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### OUR MISSION.

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**Second**—To furnish interesting matter for and encourage a habit of reading among our pupils and deaf-mute subscribers.

**Third**—To be a medium of communication between the school and parents, and friends of pupils, now in the Institution, the hundreds who were pupils at one time or other in the past, and all who are interested in the education and instruction of the deaf of our land.

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### SOMETHING ELSE.

An exchange informs us that Prof. Bensted of Kansas has entered the ministry. Quite recently also, Prof. J. C. Watson of Vancouver, Washington, relinquished his position to follow law. Teachers may undertake anything that pertains to heaven above or the earth beneath, but there is no nobler occupation—none more full of divinity and humanity than the work of instructing the deaf.—*The Sign*

The occupation of teaching the deaf, or anybody else, for that matter, is honorable enough to engage the best efforts of any man or woman. We believe the true, conscientious teacher,—measuring his work by other than mortal results, stands nearer his God in the divine mission of doing good, than even a minister of the Gospel. But, in this superlatively practical and excessively selfish age, men and women are few who sacrifice ambition on the altar of duty. Money rules the world. Society demands so much, and extenuates so little, in assigning a place in its ranks or circles, it is almost a necessity to have wealth in order to ensure respectability. This may be called an extreme view, but it is easily sustained.

"We must run glittering like a brook  
In the open sunshine, or we are unblest,  
The richest man among us is the best."

We do right in extolling virtue and applauding a genuine exhibition of devotion to duty, but those who command our admiration in this respect, without regard to a cash consideration, may be counted on the fingers. The salaries usually paid to teachers will not purchase an admission to social distinction, nor provide for the luxuries of life. In most cases they barely suffice to meet the demands of actual necessities. Young men of ability and ambition, who catch the spirit of the age and are influenced by it, are not content with the "divinity and humanity" that make teaching respectable. They soon discover that their worth as a member of a community is measured by dollars and cents, rather than by a moral sentiment. This is the reason why so many make the profession a stepping stone to something for labor performed. We yield to no one in our admiration for, and devotion to, the noble work of educating the deaf

It is a work worthy the ambition of any man or woman, but we must consider the influences that govern human actions in this age of strife and mammon. All the teachers are not willing to be martyrs to a cause, however ennobling and divine it may be in character and effect.

### HIS POSITION.

The *Companion*, in a recent issue had this

Supt. Weston Jenkins of the New Jersey School for the Deaf, has made public his intention that hereafter no deaf teachers or employees will be given positions under him.

This allegation we have seen repeated in the columns of other papers published in the interest of the deaf, and, therefore, concluded that there was good reason for its publication, though we had not seen anything written or authorized by Mr. Jenkins justifying the charge. In a late issue of *The Silent Worker*, published at the New Jersey School, and no doubt representing Mr. Jenkins' views on this and other questions concerning the education of the deaf, there was a long editorial article dealing with Mr. Stewart's report to the New York State Board of Charities. From it we quote as follows:

As to the employment of deaf teachers, we think that Mr. Stewart's conclusions and recommendations show great misapprehension of the questions involved.

Mr. Stewart's recommendations, if carried out would in our opinion, do vast harm not only to the deaf, but especially to the cause of articulation teaching. If all deaf teachers were turned out, their places would have to be filled largely with persons inexperienced in any branch of the work, as there are not nearly enough skilled oral teachers to take their places. The work done by these novices would be so unsatisfactory that oralism would be injured in general esteem by their failure.

Mr. Crouter, who, as we have said, is working as rapidly towards oralism as can safely be done, has quite recently appointed a deaf gentleman as teacher with the same salary as is paid to the best hearing male teachers in our own school. The teacher of the highest class in deaf as also are our teachers of art and our instructor in printing. We know that they are as competent, judged by their work, as any hearing persons could be, and that the retirement of any one of them would be considered a loss to the school. We should be in hearty accord with Mr. Stewart's suggestions if he would substitute the word "incompetent" for the word "deaf." Hard working, original, well informed, sympathetic teachers are what we want, and no others, deaf or hearing, should be allowed to keep their place.

These remarks do not indicate much prejudice against deaf teachers. Mr. Jenkins in it have been misrepresented.

### AN ABSURDITY.

The ephemeral flutter caused by a report to the New York State Board of Charities, by Mr. W. R. Stewart, agent deaf teachers of the deaf, is regarded too seriously by some of the papers published in the interest of that class. This is the conviction of the *Silent World*, and with it we agree. Our contemporary remarks,— "It is not at all probable that the recommendation will receive any attention from the legislature, and if a bill is introduced in accordance with the recommendation, there is not one chance in a hundred that it will pass. It will be an easy matter to demonstrate the absurdity and injustice of such arbitrary discrimination as Mr. Stewart's recommendation involves."

When the news reached the Nebraska School that the appropriation bill had passed the senate, there was joy in the camp. The *Journal* asks, "Can deaf children yell?" and then describes the scene that followed the receipt of the message as follows: "The North American flag—the emblem best fitted to express joy and peace and happiness and strength was unfurled to the breezes, and floated eighty feet in air. The city looked over and up at our flag and thought, 'God bless our patriotic, patient, persevering, prosperous and progressive school for the deaf, and thank God it is to have a house dedicated to the mental, moral, physical and spiritual education of the deaf children in Nebraska.'"

### RECENT CHANGES

What we briefly announced in a previous issue of *THE CANADIAN MUTE*, as a rumor is now confirmed. Supt. John L. Ray of the Colorado School, has resigned, but the causes leading to his resignation are not stated. We presume political pressure is the prime factor in this, as in some other recent and similar changes. Those who attended the Conference of Principals at Colorado Springs last summer, and partook of Mr. Ray's hospitality, will regret that a man possessing so many admirable qualities of head and heart is lost to the profession, even temporarily.

