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The object of the Province in founding and maintaining this Institute is to afford educational advantages to all the youth of the Province who are on account of deafness, either partial or total, unable to receive instruction in the common schools.

All deaf mutes between the ages of seven and twenty, not being deficient in intellect, and free from contagious diseases, who are bona fide residents of the Province of Ontario, will be admitted as pupils. The regular term of instruction is seven years, with a vacation of nearly three months during the summer of each year.

Parents, guardians or friends who are able to pay will be charged the sum of \$50 per year for board, tuition, books and medical attendance will be furnished free.

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At the present time the trades of Printing, Carpentry and Shoemaking are taught to boys, the female pupils are instructed in general domestic work, Tailoring, Dressmaking, Sewing, Knitting, the use of the sewing machine, and all ornamental and fancy work as may be desirable.

It is hoped that all having charge of deaf mute children will avail themselves of the liberal terms offered by the Government for their education and improvement.

The Regular Annual School Term begins on the second Wednesday in September, and closes the third Wednesday in June of each year. Any information as to the terms of admission for pupils, etc., will be given upon application to be made by letter or otherwise.

R. MATTHISON,
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When I Go Home.

It comes to me often in silence
When the fire light potters low
When the black curtains shadows
See wreaths of the long ago
Always with a throb of heartache
That thrills each pulsing vein
Leaves the old quiet home again
For the peer of home again

The sick of the road of life—
And of faces, cold and strange
I know there's warmth of welcome
And my returning faulces range
Back to the dear old home again
With an aching sense of pain
But there'll be joy in the coming
When I go home again

When I go home again! There's music
That may never die away
And it seems that the land of angels
On mystic harp at play
Have touched with a yearning sadness
On a beautiful broken strain
To which is my fond heart longing
When I go home again

Outside of my darkening window
Is the great world's crash and din
And slowly the autumn shadows
Come drifting, drifting in
Holding the night wind mournful
To theplash of the autumn rain
But I dream of the glorious greeting
When I go home again

EDWARD FIELD



Norman's Joke.

BY MARY F. KELLAND

"Ho, Fred, wait for me, I have some thing to tell you!"

"Well, hurry, the first bell at the academy has rung."

"I heard it, but must tell you of a good joke we are planning to play upon Merton."

"Who is Merton?" enquired Fred, changing his strap of books from one shoulder to the other as they walked briskly along.

"Oh, I forgot that you were away on your vacation when he came and haven't seen him. He is a country cousin of mine, good as gold, but very verdant. We boys have played over so many tricks upon him, yet he falls into the next trap we set, and holds no spite against us."

"Did he come to the city to go to school?"

"No, he has a good education, is far ahead of us. He came to try for a situation. He is anxious to earn his living, and to educate his little sisters. His mother is a widow, and poor."

"He won't have any chance here. Father said at breakfast that one of his friends, a rich man, has been trying for months to get positions for his sons with good business firms, and hasn't succeeded yet."

"Yes, father thinks his chance is poor, but will do all he can for his only sister's son."

"You say he is verdant, of course he will be tall and awkward."

"No, mother says that he is one of nature's noblemen. His manners are not put on for the occasion, he is handsome and real religious, and that brings me to the joke."

This evening there is to be an entertainment in the lecture room of the church for the benefit of the Sunday school library. Each young lady is to take a lunch box containing two sandwiches and two apples, and her card.

The price of each box is ten cents, and each gentleman is expected to buy one, and must wait upon the lady whose card is within to the refreshment table where coffee is served, and then see her home.

"Well, that won't be hard upon Merton."

"No, but listen. You know Miss Peters, that old young lady of fifty or

thereabouts, with cork screw curls, and so deaf that one's voice is strained to make her hear. She will be there with her lunch box, for she never misses a chance to contribute to the church or Sunday school. Frank Lucas and I are to receive and sell the boxes, and will see that Merton gets that of Miss Peters. Won't it be jolly fun to see him waiting upon her, when all the other fellows have pretty girls?"

"Yes," laughed Fred, "and you may count on my being on hand to see it, if you will promise to give me a box belonging to a pretty girl."

"No, I won't do that. The box that Miss Peters brings is the only one we will mark, but come, Fred, do, and see the fun."

"You will see me there," replied Fred, and having reached the academy they passed to their seats.

Evening came, the lecture room was filled, and dialogues, declamations and music made the time pass charmingly. Then came refreshment time, the boxes were sold, and Merton took his to his seat. "Norman," said he, returning to his cousin, "I will ask you to present me to the young lady whose card was in my box."

"All right, come along," and to the suppressed amusement of those in the joke, Merton was piloted to Miss Peters and introduced.

Without a sign of surprise, hesitation or dissatisfaction, Merton took a seat beside her, and waited for her to commence a conversation.

"The young people appear to enjoy the novelty of the lunch-boxes," said she.

"Yes, Miss Peters, it is something new to me also," replied Merton.

Strange to say, his well modulated voice was distinctly heard by his partner, who was cheered to see that it was no effort for him to make himself heard, and they had a pleasant conversation. When the summons came for refreshment, he offered his arm to Miss Peters with the courtesy he would have shown the handsomest young lady there, provided her with a pleasant seat, opened the lunch-box and gave her choice of the contents, and as she preferred a glass of water, declined the fragrant cup of coffee offered him. He caught a mirthful glance from Norman during the lunch time, and would not allow himself to look in that direction again.

When they returned to their seats, Miss Peters drew him again into conversation and showed interest in hearing of his home, his mother and sisters, was sorry for his disappointments, and encouraged him in his hopes, and both were pleased with their evening.

