamilton mutes will have a foot ball team in the field next spring. Arrangements will be made to have some matches between them and our club. Brantford should have a team too. Well, Hamilton, you ought to be proud of such a lot of fine players on your team. You seem to have a stronger club in comparison with ours, but we will play you anyway, victory or defeat, whatever it may be. We are sorry over the loss of Isbister, and it is very likely we will lose another of our best players before spring comes. We intend to call a meeting for the organization of the club and election of officers early in the spring. We have some plans of strengthening our team, but we will keep our secrets at present.

Halloween was not forgotten in the city as a couple of our people found their front door securely tied together by an old hammock. Of course the miscreants were disappointed if they did not hear any swearing.

Mrs. Thomas Johnston has returned from a pleasant time with Mr. and Mrs. D. Haubly. Mrs. J. has been suffering with inflammation in her eyes.

Brantford mutes should follow Hamilton and Toronto mutes as an example and form a foot ball team too.

Mrs. Thos. Bradshaw was pleased to have her sister Maggie and four children remain with her for a week recently. They were on their way to their new home near Parry's and her little boy got lost one evening while in the city, but was found sometime after 10 o'clock.

Mrs. M. Campbell spent the holiday and a few days in Oshawa, the guest of Miss E. James.

Mrs. Riddell went to Simcoe to spend Thanksgiving Day, where she had accepted an invitation to Mrs. Sutton's and Mrs. Bowby's party.

Mr. Laddy has the promise of a situation with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to look after their passenger cars near the Union Station, under the bridge that runs above the railway tracks from York St., when the first vacancy occurs. He would be working there now, only a man got work at the same place the day before he applied. The experience he gained while working in the car shops at Perth, and the papers his foreman gave him when he was leaving enable him to secure work at places where it is said deaf mutes are forbidden to be employed.

Mr. R. C. Slater was away to Galt to spend Thanksgiving Day with his aged parents.

Mr. Thos. Hill is back to Toronto.

Some of the mutes went to see the Sham Battle in the Hunter Valley on Thanksgiving Day, and had a fine time. The scenery is very rough there and

they enjoyed going up hill and dale. The troops took refreshments in High Park and amused themselves for a while, some of them playing rugby football with a barrel. D. S. L.

The monthly meetings which were discontinued during the summer have again been resumed, the first of which was held recently at the residence of Mr. F. Bridgen, No. 118 Ross Avenue. A pleasant feature of this gathering was meeting for the first time in the altered condition of the house. It is in fact practically a new house, enlarged, improved and decorated throughout into a more modern style. This was the largest meeting of its kind ever held, there being about 60 present with a fair sprinkling of the hearing and speaking ladies who had come to enjoy themselves in social reunion with their silent friends, and their presence lent lustre to the company generally. At about 8.30 the meeting was called to order by Mr. Bridgen by stating that he was pleased to meet all again. He remarked that besides the usual list on the programme of the meetings formerly held he proposed adding a new one for the coming season, viz., the reading, discussion and explaining of world-wide topics of the day, such as the troubles in the Soudan, China, France and the Dreyfus affair. He said he had come to this conclusion on account of numerous enquiries made of him as to the meaning of such and such matters, had not but the opportunity to explain them except at these meetings. He desired all who were well able to comprehend such complicated matters when reading the newspapers to assist. It was his object to make these meetings a means of improving the members mentally as well as making them an occasion of enjoyment. This being the opening meeting for the season there was no arranged programme, so it was left in the hands of those present to enjoy as they thought best. Mr. Chas. Elliott came forward and said he would give a brief history of the trouble in the Soudan as far as England was concerned. He commenced by referring to the uprising of the Mahdists, death of General Gordon, the subsequent sending by England of Colonel Kitchener, and the final victory the other day at Omdurman. It is needless to say it was a very interesting account. The remainder of the evening was taken up by many others giving short amusing stories, experiences, etc., in rapid succession, among them being James Darnoy, C. Wilson, W. O'Rourke, T. Bradshaw, A. W. Mason, W. Terrill, D. Laddy, C. Gillam. None of the ladies has yet come forward to do their part but were now requested to do so. All declined, making various excuses. One on being pressed to say something quoted scripture to vindicate her course that it was not becoming for a lady to speak in public, but it would not take, as she had been on the platform now and again. Finally Mrs. H. Mason and Mrs. A. Buchan mustered up courage and each gave an amusing experience. Mr. Bridgen expected to give a brief account of the Dreyfus affair in France but had to defer it to another time for want of time as it was now almost 11 o'clock and refreshments had not yet been served. But after this part was gone through the meeting broke up with a hearty vote of thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore wrote that they had a very pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Melroe, of Kingston, and with Mr. and Mrs. Vauloven of Morven. They are now visiting Tweed and Belleville.

We are indebted to Mrs. Kerr of 60 Brunswick for kindness in allowing the use of her house for our sewing class. Mrs. Kerr has a comely young daughter, who is slightly deaf, and who studied Visible Speech one time at the Mackay Institution in Montreal.

STRATFORD NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

Mr. Win Quillan went down to New Hamburg to see the Nahtgang's lately. He found Oliver prospering. Mr. Louis holder, of Wellesley, has been in Stratford several times during the summer with his camera. He is a good amateur photographer.

Mr. Jas. Duncan is still on the Embro Courier. He has been unable to come over to Stratford as often as usual on account of the roads, but we hope to see him again soon.

Mr. Thomas Hill is canvassing this district at present.