The resignation of Dr. Gillett, of the Illinois School, from a position he has so long and ably filled, creates wide spread interest. He is now generally regarded as the Nestor of deaf-mute education, and is greatly esteemed for his ability, zeal, and noble Christian manhood. But Dr. Gillett does not retire from the work he is so well qualified to perform. He has accepted the Superintendency of the Colorado School, from which Mr. Ray retires, and with the facilities at his command there will continue to exercise an influence for good that will be in the future, as it has been in the past, a blessing to many.

We have only recently seen the *Silent World* of 18th ult., in which reference is made to a legal case lately argued at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, the lawyer for the plaintiff being Duncan McLellan, a deaf man. We are asked to state whether Mr. McLellan is 'totally deaf.' He is a congenitally deaf-mute who, with his brother (also a deaf-mute,) has successfully practiced his profession in Belleville and Trenton for many years. They were educated in Scotland by private tuition, their father having been a wealthy East India merchant. They abhor signs, and pay no attention to visible speech, but are adepts in the use of the manual alphabet (double-hand,) talking as fast as most people converse orally. Nearly all the lawyers here can use the double hand alphabet rapidly and precisely. Few of them understand the single hand alphabet, though it is exclusively used at this school.

Helen Keller, that wonderful deaf, dumb and blind girl, has made another, and really the most important, step forward in her educational pursuits. She has learned to articulate, and "can speak as freely and fully as any unafflicted person. When she wishes to hold a long conversation with anybody dear to her, she places one finger across the lips of the speaker, and another on the throat at the larynx. In this way she understands every word that is uttered as rapidly as could be understood by a person with good eye sight and hearing. At least this is what we are told.

### Warning to Overkind Parents.

A special dispatch to the *Indianapolis Journal* from Windfall, Ind., says: "Amos Cox, son of the Rev. Milton Cox, about twenty-one years old, living about two miles from here, has been deaf and dumb since his infancy. Recently he became insane and made an attempt on his father's life. The father made a complaint against him and he was declared insane by a jury to-day. A justice of the peace ordered him confined until a suitable arrangement can be made to get him in the insane asylum. The young man is a pitiable sight, being deaf and dumb, and unable to use the deaf and dumb language or write, and cannot make his wants known nor his intentions understood, as there is no dependence to be put in his wild fits."

Amos M. Cox, the young man mentioned was born in 1871 and lost his hearing when eighteen months old, by an attack of spinal fever. In September, 1880, after a second application from his father, parents neglecting to send him after his first application had been favorably acted upon, he was brought to this school, but ran away after a stay of only a couple of weeks. He was never returned to school, and his present pitiable condition may be a direct result of the parents neglect. *Kansas Star*

### Old Superstitions

Cut your nails on Monday, cut them on Tuesday, a pair of them on Wednesday, cut the cut them on Thursday, cut them on Friday, cut them on Saturday, a fourth cut them on Sunday, you'll cut them for all the next week so it'll be

Marry Monday for wealth  
Marry Tuesday for health  
Marry Wednesday for beauty  
Marry Thursday for ease  
Marry Friday for loss  
Marry Saturday no luck at

Born on a Monday  
Fair of face,  
Born on a Tuesday  
Full of God's grace,  
Born on a Wednesday  
Merry and glad,  
Born on a Thursday  
Sour and sad,  
Born on a Friday  
Crossly given,  
Born on a Saturday  
Work for a living,  
Born on a Sunday  
Never shall want  
So there's the week  
And the end on it

Sneeze on a Monday, you sneeze for a day  
Sneeze on a Tuesday, you'll kiss a woman  
Sneeze on a Wednesday, you sneeze for a year  
Sneeze on a Thursday, for something better  
Sneeze on a Friday, you sneeze for a year  
Sneeze on Saturday, your sweetheart will  
Sneeze on a Sunday, your safety week  
The devil will have you the whole of it

### The Editor's Table

*The Educator* for April has been received, and well sustains the reputation the first issue under the present management was recorded. The editorial department, especially is full of valuable thoughts, suggestions, and observations. *The Educator* takes high rank among the best publications of the kind emanating from any source.

We have received a copy of a Historical Sketch of the Missouri School for the Deaf, written by Henry Gross, who is one of the teachers of the school, and printed by two of the pupils under the direction of Mr. Gross. It is a light, interesting and exceedingly well executed work, reflecting credit alike on the author and printers. There are a number of excellent illustrations showing the former, and the present magnificent buildings provided by the State of Missouri for the education of deaf children. The sketches are very complete, and all the facts connected with the school from its inception in 1851 to the present time. We are indebted to Mr. J. C. Watson for the copy we have.

### Not a Revelation.

It has been intimated that the Philadelphia Institution, under the progressive inspiration of Principal Watson, has shown a tendency to unduly favor "pure oralism" to the exclusion of other methods of teaching the deaf. Following from the *Silent World*, which is supposed to represent thought and inclination at that school, does not sustain the intimation.—"The very common notion that spoken language was a direct revelation from God to the primitive man crops out every now and then in the discussion of the methods of educating the deaf, and it is used indirectly to an argument to sustain the view that the education of the deaf should be attempted in no other way than by speech. No one is more willing to admit the feasibility of teaching the deaf by speech whenever it can be done satisfactorily than we, but we must protest against the use even indirectly of the exceedingly doubtful hypothesis of divine revelation as an argument for the teaching of speech."