Merton was surprised when they reached the handsome dwelling where Miss Peters resided, he had judged by her dress that she was in moderate circumstances, and he was right.

"This is my brother's house, Merton," said she. "I make my home with him. You have been very kind to me, and I thank you for it. Good-Night!"

Next morning Merton received a letter which caused him and his uncle a family surprise. It was from a banker, the brother of Miss Peters, asking him to call at his office that day. He went at the hour specified and a very good position at a fair salary was offered him by Mr. Peters, which was accepted gratefully.

"My sister is a good judge of people, my boy" remarked the banker at the close of the interview. "I am quite sure she did not place too high and estimate upon you. I do not believe that we will be disappointed in you."

"So much for my joke," commented Norman, when Merton came home and told them of his success.

"So much for Merton's good sense, genuine politeness, amiability and Christian observance of the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," said his mother.—The Lutheran Bazaar.

In the Railway Accident.

A lady who was wounded in the Chatworth disaster was in the rear car with her husband when the accident occurred. A short time after they left Persia a party of six young people entered, and in order that they might have seats together, the lady and her husband removed to the far end of the car. Their courtesy saved their lives, for the young man and his bride, who took the places so kindly given up, were both instantly killed a few hours later. The lady says that she thinks the young people belong to a choir of concert singers, and were now off for recreation and rest. They were all very merry, and sang and laughed and told stories—anticipating the pleasures of the journey until late in the night. Nearly every one in the car except the joyful party was quiet, when some one requested the young bride to sing "Sweet hour of prayer." At first there was a tremor in the sweet voice, but it grew stronger as she proceeded.

"In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief."
rang out clear and shrill, other voices instinctively joined in the old familiar song. People taken out of their sleep, sat upright or leaned forward to catch the plaintive words that trembled upon the pure, young lips.

As the train sped on in the darkness, far down the track the gleam of the death dealing fire appeared, but the voices that swelled forth in a glad burst of song—

"Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God to thee," faltered not at the danger into which the train, laden with precious human souls, was unconsciously plunging.

Faster sped the chariot of death down the grade, and sweeter, more triumphant, swelled the song.

"There let the way appear,
Steps unto heaven."

All if the singers had only known it, the way was already in sight, and perhaps,

"All that thou sendest me in mercy given."

would have been more of a sigh than a song.

Then, with only an inch of time between them and the life beyond—even when brave McClutock, steady at his post, was giving his last desperate wrench to the throttle of his engine that had never failed him before, the sweet singers sang their farewell earth song, sang to their God, who, even in this dark hour, still kept the everlasting arms around about and underneath them.

"Angels to beckon me,
Nearer, my God to thee."

As if in answer to the prayer they breathed, with the glad refrain still echoing through the air, the crash came, the life-work of each was finished.

"So by my woes to be,
Nearer, my God to thee."

was not ended on earth, for right into the very jaws of death rushed the screaming engines, and then, like a bolt of Jove, the cars crashed through each other, killing and crushing as the foot grinds the worm. It took but a moment to pile that heap of splintered timbers, and broken bones and bleeding flesh, but death was there, just as certainly, surrounded by all that tends to make it terrible, and among the mangled corpses lay the six singers, not in their dreams, but in reality, nearer their God than ever before.

Inquiry elicited the fact that these merry young people had a right to be joyful, for they were all servants of the blessed Master, and could have completed the song as they went down into the valley of death.

"Or it, on joyful wing,
Clearing the sky,
Sun, moon and stars forgot,
Upward fly,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God to thee,
Nearer to thee."

—BY GEORGE V. CITTADINI.



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The Uneducated Deaf.

Those on whom devolve the duty and responsibility of providing for the education of the deaf sometimes neglect to do so in a sufficiently comprehensive degree; but if those in authority but fully realized the vast difference in the status of an uneducated deaf person as compared with that of an uneducated hearing person, they would be more prompt and liberal in supplying adequate educational facilities for the former. An uneducated hearing man, of average natural intelligence, readily acquires a very considerable vocabulary, he easily, and without any effort on his part, or any special instruction on the part of others, learns the names and characteristics of every kind of object that comes within his observation, is able to express his thoughts freely and intelligibly, and by means of converse with others he has a pretty thorough knowledge of all matters that pertain to his own immediate interests; and though he may not be able to read a word, he can, through others, ascertain in a general way what is transpiring throughout the world, and can hold constant and intelligent converse with his friends and others with whom he may come into contact. He can take part in the various activities of life, can discharge in a creditable manner all the duties and responsibilities devolving upon him, and may even rise to positions of trust and honor, and, despite his limitations, may thoroughly enjoy life in nearly all its phases. His moral nature, also, may be fully developed, his religious convictions may be deep, sincere and accurate, and he is quite capable of understanding and performing his duty to God and man.

How vastly different from this is the condition and the lot of an uneducated deaf man. With but few exceptions, he

lives in a state of blank, impenetrable ignorance and awful isolation. His want of knowledge is not merely comparative but practically absolute. He does not know the names of the commonest objects of every day use, and his knowledge of what goes on round about him is limited to what he actually sees with his own eyes, since he cannot receive ideas or information from others nor convey ideas or wishes to them, except his commonest wants which he may express in pantomime. Unable to hold converse with others because of his entire lack of language, he lives a life of loneliness quite inconceivable to hearing people. Of the general events transpiring throughout the world he must remain in absolute ignorance, since he cannot read and possesses no language by which he can communicate with his friends. The whole of Europe might be deluged with blood, or half of the inhabitants of the earth destroyed by pestilence or earthquake or famine, and he would know nothing of it, for there is no way in which any ideas foreign to his own experience can be conveyed to him. And while he may not be immoral in practice he is to a large extent quite unmoral, since he can have but a very limited apprehension of the concepts of right and wrong; and he can know nothing of the existence of a God or of a hereafter, nor even that he has a soul, nothing of religious thought or sentiment, except such faint intuitive ideas on such matters as may be inherent in mankind. To him life is an unsolvable enigma, and death a dread and fathomless mystery. And so he lives his blank, joyless existence, never hearing the sweet sounds of human speech, never knowing the delight of the communion of friend with friend, never feeling within him the pulsations of an awakening and developing intelligence, never realizing the comfort of consonant human sympathy nor the consolations afforded by religion; and at the end he passes through the gates of death with no conception of what it means, and no hope or knowledge ofught beyond.