Another write to the Superintendent: "I was pleased beyond conception in receiving your letter, to learn of the interest in which — was held by you. I feel doubly grateful to you and the other teachers of the school for the acknowledgment she has made in her studies. I feel that if it had not been for your untiring and noble efforts for the advancement and the education of the deaf, the world, but now I am proud to know that it is to be an honor to her friends and the Institution. My earnest prayer is that you may be long spared to continue the noble work which you already have made such a success. I have sincerely thank you for your goodness shown during her many years of journey with you. She has always been of you in the most endearing terms, and I feel pleased to learn that she is what she can to repay you. I accept these few lines as a small expression of your kindness, and with regards to all at Institution believe over your sincere friend and well wisher."



THE MACKAY INSTITUTION.

From our own Correspondent

Easter with its many lessons of hope and comfort has come and gone, but we trust its influence may remain. We cannot fail to be reminded of them as we watch old mother earth awake once more after her long sleep.

Looking back to find material for a short letter we cannot forego the pleasure of announcing the return of "Our Baby," Ruby Cushing, who is 3 1/2 years old. She seemed almost as delighted to see us again as we were to see her.

Harold Hall's parents paid him a short visit at Easter. Harold was not the only one who was pleased to see them.

It is with deep feelings of thankfulness we are able to tell of the convalescence of Adam Hewetson, one of our most promising pupils. While visiting his guardian, shortly after the Xmas vacation, he contracted a serious illness.

Miss Terrill's resignation caused wide-spread regret amongst the pupils and teachers of our Institute. "But," it is an ill wind that blows nobody good, as we have had occasion more than once to remark, and we sincerely hope a bright future is in store for her.

Miss Hunt, a former teacher of this Institute, is shortly expected, and will remain for a month, or longer, until Miss M. has been initiated.

The Spring Examinations are in progress. No prizes will be awarded except those given by the Superintendent to the pupils who make the most use of spoken language out of school, and secondly to the non-articulationist who uses the fewest signs and spells the most.

"No endeavor is in vain, its reward is in the doing, and the rapture of pursuing is the prize the vanquished gain"

Our Public Examination will take place the beginning of next month, when the Revs. Rexford, Hunter, and McGillivray are expected to conduct it.

The pupils who have been attending the Montreal School of Cookery during the winter are all sorry the lessons are drawing to a close. A very pleasant part was their being allowed to bring some of the broth, etc., they had made to their luck friend, Adam Hewetson.

An afternoon last month was profitably spent at the Art Gallery. Amongst the pictures, then on exhibition, were Reed's "Foreclosure of the Mortgage," and his "Visit of the Clockmaker."

The advent of a new printer, Mr. Fraser, in our midst has caused a ripple of excitement. It is too soon to pass judgments but we can safely say his appearance and manner are in his favor.

The season of Spring is invariably associated with house cleaning. But alas! for the house-keeper, no sooner has everything been put in harmony with Mrs. Bolger's idea of cleanliness, than

her enemy the fly, once more makes his appearance and she has no peace.

The prospects of a picnic before the close of the session is anticipated with much pleasure. It is not our intention to patronize the World's Fair this summer as our Superintendent remarked "We have our fair of our own to attend."

Our Superintendent Mrs. Ashcroft, is this week the recipient of a useful present from the Board of Management, i.e., a fine horse and a light carriage. M. E. S. C.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

The last two weeks has been very quiet with the deaf mutes here, so quiet indeed that nothing but ordinary everyday matters has been talked of.

There appears to be more deaf mutes out of work than was ever known in their history in Toronto. It has been very hard for some of them to pull through a long and severe winter without any means of earning money. Prospects may improve when spring has started opened out but we fear it will be quite a while before all can find employment.

Two deaf mutes have had their windows broken by mischievous boys playing ball on the street. If they keep on breaking windows with impunity, they will get themselves into trouble.

It would be well for some mutes to get a dictionary and make sure of the true meaning of certain words they think they understand, and give a wrong impression of what they read.

Miss Mary Moore, who has been visiting in Arnprior for some weeks, is expected home next week. We will be glad to see the little gipsy back again.

Several deaf mutes were at the new Parliament Building on the 14th ult. to witness the opening of the Legislative Assembly. Some of them thought it was something like a wild-west combination, but they came through without receiving a scratch.

Mr. McGlashan has gone back to Hamilton. He was in the city for several weeks.

The little son of Mrs. Cottrell, Miss Flight, was down with an attack of congestion of the lungs, but was recovering at last account.

Miss Nellie Cunningham, of Oakville, is visiting friends in the city.

While we called on a friend the other night, we found him busily engaged in building a house for his poultry during the summer, to keep them off the spring seed sown on his farm. Time is money.

WINNIPEG.

From our own Correspondent

D. W. McDermid, Esq., Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institution has left for Portage la Prairie, on business.

The Rev. Mr. Brindamour of St. Boniface, is a remaining and successful minister, speaks with the sign language of the deaf, and holds weekly gospel services every Sunday at 7 o'clock p.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Miss Potypiece, late of Hartney Man returned to the city on the 10th ult.

It is rumored around that Mr. A. A. McIntosh, of this city, will attend the Deaf Mute World's Congress to be held at Chicago this summer.

Mr. James Duncan, a compositor is doing exceedingly well and looks the picture of health. He intends to leave for Chicago sometime during August to attend the World's Fair.

While attending a meeting at the Deaf and Dumb Institution last week I had the extreme pleasure of meeting Mr. J. R. Cooke, a handsome and popular young gentleman amongst the deaf mutes. During the evening one of the mutes informed me that Mr. A. E. Smith a deaf-mute of Brantford, Ont. would leave for Manitoba during the early part of the summer and settle near Virden, a small village west of Winnipeg on the C. P. R. M. O. S.

PUPILS LOCALS.

From the Boys' Side of the Institution.

BY GEORGE REEVES

The sloop which was near our wharf all winter has gone away.

The last time we heard from David Lennox, he said he was well and enjoying himself on the farm.

Willie Lightfoot, one of the small boys, was the recipient of a nice Bible from his mother recently.

James Semmshaw had a visit from his parents on the 21st ult. They took him down town with them and returned in the evening.

Joseph Dubois a pupil from Ottawa, was laid up for quite a while on account of having a sore throat. We are pleased to say he is around again.

Our First Foot ball Eleven played a match with the Ontario Business College on the 22nd ult. and won by 2 goals to 0. The O. B. C. has a good team.

Howard Greene, son of the late S. T. Greene, came over to see the foot-ball match on the 22nd ult. He is going back to Montreal in a few weeks.

One of the boys heard from Newton Black, a former pupil of this school. He said that he was well, but the people had the mumps around his place.

Ronald McDonald did not do much work for a week or so because he had a sore hand. He is holding it up now. He used his left hand in writing in school.

Some of the larger boys tried to play Rugby foot-ball on the 26th ult. Some said it was a harder game than common foot ball. If we practice often perhaps we can have a good team.

The Superintendent allowed us to have a half holiday on the 24th ult. and we went down town to see the mechanical wonders and a fat man. It was said the man weighed 715 pounds.

Jonathan Henderson's two friends, who had been attending the Ontario Business College, have gone home. "Jontie" feels lonesome now as he had a good chat with them while here.

Duncan Bloom was excused from the shoe-shop for a while on account of having a sore thumb. While he was sewing a pair of boots theawl went into his thumb nearly touching the bone. He is working again.

D. Cunningham, our baker was not working for a few days on account of illness. Howard Davidson and Moses Seard did all the work during his absence. They had to work all night one night as there was not enough bread to supply us. Mr. C. is around again.

Institution Reports.

The 15th annual report of the Rhode Island State School for the Deaf has been received. It shows steady progress and gratifying results under the principalship of Laura Del. Richards. The attendance during the session of 1892 was 43.

Principal Nelson has sent us the 18th annual report of the Central New York School, at Rome, N. Y. which records an attendance during the year of 154 pupils. Of this number 108 were supported by the state and 46 by the counties. Mr. Nelson has a good staff of teachers, and he speaks highly of their cheerful co-operation in whatever is calculated to promote the best interests of the school.

The Wisconsin School for the deaf has a well established reputation, which the Fifth Biennial Report, lately received, well sustains. During the period under report there were 248 pupils connected with the school. The attendance during 1892 was 207. Supt. Swiler expressed himself as being well pleased with what has been accomplished and anticipates better results in the future. He is an efficient officer, and the state authorities evidently appreciate his services.

The 14th biennial report of the West Virginia School for the deaf has been received. Principal C. H. Hill reports a total attendance (deaf and blind) for 1891 of 154. The legislature is asked for an appropriation of \$225 per capita for the support of the school for the ensuing two years. In addition to this, \$21,500 is asked for various improvements. We hope Mr. Hill will get all he wants, because he deserves it, and more, too. The report shows good work being done at Romney, W. Va.

A LITTLE PROVVERB

There's a knowing little pluck  
From the sunny land of Spain  
But in North land as in South  
Is its meaning clear and plain.

Lock it up within your bosom  
Neither lo- nor lend it  
Two it takes to make a quarrel  
One can always end it.

PERSONALITIES.

Mr. A. M. Blanchard a deaf mute, the best wood engraver and etcher in St. Louis.

Charles Ryan still continues at his home in Woodstock. He is an industrious and capable mechanic.

John W. Walton has removed to near Hickson Post Office, to Casselton. He is now working on a farm for W. Parson.

Dr. J. H. Brown, of the Kansas school recently gave, before a "Teachers Meeting" there, a valuable lecture on teaching history.

The death of Col. Elliot F. Shepard, editor of the New York Mail and Express, was much regretted by the deaf of that city, in whose interest he had performed many acts of kindness.

Mr. George Tucker a deaf mute and graduate of the Staunton Va. Institution, is said to get quite a good amount from the sale of a patent car lamp which he has invented.

Mr. V. L. Smith, editor of the Chicago Tribune, has been chosen with almost practical unanimity, to marshal the editorial force at the proposed convention in Chicago next summer.

At a reception in honor of Helen Keller held in the Collego parlor at Washington recently, this wonderful girl recited Longfellow's "Psalm of Life" in a manner that was intensely dramatic.

"When I was a boy," says Mr. I. I. son, "I sold peanuts and newspapers on the railroad trains. One day a baggage porter lifted me from the ground by my ears, the membranes snapped and that is how I became deaf."

Mr. and Mrs. Mills, missionaries to the deaf of China, are now visiting at the Rochester School for the Deaf where Mrs. Mills formerly taught. They prefer to remain in America three years and then return to their grand work in China. No record.

With pleasure I renew my subscription to your interesting paper. So writes Mr. T. Woolyatt, the respected Police Magistrate of Brantford. Mr. Woolyatt's opinion is a valuable one and we feel encouraged in our efforts to publish a paper. He knows a good thing when he sees it.

J. T. Johnson, of Barrie, is engaged by the Electric Light Co., of that town. He fixes the carbon on the street lamps each day and watches them every night to see if they burn or if any of them are out he starts them again. He says he has to be very careful in this work, not to get hurt, but occasionally he has received slight shocks.

We have heard from Duncan A. Moore, son, Collingwood, the first pupil in the institution. He has been at home for a short time but in a few days will start for Spanish River where he has some employment in a large saw mill. Duncan is very industrious, and was employed for ten consecutive years in one place but thinks he will change this year.