An existence such as this terrible to contemplate, sad and pathetic beyond description or even conception; yet to such an existence is condemned every deaf-mute for the education of whom adequate facilities are not provided. It is to be hoped that no longer, either in this land or any other, the opportunity will be denied every deaf-mute of acquiring that golden strand of language, which, though so easily and inexpensively secured, will serve as the clue that will guide its possessor out of this labyrinth of mental ignorance, moral blankness and religious stagnation, and open up to him all the bounteous store of the wisdom of this world and the assurance of the joys of the world that is to come.

Helen Keller, it would seem, is not destined much longer to reign supreme as the intellectual wonder of the world, for a new star has arisen in the firmament which bids fair to at least equal her in brilliancy. This dangerous rival is Miss Lillian Haguewood, of Vinton, Iowa, who at 18 months of age became blind and deaf as a result of spinal disease. No effort was made to educate her till she was 12 years old, when a teacher in the Institute for the Blind at Dubuque discovered her condition and began to teach her, and a couple of years ago she was placed exclusively in the hands of one teacher, Miss Ronald, since which time she has made marvellous progress. Among the feats she is said to be able to already accomplish are, to talk with her fingers as rapidly as an ordinary child can with the tongue, to write not only with the "point" system

but also very plainly in script with a pencil, and afterwards read what she has written by placing her fingers on the words, to solve problems in arithmetic with an ingenious number slate; to hold a music box in her lap and tell what piece is being played by the vibrations; to crochet and do other fancy work, to tell the time by feeling of her watch, and to articulate with considerable distinctness. All of which may possibly be true. If so, and if she has been able to accomplish so much in less than two years, Helen will have to look well to her laurels in the very near future.

The Ontario Legislature meets in a few days and everyone connected with the institution is anxiously waiting to see if money is to be granted for a new school building here.

Death of Mrs. E. G. Bell.

Mrs. Eliza Graco Bell, the wife of Prof. Alexander Melville Bell, the well-known scientist, died at her residence at the corner of 35th and Q Street. The deceased had reached an advanced age, and had been sick but one week, her condition growing worse until death ended her sufferings. Mrs. Bell was a native of England, and resided there for some time. She was married to Professor Bell over fifty two years ago, the pair celebrating their golden wedding in 1891 at Cape Breton, N. S., where they went for the summer. The event was made a memorable and happy one, and the two received the congratulations of a host of people. Professor and Mrs. Bell took up their residence in this city in 1881, and have lived here since then. Prior to that time they were residents of Canada. The only surviving son of the couple is Prof. Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, who lives at 1331 Connecticut Avenue. He was at the bedside of his mother to the last. The services will be held at the home of the deceased. Rev. Mr. Davenport, of Anacostia will conduct the religious services. The interment will be at Rock Creek Cemetery. —*Washington Star.*

Teaching them English.

The simple and effective method of teaching English to the children of Italians, Portuguese, Polish and German Jews used in the north end schools of Boston might profitably be adopted by other cities which are obliged to face the fact that within their borders are thousands of foreign children who know nothing of the customs, institutions or language of this country. A writer in the Boston Transcript thus describes the method:

The children, within a few days after their arrival, are sent to the public schools, as a rule without compulsion, and here they are first of all taught the English language. It is done by a system of object lessons. The teachers in the elementary rooms are young women, as men would not be patient enough to accomplish the best results.

The teacher may point to her eye and say, "This is my eye," repeating it several times and requiring the pupils to repeat it in unison. Other portions of the body are pointed out in a similar manner, and then familiar objects in the room are in the same way brought to the attention of the children.

Later, when they have made sufficient progress in the language, it becomes desirable to teach the different tenses. To accomplish this, a boy or girl is directed to run slowly round the room, when the teacher and children say in unison, "That boy is running," repeating the sentence several times. The boy is then told to halt, and the teacher and pupils say in unison, "That boy did run;" again, "That boy is standing still;" "That boy walks fast;" "I can walk;" "I can run;" "I did walk;" etc.

These and other sentences, as they are spoken, are written on the black board by the teacher, and the pupils write them on their slates. Thus they are taught the language and taught to spell, read and write simultaneously.

If a man once comes to doubt of what he had been accustomed to take for granted, he will reject it.

The Smile of a Little Child

There is nothing more pure in heaven,
And nothing on earth more mild.
More full of the light that is divine
Than the smile of a little child.

The smiling lips, half parted,
With breath as sweet as the air,
And the light that seems to glow to us,
In the gold of the sunny hair.

Oh, little one, smile and bless me,
For somehow I know not why,
I feel in my soul when children smile,
That angels are passing by.

I feel that the gates of heaven
Are nearer than I knew,
At the light of hope of that sweet smile,
Like the dawn is breaking through.

New York, Nov. 1.

Nebraska Journal Nuggets

Don't set any store by the news afloat, or by the gossip of neighbors. Somewhat the truth gets squelched out of all these, by the inflation that goes by much repeating.