We have heard from A. E. Clifton of Dyer's Bay, Ont., and we are glad to know he is prospering, and is now in good health. For some time he has written quite a number of letters to us in reference to him. His brother Joseph, now in Manitoba, William with his wife and children purpose moving to this place shortly, and Albert E. will go next year. We hope they will all prosper in their new home. The Channon family when at school were good as well as being very industrious, and had many friends.

Samuel Pogsloy, of Cheapside, the writer he is very lonesome for the companionship of deaf mutes, and he asks if any of them living near him would like them to go and visit him occasionally. He purposes going to Stratford on the Queen's birthday to meet some of his friends there. In his loneliness he says the school paper gives him some comfort, and it makes him feel that he is not alone. He says that the boys who are at school here, now are keeping up the reputation of those who were here in years past, in winning games of foot-ball and ball.

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the defence and dropped it through the goal, scoring one for us. The game went on with ups and downs for both teams, both being resolute and working hard. After ends were changed with ground and wind in their favor the "Ontarios" made several visits to our goal, but only once was it in danger and then our back, James Chantler, swooped down on the ball like a hawk and cleared it out. Our team tried hard for another goal, but they were most stubbornly resisted, until a few minutes before time was called, when Isbister who had been working like a Trojan passed the ball, got his chance and shot it through thus winning the game 2 to 0. Mr. Ward, of Albert College made a keen and impartial referee. The following played on our team: J Patrick goal, James Chantler R O Meara backs, J Baizana, E Symard half backs, John Isbister, J Chambers right wing, H Henes, J Henderson left wing, Mike Noonan, John Chantler centre.

The following is the schedule arranged by the Executive Committee, subject to change

- April 20 - Albert vs O B C High School vs D & D City vs B-B-C
- May 6 - Albert vs D & D B-B-C vs O-B-C City vs High School
- May 13 - Albert vs B-B-C City vs D & D, O-B-C vs High School
- May 20 - Albert vs High School City vs O B C D & D vs B-B-C

**Kind Words.**

The history of the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb is before us. Few Schools can show a more vigorous growth. Opening with 100 pupils in 1850 in 1892 it had present 285 a most remarkable and creditable showing for 22 years of existence. Our Canadian brothers never do things by halves. Of the same blood as ourselves they evince the same push and energy and never undertake an enterprise without carrying it to a successful issue. They have certainly done a noble work in the cause of Deaf Mute education and the Ontario Institution stands as a grand monument to the philanthropy and progressiveness of her people. We feel more than ordinary interest in the prosperity of this School from the fact that the first Principal not only hailed from the same State but was a native of the same town as the writer and though older in years was one of his boyhood friends. Dr. Palmer, notwithstanding his faults was a man of many gentles and winning qualities and undoubtedly possessed splendid executive ability. With charity for his errors, we would turn around his name the flowers of grateful remembrance of what he was in his earlier life and of all his devoted service for the benefit of the Deaf. Of the present Superintendent of this Institution it is needless to speak. All who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, recognize in him a courtly, and accomplished Christian gentleman to whose wise and efficient supervision, the present prosperous condition of the school is largely due. May he long be spared to direct its affairs, and by his special gifts and benign influence be a blessing to the Deaf children of his Province. - *West Virginia Tablet*

Mr. and Mrs. Mathison Miss Mathison and Mr. George Mathison attended a grand reception at The Pines, in the Indian Reserve of Eychuaga on the 18th ult. The auspicious affair was a compliment to Dr. Cronhyatekha and his son Acland, who sailed for England on the 22nd. There were many present from Toronto and other parts of the province, and the affair was conducted in a manner to win the praise of all. Mr. Mathison and family drove down returning early the next morning.

We had a particularly interesting visitor at the Institution on the 19th ult. Rev. Ghosnel Howa the famous oriental preacher accompanied by his wife and other friends, surprised pupils and teachers when he was led into the classes by Mr. Mathison. A native of Labanon (dressed in the costume of his native land and presenting a commanding appearance) he is certainly an interesting personality. Dr. Howa though blind a ripe scholar having studied for some time in the University of Edinburgh Scotland. He is a minister of the Presbyterian Church and an able advocate of Christian and temp. and principles. He gave the pupils a short address in the dining room where he gathered for dinner. Mr. Mathison interpreting.

**HOME NEWS**

**This is May Day**

The girls are wondering when they can go to the woods to gather May flowers. The season is backward.

Miss Wood of Marloo was a welcome visitor at the Superintendent's home for a few days last week.

Winter lingered long in the lap of Spring, and April was remarkable for cold bleak winds and snow falls.

To day the greatest exhibition of the wonderful works of human skill that the world has seen opens for inspection at Chicago.

No base ball yet this year, foot ball is all the go. The disagreeable weather lately has militated against out door sports generally.

Wille Langmuir, our assistant carpenter has been jobbing around with his paint pot and brush and as a result the laundry and its approaches look much better.

Miss Terrill who is at home with her mother spent a few days in Toronto last week visiting her brother and other friends. She enjoyed the attractions of the Queen City.

The *Business Times* speaking of our report remarks: "The report is one of great interest bearing evidence on every page of the prosperity that attends this splendid school."

A large number of the students from the colleges in Belleville have visited us lately. The boys think that they come to spy on the land preparatory to a foot ball war.

Miss Belle Mathison has returned home after an extended visit in Western Ontario. We are all glad to see her back again. She is looking fresh and greatly improved in appearance.

The annual written examinations, the most thorough and exhaustive test of the season work will begin soon. The questions are now being winged the difficult questions with a resolution that bodes success.

Our shoe shop has received such large orders for certain classes of work that the boys will be unable to fill them before school closes. Fifty pairs of men's brogue brogans are being finished up and will be sent to the Toronto Asylum in a few days.

The Superintendent has made it known that the annual written examination will begin on Monday 8th inst. Boys and girls who have dawdled their time in school and during study hours will get their deserts before that test comes to a close.

The *Ontario Educator* in noticing our last report says: "The system of instruction at this school is in keeping with that of most institutions of the kind in this country and that method is the one which confers the greatest good, not upon a few but upon the largest number of deaf the combined."

We take this piece of excellent advice from the *Goodson* and advise our pupils to read it carefully. Boys must not lie down on the damp ground. It is very easy to catch pneumonia, but not so easy to get rid of it when it is once caught. There is no better way to catch it than to lie on the damp ground.

A good friend who visited the Institution a short time ago says: "To me it was a new experience a revelation in fact. For, whereas I had always looked upon the institution as a sort of an asylum I found it an educational institution of an admirable character of anything I had dreamed possible with the material you must necessarily have."

The pupils were agreeably surprised Monday forenoon 24th ult when the Superintendent told them that they would not be asked to return to the classes after dinner but be allowed to go to the city in charge of teachers and officers to witness some novelties on exhibition there. The weather was fine and the outing was enjoyed.

The fact of a new pupil writes: "I am well pleased with the advancement to seem to be making. His ears though to be closed are being treated and will be found able to be shown to him when he returns. We gratefully appreciate the out-look on our home. We look eagerly to the future as it gives us an account of the children's welfare."

The Superintendent acknowledges the receipt of a kind, appreciative letter from Edward Marchand, one of our old pupils, who is now in the Christian Brothers' College, at St. Louis, U. S.

Mary Boyd's address is 110, 12th Ave. West Duluth, Minnesota. She says she is pleased with the *CANADIAN MUTE*, and is always anxious to hear from her old friends and schoolmates. She is doing well in that city.

The Second Eleven feel down-hearted at being left out of the foot-ball league. They feel every inch as good as any of the other clubs that are to play for supremacy. The out-look for them this season is not very bright. Possibly a match will be arranged for them with the second team of Albert College.

Mr. Jaffray, father of one of our little boys, and an official of the Central Prison, Toronto, spent a day on a visit to his son. Mr. Jaffray had been to Brockville on official business, and stepped off here on his way home. As it was Saturday he did not have the opportunity of seeing the classes, but he visited the industrial departments.

A number of parents living in the border counties of Ontario occasionally send United States silver certificates to their children or to the institution authorities to purchase necessary articles of clothing, etc. Hereafter, it would be desirable to send only good Canadian money. American bills do not go as freely in general trade just now as they did some time ago.

We are indebted to the *Wisconsin Times* for this kind notice of our school. The twenty second annual report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, upon the Ontario Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, at Belleville, Ont., is at hand. The report is one of great interest, bearing evidence on every page of the prosperity that attends this splendid school.

Mr. McMillan had a narrow escape from severe injury a few days ago. He was fixing a broken band on the laundry machine without stopping the engine. It happened that his shirt sleeve caught in the revolving machinery and, in an instant, his arm was drawn up hard and fast. By great effort he was able to tear his shirt sleeve off and get free with only a slight injury to his arm. If he had had a coat on at the time, a broken arm or even a greater injury would have resulted. His great avoirdupois weight, also was a factor in his favor.

Some time ago, on a balmy, spring-like day, a number of the larger girls, under the guardianship of Miss Bull, enjoyed a walk up the Trenton Road towards the Cemetery. When passing the residence of Mr. Vantassel, one of our neighbors in Avondale, they were most agreeably surprised to see the genial generous hearted man motion a halt, and begin the distribution of large, luscious apples among the company. Each girl and the teacher in charge, received several of this "fruit of the tree of life" and after expressing their thanks more in looks than words, continued their walk homewards. Mr. Vantassel has a secure place in the hearts of those girls.

Our congratulations go out to Supt. Swiler, of the Wisconsin Institution, on the termination of the vexatious proceedings which a few discontented persons were desirous of commencing against him and the school, before the State Legislature. The matters complained of were thoroughly sifted by the Board of Control and found to be only the imaginings of half-informed grumblers. The members of the Assembly supported the views of the board, and threw out a petition for further inquiry, without debate. Supt. Swiler is one of the best men in the profession, and he has brought credit to his institution and State by the exercise of his great ability in their service.

A few words to the boys in the senior classes. We can sympathize with the feeling that makes you shout the praise of the ball-field. After a long, dreary winter it is a great relief to get out in the warm sunshine and enjoy the mad romp with the winds, or take part in the exciting game. But, this is a critical time in your class studies, and you should not neglect them for favorite games. The two most important examinations of the session are near, and success in either or both, can be made sure by faithful study only. Devote the allotted time to your books and class exercises with a resolve to conquer all difficulties, and when relieved, enter as heartily into your games and out-door amusements.

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update than heart untainted  
 that bath his quarrel just  
 though locked up in steel,  
 with injustice is corrupted  
 Henry VI. li. 2



**FOOT BALL.**

**MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE**

The Deaf Mutes has a foot-ball league, which should have been organized in several places of the province. In fact, in the heart of us many lovers of the game. The league project was first introduced through the press by some city editor. It was at once found favor with the Deaf Mutes, and a meeting called for the purpose of forming a league. Six clubs were organized: the Mutes, Albert College, Belleville Business College, and the High School. An Executive Committee was appointed and at once set to work. A subscription was started for funds to purchase a ball and uniforms, but H. Corby, Esq., most liberally put up a ball and uniforms for that purpose. The league played a great number of matches last Fall, when it will be no wonder to another struggle among the clubs. If this means, it is expected that the rivalry will be given to the Deaf Mutes and result for the possession of the prize.