As we put this item the snow goes down as if it meant to bury us. It is winter and no mistake about it. One thing sure and that is we can't have what might be called a long winter even if we have it pretty cold. None amount to anything has yet been put up. Some firms have a little snow and ice up. This will put a great grin on the faces of the coal men as well.

Children, did you see the pretty little deaf boy the other day, with his sad looking mother? The boy was her only son, six years old. He has been bed six weeks. He had the mumps and when he got well he could not hear. He talks right along to his mother and wonders why she don't answer him. At first he said, "Talk louder, I can't hear you." Now he knows he is deaf. He said, "My eyes are of some account anyway." He will come to school soon and learn lip reading. We feel very sorry for the sweet mother and little boy.

A smiling face, and happy words are always appreciated. Any girl is pretty who is cheerful. Suppose things go wrong, a grown don't help to right them. Suppose friends hurt your feelings and talk about you, scolding don't help. Suppose you are poor and have to get along on little, black looks don't make poverty any easier to bear. A cheerful face helps make the heart lighter. Pleasant words drive away sorrow. Don't dwell on trouble. Don't talk about it. If you can, smile any way and the day will pass easier, and the work be all the more quickly done. Cultivate a cheerful disposition.

The sign for truth is particularly appropriate, made with the forefinger going out straight from the mouth. A crooked line, sideways, to the side means falsehood. When a person tells you the truth he is apt to look you straight in the eyes, and talk with no hesitancy. When he lies, he does it with a stammering tongue, and averted eyes. Almost always one can tell from the face and manner of the one speaking whether he tells truth or falsehood. It is so much easier to be truthful, honest and upright than to be forever planning how to get out of things. Let us all tell the truth, and do right, whatever is to pay.

Toronto via Manitoba

Efforts have been made in the city of Toronto, to rent a suitable room, in a convenient locality, wherein the deaf mutes may meet daily in a social literary and religious way. If they can secure a room furnished with everything that would make it homelike, and with rules framed for observing order and decorum, it would indeed be a great boon in the direction of progress and education for the deaf mutes of the "Queen city."

It is a matter of congratulation that the deaf mutes in the city have in Miss Annie Fraser a helpful friend who does so much for their spiritual as well as their temporal welfare. She has studied the sign language for two years, and is now sign or interpret well, without a trace of the nervousness usually noticed in the average lady teacher before the public. Miss Fraser is a sister of Mr. Philip Fraser, who has also many claims on the gratitude of those he benefits. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser are well. They have three girls (Isabel, Lilly and Grace) and a boy (Philip)—all but the little ones—*Mei, in Silent Echo*.

BIRTH.

FRANCIS, On January 15th, 1897, at 27 St., Toronto, the wife of Mr. Philip, of a daughter.

the Secret of Success.

In every, or the task
guides the pen or brush,
exact or free by line,
in a row, the colors shade
with these the crowning art,
age can alone impart
all its highest gathering
of taking pains.

The joy of years to be
for immortality,
the state's marble grace
comes of form and face
in what hours the sculptor wrought
wreath hand and anxious thought,
the stone, with stroke on stroke
called beauty stirred and wove.

Symphonies, whose sweet strain
inspired a sorrow smile again,
a whole soul, while he wrote,
in tears departing note,
a thousand times before
ment passed the perfect score
long nearer work in scorn,
for ages yet unborn.

in the secret of success,
not content with nothing less
than with no aim beside,
crossing this dissatisfaction,
they alone in life's brief day,
and honor win their way
but achieve for such high gains
tremendous art of taking pains.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Girls' Side of the Institution.

[LETTER OF SWAYZE.]

The sleighing is very good.
Miss J. Metcalfe had been confined
at home with la grippe, but she is now
able to work again.

On the 21st ult. we were surprised
to see the snow in the morning, and it is
about 7 inches deep.

One Saturday afternoon, we were
allowed to go out skating on the rink
and we enjoyed it very much.

It is with deep regret that we have
heard of the death of Edith Major's
dear sister. We all sympathize with
her in the loss.

Fanny Hall received a small box of
new paper from her sister Mabel, a
former pupil of this school, which she
liked very highly.

Miss Annie Henderson got a photograph
from her brother Jonathan, a
former pupil of this school. We think
it looks very good in it.

We were surprised to hear that
Maggie Phillimore, who left here two
years ago, is going to learn dressmaking
in London. We all wish her success in
life.

On the 23rd ult. our Matron of the
institution Miss Walker, went to
Kingston to spend a few days with her
friends, and we all hope she will have a
most delightful time visiting.

On the 22nd, Annie Blackburn's
uncle from Manitoba came up here to
see her. She was much pleased to see
him again, and had a good talk with
him and then he went back home.

The 19th ult. was Annie Blackburn's
birthday, she got a lovely present from
her friend, with which she was much
pleased. We all hope that she may be
spared to see many happy returns of the
day.

We are surprised to hear that there
are many people sick with la grippe in
Belleville. However, we are keeping in
good health in this institution, and we
should feel thankful to God to save us
from sickness.

Two weeks ago, in the evening, a
new girl came here with her sister to
get an education. Her name is Mary
S. Louis, and she is in Mrs. Terrill's
class. Her sister is working in Belleville.

Miss James received a photograph
from her friend, Mrs. Eames, who lives
near her home, and she showed it to
the girls and they said it was lovely,
and they were so surprised—that Mrs.
Eames had much changed in appearance.

SARNIA NOTES.

Our own Correspondent

Duncan Morrison, the first pupil
of our school, is coming here to visit
his mother, Mrs. Darow.

Willie Summers was home for a
few days last week. He said that his
father and he expect to saw 100 cords of
lumber before spring.