The two matches on the schedule were played on the 22nd ult. There was much anxiety with regard to the weather. All day frequent show showers and the wind made the outlook for a pleasant match, but the sun came through. A Belleville Business College team played the High School. Both were well matched, but a little more practice would have made another match or two well worth the time as they have good players. The High School scored the first goal in the match thus doing the honors 1 to 0. The Belleville team had several nice chances in shooting a goal but failed to do so. The game went on until our first goal which was scored by the goal-keeper of the Belleville team who had left his post to take care of it and was over the heads of

### TAKE CARE.

Little children, you must seek  
Hathier to be good than wise  
For the thoughts you do not speak  
Shine out in your cheeks and eyes

If you think that you can be  
Cross or cruel and look fair  
Let me tell you how to see  
You are quite mistaken there

Go and stand before the glass  
And some ugly thought contrive  
And my word will come to pass  
Just as sure as you're alive

What you have and what you lack  
All the same as what you wear,  
You will see reflected back,  
So, my little folks, take care

And not only in the glass  
Will your secrets come to view  
All beholders, as they pass,  
Will perceive and know them too

Out of sight my boys and girls  
Every foot of beauty starts  
So think you less about your curls  
More about your heads and hearts

Cherish what is good and drive  
Evil thoughts and feelings far  
For, as sure as you're alive,  
You will show for what you are

—ALICE CARY

### Filling a Basket with Water.

An Eastern king was once in need of a faithful servant and friend. He gave notice that he wanted a man to do a day's work, and two men came and asked to be employed. He engaged them both for certain fixed wages and set them to work to fill a basket with water from a neighboring well, saying he would come in the evening and see their work. He then left them to themselves and went away.

After putting in one or two bucketsful, one of the men said—

"What is the good of doing this useless work? As soon as we put water in on one side, it runs out on the other"

The other man answered:—

"But we have our day's wages, haven't we? The use of the work is the master's business, not ours."

"I am not going to do such fool's work," replied the other, and throwing down his bucket, he went away.

The other man continued his work, till about sunset, he exhausted the well. Looking down into it, he saw something shining at the bottom. He let down his bucket once more, and drew up a precious diamond ring.

"Now I see the use of pouring water into a basket," he exclaimed to himself. "If the bucket had brought up the ring before the well was dry, it would have been found in the basket. The labor was not useless, after all."

But he had yet to learn why the king had ordered this apparently useless task! It was to test their capacity for perfect obedience, without which no servant is reliable.

At this moment the king came up to him, and, as he bade the man keep the ring, he said:—

"Thou hast been faithful in a little thing; now I see I can trust thee in great things. Henceforward thou shalt stand at my right hand."—*The Sunday Hour.*

### The Manual Alphabet.

The editor of the *Optic* says:—"We are trying to get our legislature to pass an act making it a law to have the manual alphabet in all text books used in the State of Arkansas. We have never met a friend knowing us to be connected with the deaf that has not expressed a desire to know the manual alphabet. This being the case, would it not be better to have them in text books, and be a lesson for children? Once learned by children they are never forgotten. They may not be of any use, yet once in a great while, a mute may come on the scene. To teach grown up people the alphabet is no easy task, and the card given by a deaf person to a friend is not often made use of, unless the friend has great interest at heart for the mute."

### A Good Lung Exercise.

Hold head up, shoulders back and chest out; inflate the lungs slowly through the nose until they are brimful; hold until you have counted ten, without opening your lips; exhale quickly till your lungs are as nearly empty of the bad air as it is possible to get them. Repeat same exercise, trying to hold the lungs full while counting twenty. Try it again and see if you can hold your breath half a minute. Finish with three or four deep, long drawn inspirations.—*Nature.*

### Quack Teachers.

There are quack among teachers as well as among doctors. The honest quack teacher has a theory which he imagines to be an universal panacea for ignorance. Regardless of the individual peculiarities of his pupils, and without suspicion that his theory, after all, may be wrong, he strives to force every one of his victims to conform to it.

Among teachers of the deaf and dumb the "quacks" may be divided into several classes:—

1. The cramming quack. He gives his pupils page after page of history, etc., requiring them to commit every word to memory and write out the whole, giving them nothing but some general explanations in signs. We would like to experiment with a few of these quacks and dose them with their own medicine. We should hire a Chinaman to teach them Chinese after their own method. Let him give them, day after day, a few pages of that language to memorize and write out, with only vague and general explanations of the meaning in Pigeon English.

2. The national quack. He consumes midnight oil, devises a wonderful "system" of symbols and diagrams utterly incomprehensible to any one but himself. This "system" he introduces to a class of deaf and dumb children, and spends his time in wondering why they "won't think," and why they "can't understand so simple and luminous a thing!"

3. The articulation quack. His theory is that a deaf child by simply learning to speak can straightway use intelligently the English or any other language under the sun; the only thing necessary is to be able to speak; understanding follows as a matter of course. Strangely enough, he knows perfectly well that a hearing child can read orally Russian or Choctaw without understanding a word of it; yet he never doubts that a deaf child can understand English, German or Italian as soon as he can speak it. The foregoing does not apply to those who consider articulation a useful accomplishment for the few who are capable of it.