Mabel Steele, of Delaware, was
visiting her aunt here for three weeks,
and was not aware that she was here
so long.

Alex McCormick, of Chatham,
is through here on his way to visit
his father, Mr. Tanner, of a
township. On returning, he re-
mained here over night.

Crunk Tramps.

This letter came after our last paper
was posted. It was put in type, a copy
sent to a "Former Pupil," and her reply
will be found below.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN MUTE.

Dear Sir. Would the brilliant clever writer
of the first letter from former pupils, in the
last number of THE CANADIAN MUTE, except
the hearty appreciation of a would-be humorist
and forgive him the presumption of exposing it.
A lady with the soundest sense of preferring
home-made bread baking, at least be excellent
and confident from such hands, to look upon
that last mirth of booby minds, is worthy
of all respect. Mr. Superintendent, I wish I
knew who wrote that letter. I am sure, without
any breach of confidence, let me know. I fear it
is the conductors of an application, and I am
angry authority might intend any reference to
that direction. I surely have been forewarned.
Such a combination as good bread making
a discriminating taste for the best, sketch
writing of the day and brightness enough to
illuminate blighted mountain tops, is more
than magnificient. Yet will my bright young
unknown permit one who has grey hairs here
and there in his beard to give expression to a
little jest that indulged with the endorsement of her
letter. Is she quite sure that she made the best
she could of her tramp boy? Could not that
bright intelligence of hers make something
more out of him than a "nuisance"? One who
can write so well, can surely apply a little whole-
some corrective caustic in the right place. We
who live in the large cities, have had some new
light on the tramp question forced on us the last
three or four years. The problem of providing
employment for mutes is one of growing difficulty,
and for some at least of the tramps the small
peddling is an honorable and praiseworthy
attempt to avoid being a burden on others, who
can ill bear it. Any one practically acquainted
with the state of several branches of business in
Ontario now, to which mutes have been trained,
will be aware of the difficulty they have to face
in getting employment. We have in view several
cases in Toronto now, in which the utmost
efforts of the mutes themselves, of their friends,
of those having some influence in the city, have
failed to secure any employment for them
except odd jobs at long intervals. We are also
in receipt of letters from the country, referring
to the same difficulties. If then a mute tramp
comes to you and then peddles in no particular article
we hope our country friends will give him the
benefit of a suspended judgment.

As to Moses and Light and Darkness, well,
perhaps we know the style too well. But it is to
the bright virile minds like that of "A Former
Pupil" to whom we look to help improve matters,
and to use their pleasing and attractive gifts to
adorn the treatment of the most precious things
the world possesses. No doubt I might get the
prompt return, "Doctor your own cranks." Ah,
well! We are doing what we can, and bright
minded deaf friends everywhere we chance as
helpers in the good cause. Perhaps my dear
unknown will suffer a quotation, as a privilege
of the grey hairs I cannot count.

Let knowledge grow from more to more
But more of reverence to us dwell
That mind and soul, according well.
May make one music

Yours faithfully
A DEAF FRIEND OF THE DEAF

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN MUTE.

Dear Sir. At last "Deaf Dollars" have found
a champion, they should rise up in a body, and
reward him, each according to his means, no
matter if their gratitude should take the form of
corn-pone, pins, needles, thread and bandanna
handkerchiefs, which seems to be the usual
stock in trade of the average mute pedler. Do
you know I rather like a "Deaf Friend of the
Deaf" letter. He seems so much in earnest. I
would not be a true daughter of Eve, were I not
pleased with the many pretty things he has to
say about me, but I am quite undecided as to
whether they were not said sarcastically. He
speaks of "Crank Trainings," as a class. Now I
was only alluding to one in particular, for this
special crank had made himself unusually obnoxious.
I am aware there are mutes who are
obliged to take to peddling as a last resort,
but, surely when all has been said that should
be said, in regard to a mute's equipment for life,
his success will depend almost entirely on his
way of looking at things. Almost any fellow with
a fair education can get a good deal out of life, if
he knows enough to stick to things. I defy any
ordinary person to make any more of my
special crank than I did. It would shock the
most credulous person alive to be informed that
any person had been living in darkness till some
body, Moses, I believe, came along and led him
out. Very considerate of Moses, I am sure. My
crank was not educated in any of our Canadian
Institutions. I am thankful to say. About three
fourths of those peddlars—be it pardon—"agents,"
are sons of respectable farmers, and prefer to
"travel" to working on a farm. To be sure I
have seen very few of that class of mutes, but I
have seen quite enough to convince me that
they could do better, and I would be a very un-
sophisticated young person, were I not prepared
to substantially back up any assertions I make.
One characteristic of those peddlars is that they
make themselves disagreeable, if you inform
them that you are not in the habit of indulging
in prize-fights, consequently have no use for
court plaster, such was my experience at any
rate. I don't see any sense in a mutie, and a
stranger at that, coming and using religion at
you. I am far from objecting to a quiet talk on
Biblical matters with any sane person, but I do
object to have an uneducated crank "bring"
religion at me, and telling me what an awful
sinister man, and conjuring up a terrible picture
in which his Nastie Majesty and myself form
the main feature.

And say, Mr. Mathison, I plead guilty to a
feeling curiosity, to know who the writer of
that letter is. I suspect several Toronto bache-
loros, but can't fix any particular one. Suppose
we swap identities. Do you think "A Deaf Friend
of the Deaf" would have any objections either?
Bring your powers of persuasion to bear on him,
and if that will not fetch him, nothing will. I
don't like to indulge in a wordy war with any
gentleman, incognito, still less one who can
accuse himself of complimenting in such graceful
language and at the same time apply a little of
that "corrective caustic" he speaks of. Trusting
that I have not taken up too much valuable
space. Yours sincerely,

A FORMER PUPIL.

There are two things, each of which
he will seldom fail to discover who seeks
for it in earnest, the knowledge of what
he ought to do, and a plausible pretext
for doing what he likes.

Deaf-mutes In Court.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN MUTE.

Dear Sir. I saw by the news-papers that a
deaf-mute of this city sued the street Railway
Co. for damages to the extent of \$100, for being
unlawfully put off a car. His complaint he
makes is that he could not find his fare in his
pocket in time to please the conductor, with the
above result. The court gave a verdict of \$25
for the plaintiff. But as this will not pay half
the costs of his suit, the deaf-mute in question
is a poorer man today than when he went in,
and we hope a sicker one too. But what I wish
to point out is the foolishness of some deaf-mutes
rushing into court when there is no shadow of
a chance of their getting any satisfaction out of
it. Another deaf-mute in this city a few years
ago tried to recover a cost of \$10 or more for
getting injured on alighting from a car, although
he was strongly advised by reliable and trust-
worthy friends to desist from so doing as he was
sure to lose money but as he did not think
he was wiser than anybody else he went right
ahead and came out of it minus something less
than \$10 for expenses. This has not only
reference to court affairs, but business and other
matters as well. These cases are all the more
strange when they happen in the city of Toronto,
where the deaf have so many true friends who
would willingly give free advice at any time, and
it is often given unsolicited, but refused. I may
say that all men make mistakes sometimes, but
some of our friends seem to be making mistakes
all the time. We hope they will be better
judgment in the future.

Toronto Jan. 20th 1907.

Justice

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

From our own Correspondent

Miss Macfarlane spent one week of
her holidays in Ottawa and returned to
the McKay Institute for New Year's.

Alex McLaren is the happy father of
fine healthy twin boys, who were born
on December 10th. Four boys in four
years, truly our deaf-benefits mean
well by the country.

Mr. Holland spent one month with
Mr. Gray, broken by frequent visits to
the neighboring deaf-mutes.

Queer weather we are having—rain,
sleet, slush, mud, frost, and then the
same over again. we have had no
sledding yet.

Mrs. McClelland is at present visiting
her husband's relations, as her new
house is not quite ready for occupation.

Willie Kay's numerous friends around
here are very much pleased with his
long letters to the Mute, which are
freely discussed when any of the
pioneer pupils of the Institution happen
to meet. Your correspondent remembers
him well, very well indeed, owing
to the numerous kicks his ankles re-
ceived by Willie's defective vision,
causing him to take them for footballs.
I believe Mrs. McDevitt excused him on
the ground that Scotch feet were so big
it was small wonder they were mistaken
for footballs occasionally. We hope to
read many more of his letters, as friend
Willie was one of the boys that made
no enemies and hosts of friends. Hoping
that we will meet in the near future.

Miss Borthwick has been surrounded
by fires lately, nearly a quarter of a
million dollars worth of property having
gone up in smoke within a stone's throw
of her door.

Miss Jamieson paid little Miss Hunter
a visit. I believe she is in too delicate
a state of health to allow her to attend
school.

We hear that our old friend Jean
Baizana has at last obtained steady
employment.

RAGLAN NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

J. J. Ormiston and Frank Spinks
drove from Raglan to Toronto, a distance
of forty-five miles in five hours last
week. They attended the Sunday
morning service in the West Y. M. C. A.
Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McLaren are
comfortably settled in a little house of
their own in the village of Raglan.

J. J. Ormiston is in possession of a
100 acre farm and neat brick residence,
which stands on the C. P. R., two miles
above Myrtle Station. Of their eight
children, six boys and one girl are living,
all bright happy children possessing all
their faculties. Mr. Ormiston lost his
hearing through measles. His wife was
born deaf and has three deaf-mute
brothers and one sister. Living near
the railway, tramps are a nuisance by
their daily appearance at the door
begging food. Should a tramp use
violent language, the big faithful watch-
dog is ever ready to defend his master,
thus the tramp is careful to keep at
a safe distance. Mrs. Grace Mollatt,
James' sister, died in July last.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McLaren, of
Ogodee, were presented with twin boys
recently.

Nothing can constitute good breeding
which has not good nature for its foundation.—*Bulwer.*

It Pays.

It pays to wear a smiling face
And laugh or treat ice down,
For all our little trials wait
Our laughter, & ourrown
Beneath the smile of a smile
Our soul is well fade away
And melt the frost in early spring

It pays to make a worthy cause
By helping it, our own
To give the current of our lives
A true and honest life
It pays to comfort heavy hearts
Oppressed with ill despair,
And leave an sorrow-darkened life
One gleam of brightness there
It pays to give a helping hand
To eager, earnest youth
To live with all their waywardness,
Their courage and their truth
To strive with sympathy and love,
Their confidence to win
It pays to open wide the heart
And "let the sunshine in."

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

Duncan Morrison visited Hamilton
and spent a week with his aunt, Mrs.
Speece. He met Hedley Grant, who
conducts a harness shop in Dundas.
Mr. Grant still holds Sunday service
for the deaf. J. H. Newell comes a
long distance by train in order to be
present. Mr. Morrison left for Sarnia,
where he will stay the remainder of
the winter with his sister, Mrs. Samuel
Darrow, thence go to Spanish River,
when the mill is in operation.

H. Gilbert, an aged deaf-mute, sued
the Street Railway Company for \$1,000
damages for being rudely ejected from a
car when he was slow to pay his fare.
The jury gave him only \$25.

Neil McGillivray had his trunk broken
open and rifled of \$3.40 by a sneak
thief, while he was attending Sunday
service. The money belonged to the
Deaf-Mute Association, of which Neil is
treasurer.