4. There is another sort of quack teacher whom we will call the "dishonest quack" for want of a better name to fit his case. He is usually a college graduate ambitious to shine in one of the learned professions—law or divinity as a rule. His necessities oblige him to "accept" a position as teacher in an Institution, which, in his opinion, is greatly honored by his condescension. His legal or theological studies require so much of his attention that he really has no time to investigate the trivial matter of deaf-mute education, and besides, it would be a waste of time as he is so soon to enter upon the practice of his profession, or receive a "call" as the case may be.—*Companion.*

### He Found Heaven.

A minister one day preached on heaven. Next morning he was going down town, and met one of his old wealthy members. The brother stopped the preacher and said:

"Pastor, you preached a good sermon about heaven. You told me all about heaven, but you never told me where heaven is."

"Ah?" said the pastor, "I am glad of an opportunity this morning. I have just come from the hilltop yonder. In that cottage there is a member of your church. She is in bed with fever, her two little children are sick in the other bed, and she has not got a bit of coal nor a stick of wood, nor flour, nor sugar, nor any bread. If you will go down town and buy five dollars' worth of things—meat provisions—and send them up to her, and then go up there and say: 'My sister I have brought you these nice provisions in the name of our Lord and Saviour,' then ask for a Bible and read the Twenty-third Psalm, and then get down on your knees and pray—if you don't see heaven before you get all through I'll pay the bill." The next morning he said, "Pastor, I saw heaven, and I spent fifteen minutes in heaven as usual as you are listening."—*Christian Inquirer.*

### Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION:  
WEST—2:50 a.m., 4:20 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 5:42 p.m.  
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### GENERAL INFORMATION.

#### CLASSES

SCHOOL HOURS: From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 3 p.m.  
DRAWING CLASS from 2:30 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of each week.  
GIRL PIANO WORK CLASS on Monday and Wednesday afternoons of each week from 3:20 to 5.  
SIGN CLASS for Junior Teachers on the afternoons of Monday and Wednesday of each week from 3:10 to 4.  
EVENING STUDY from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for senior pupils and from 7 to 8 for junior pupils.

#### Articulation Classes:—

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

#### Religious Exercises:—

EVERY SUNDAY Primary pupils at 9 a.m., senior pupils at 11 a.m., General Lecture at 2:30 p.m., immediately after which the Bible Class will assemble.

LAST SCHOOL DAY the pupils are to assemble in the Chapel at 8:45 a.m., and the Teacher-in-charge for the week will open by prayer and afterwards dismiss them so that they may reach their respective school rooms not later than 9 o'clock in the afternoon at 4 o'clock the pupils will again assemble and after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.

REGULAR VISITING CLERGYMEN—Rev. Canon Burke, Right Rev. Monsignor Farrelley, V. G., Rev. J. L. George, (Presbyterian), Rev. E. N. Baker, (Methodist), Rev. R. Marshall, (Baptist), Rev. M. W. Maclean, (Presbyterian), Rev. Father O'Brien.

Clergymen of all Denominations are cordially invited to visit us at any time.

#### Industrial Departments:—

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE and CARPENTER SHOPS from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for pupils who attend school; for those who do not from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the working days except Saturday when the office and shops will be closed at noon.

THE SEWING CLASSES are from 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock, noon, and from 1:30 to 5 p.m. for those who do not attend school, and from 3:20 to 5 p.m. for those who do. No sewing on Saturday afternoons.

The Printing Office, Shops and Sewing Room to be left each day when work ceases in a clean and tidy condition.

PUPILS are not to be excused from the various classes or Industrial Departments except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.

Teachers, Officers and others are not to allow matters foreign to the work in hand to interfere with the performance of their several duties.

#### Visitors:—

Persons who are interested, desirous of visiting the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays, except to the regular chapel exercises at 2:30 on Sunday afternoons. The best time for visitors on ordinary school days is as soon after 1:30 in the afternoon as possible, as the classes are dismissed at 3:00 o'clock.

#### Admission of Children:—

When pupils are admitted and parents come with them to the Institution, they are kindly advised not to linger and prolong leave-taking with their children. It only makes discomfort for all concerned, particularly for the parent. The child will be tenderly cared for, and if left in our charge without delay will be quite happy with the others in a few days, in some cases in a few hours.

#### Visitation:—

It is not beneficial to the pupils for friends to visit them frequently. If parents must come, however, they will be made welcome to the class-rooms and allowed every opportunity of seeing the general work of the school. We cannot furnish lodging or meals, or entertain guests at the Institution. Good accommodation may be had in the city at the Hoffman House, Queen's, Anglo-American and Dominion Hotels at moderate rates.

#### Clothing and Management:—

Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent. No correspondence will be allowed between parents and employees under any circumstances without special permission upon each occasion.

#### Sickness and Correspondence:—

In case of the serious illness of pupils letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or guardians. IN THE ABSENCE OF LETTERS FRIENDS OF PUPILS MAY BE QUITE SURE THEY ARE WELL.

All pupils who are capable of doing so, will be required to write home every three weeks. Letters will be written by the teachers for the little ones who cannot write, stating, as nearly as possible, their wishes.

No medical preparations that have been used at home, or prescribed by family physicians will be allowed to be taken by pupils except with the consent and direction of the Physician of the Institution.

Parents and friends of Deaf children are warned against Quack Doctors who advertise medicines and appliances for the cure of Deafness. In 999 cases out of 100 they are frauds and only want money for which they give no return. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of adventitious deafness and be guided by their counsel and advice.

R. MATHISON,  
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The Literary Society meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month in the Y. M. C. A. Building, corner of Queen St. and Davenport Road, at 8 p.m. President, J. Howe; Vice-Pres., A. W. Mason; Secretary, Slater; Treas., W. J. Terrell. The association with J. Fraser, form the Executive Committee. All resident and visiting deaf mutes are invited to attend the meetings. The Society's address is 19 Garden Avenue.

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