Meals, spunks and vision were in
the city a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Fraser rejoice over
the birth of another daughter.

Richard W. Wills and Geo. McDonald,
of Uptergrove, made a flying visit to our
city last week.

Mrs. Harry Mason has recovered from
her illness.

Mr. Bridgen finds his time well occu-
pied evenings in training the elderly deaf-
mutes on Bible study at their homes.

Mr. Darney has heard from his
brother who moved to the Transvaal
Republic some months ago. Speaking
of the cost of living: the rent of
three rooms is five hundred dollars per
year, food—very high, one of our be-
cabbages costs fifty cents and a loaf of
bread 25c.

Among some of the choice deaf-mute
needle-women I must not forget Mrs.
David Hamby. She received a very
poor education, but her skill at fancy
work cannot be surpassed. She is quite
an old lady but still loves to spend her
spare moments in completing some new
pattern. It would be well for you to
save up all the old trinkets, small toys,
brass thimbles or reliques of childhood and
keep a bag to store them in. In Mrs.
Hamby's parlor stands a queer orna-
ment; upon close observation it is found
to be a mould of an old teapot or some
cast away vessel, this is covered thickly
with soft putty and the odds and ends
in the bag stuck over the mould till it is
completely covered up. There were arms
and feet of a doll, doll's head, marbles,
rings, and a horrid rusty buckle of three
score years ago. It was a pretty orna-
ment after all.

We regret to hear of the death of T.
H. Incz, father of Harry Incz. His
death was sudden, the result of a fall on
the slippery sidewalk. Harry is in
Manitoba at present.

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One principal reason why men are so
often useless is, that they divide and shift
their attention amongst a multiplicity of
objects and pursuits.—*Emmons.*

It matters not how good the plumbing
may be, the use of disinfectants is advisable.
The security will be greater if
every week disinfectants are liberally
used. One that costs but little and is
perfectly odorless, is made by dissolving
a heaping teaspoonful of nitrate of lead
in a quart of boiling water. This will
not stain. It costs about 3 cents, and if
it is thrown once week down the waste
pipes, it will be money well spent.
Other disinfectants may be prepared,
but something of the kind should be
used regularly on a certain day. If a
day for doing a thing is fixed, it generally
gets done; if "once a week" means any
day, it is often forgotten.

Report of Pupils' Standing.

Excellent, 10; Medium, 5;
Good, 7; Poor, 3.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1897

NAME OF PUPIL.	HEALTH.	CONDUCT.	APPLICATION.	IMPROVEMENT.	NAME OF PUPIL.				HEALTH.	CONDUCT.	APPLICATION.	IMPROVEMENT.
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Gladiator, Isabelle	10	10	10	7	Reid, Walter E.	10	7	7	7	7	7	7
Grey, Violet	10	5	10	10	Randall, Robert	10	7	10	7	7	7	7
Gilmour, Arthur	10	10	7	7	Rutherford, Jessie M.	10	7	7	7	7	7	7
Greene, Minnie May	10	10	8	3	Ronald, Eleanor F.	10	10	5	5	5	5	5
Howitt, Felicia	10	10	7	5	Russell, Mary Bell	10	7	10	10	10	10	10
Holt, Gertrude M.	10	10	10	10	Rielly, Mary	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Henry, George	10	7	5	7	Roth, Edwin	7	10	10	10	10	10	10
Henault, Charles H.	10	10	10	10	Roberts, Herbert	10	7	10	10	10	10	10
Hackbusch, Ernest	10	7	10	10	Smith, Maggie	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Harris, Frank E.	10	10	10	5	Schwartzentruber, Cath	10	10	7	5	5	5	5
Hartwick, Olive	10	10	7	7	Scott, Elizabeth	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Henderson, Annie M.	10	10	10	7	Swayze, Ethel	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Hill, Florence	10	10	10	7	Skilling, Ellen	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Head, Hartley J.	10	10	7	7	Sies, Albert	10	10	10	7	7	7	7
Hammell, Henrietta	10	10	10	10	Sager, Mabel Maud	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Holton, Charles McK.	10	10	10	7	Sager, Phoebe Ann	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Hertwick, James H.	10	10	7	7	Sager, Matilda B.	10	7	5	5	5	5	5
Henault, Honore	10	10	10	10	Sager, Hattie	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Harper, W. H.	10	10	10	10	Shilton, John T.	10	7	10	7	7	7	7
Henderson, Clara	10	10	10	10	Scott, Henry Percival	10	10	7	7	7	7	7
Ireland, Louis Elmer	10	7	8	3	Shannon, Ann Helena	10	7	7	7	7	7	7
Jaffray, Arthur H.	10	10	10	7	Scrimshaw, James S.	10	10	7	7	7	7	7
Justus, Ida May	5	10	-	-	Scott, Evan R.	10	7	5	5	5	5	5
James, Mary Theresa	10	10	10	10	Sedore, Ally	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Jones, Samuel	10	10	10	10	Sedore, Fred	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Johnston, Anetta	10	10	7	7	Smuck, Lloyd Leeland	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Kerser, Alfred B.	10	10	10	10	Showers, Annie	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
King, Joseph	10	5	5	5	Showers, Christina	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Kirk, John Albert	5	6	7	7	Showers, Mary	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Kaufman, Ve ta M.	10	10	10	10	Showers, Catherine	10	7	7	7	7	7	7
Kelly, James	10	10	10	10	Simpson, Alexander	10	7	10	10	10	10	10
Leguille, Marie	10	7	10	7	St Louis, Elizabeth	10	10	10	7	7	7	7
Leguille, Gilbert	10	10	10	10	Thompson, Mabel W.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Lemadeleine, M. L. J.	10	7	7	7	Thompson, Ethel M.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Leigh, Martha	10	10	10	10	Tracey, John M.	10	10	7	7	7	7	7
Lightfoot, William	10	10	10	7	Thompson, Beatrice A.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Leslie, Edward A.	10	10	10	7	Thomas, Maud	7	10	10	10	10	10	10
Lett, Thomas B.H.	10	10	10	10	Terrell, Frederick	7	10	10	10	10	10	10
Loughheed, William J.S.	10	10	10	10	Toselli, Harold	10	10	7	7	7	7	7
Lyon, Isabell	5	7	7	7	Taylor, Joseph F.	7	7	3	3	3	3	3
Isabell, Maxime	10	10	10	10	Tudhope, Laura May	10	10	5	5	5	5	5
Leguille, Albert	10	10	7	5	Vance, James Henry	10	10	7	7	7	7	7
Lavigne, George C.	10	10	10	10	Veitch, Margaret S.	10	10	7	7	7	7	7
Little, Or	10	10	10	10	Veitch, James	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Lewry, Charles	10	10	7	10	Veitch, Elizabeth	10	10	5	5	5	5	5
Laporte, Leon	10	7	10	10	Woods, Alberta May	10	10	10	7	7	7	7
Larabie, Albert	10	7	7	7	Wallace, George R.	7	10	10	10	10	10	10
Laniell, Cleophas	10	10	10	10	Wilson, Muirville P.	10	7	7	7	7	7	7
Love, Joseph F.	10	7	3	3	Watson, Mary L.	10	10	7	7	7	7	7
Lobsinger, Alexander	10	10	10	10	West, Francis A.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Law, Theodore	10	10	5	5	Wylie, Edith A.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Chatten, Elizabeth E.	10	7	7	7	Warner, Henry A.	10	5	7	7	7	7	7
Corrigan, Rose A.	7	10	10	10	Wickett, George W.	10	10	7	7	7	7	7
Clements, Henry	10	10	10	10	Waters, Marion A.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Cole, Amos Bowers	10	7	10	10	Woodley, Elizabeth	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Cummings, Bert	10	10	5	5	Watts, David Henry	10	7	5	5	5	5	5
Cunningham, Martha	10	7	10	7	Webb, Rosy Ann	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Clemenger, Ida	10	10	7	7	Walton, Allan	10	7	10	10	10	10	10
Cyr, Thomas	10	5	5	5	Wilson, Herbert	10	10	7	7	7	7	7
Croucher, John	10	10	5	5	Welch, Herbert	10	10	5	5	5	5	5
Cathcart, Cora	10	10	7	7	Young, Sarah Ann	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Cone, Benjamin D. C.	10	10	7	7	Young, George S.	10	10	7	7	7	7	7
Countryman, Harvey B.	10	7	7	7	Young, Rosita	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Carter, Stella Jane	10	10	5	5	Zimmerman, John C.	10	10	10	7	7	7	7
Dowar, Jessie Caroline	7	10	7	7								
Delaney, James	10	5	7	7								
Doyle, Francis E.	10	10	10	10								
Dool, Thomas Henry	10	10	10	10								
Dool, Charles Craig	10	10	10	10								
Dubois, Joseph	10	10	10	10								
Dixon, Ethel Irene	10	10	10	10								
Dund, Wm T.	10	10	10	7								
Derocher, Mary Ellen	10	10	10	7								
DeBellefontaine, Alme	10	10	10	10								
Duke, Etta	10	10	7	7								
Duncan, Walter F.	10	7	10	10								
Durno, Archibald	10	10	7	7								
Elliott, Cora Maud	10	10	10	10								
Elliott, Wilbur	10	10	10	10								
Edwards, Stephen R.	10	10	10	7								
Elliott, Mabel Victoria	10	7	10	7								
Esson, Margaret J.	10	10	10	10								
Ensninger, Robert	10	10	10	10								
Ensninger, Mary	10	10										

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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1897.

A recurring mystery of choice
To and one rejects, the inward voice
As mortal vision trace the end
To glory or to blackness trend
The stars of destiny no longer strike,
Your soul bear not all hours alike
Mountain streams a pebble may divide
Links to sand, that finds the eternal tide.

Orange Blossoms.

The rumour of the marriage of two of our old pupils, noticed in our last, we found to be correct. It took place on Dec. 10th. We clip the following account from the Guelph Mercury — "A

quiet but pleasant event took place at the residence of Mr. John Watt, 53 Preston St., Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, being the marriage of his eldest daughter, Miss Maggie Watt, to Mr. Chas. Golds. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. A. J. Martin, Miss Mary Watt acting as interpreter, in the presence of a few most intimate friends of the contracting parties. The bride entered the parlor leaving on the arm of her father, prettily attired in a white henrietta trimmed with lace, ribbon and pearl trimming, carrying a beautiful shower bouquet of hyacinths and simlax. The bridesmaid, Miss Frances Watt, sister of the bride, was prettily attired in cretan henrietta, trimmed with ribbon, and wearing a bouquet of hyacinths and simlax. Mr. Wm. Golds, brother of the groom, was a ushersman. Miss Sara Watt, the little maid of honor, looked pretty in white, carrying the ring in a little basket filled with marguerites and simlax. Guests to the number of twenty-five sat down to a nicely prepared luncheon, after which Mr. and Mrs. Golds left on the train east amid showers of rice and the best wishes of a number of friends, on a visit to friends in Toronto and Paris before returning to their home in Manitoba. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents, showing the high esteem in which she is held by her many friends."

We learn that the authorities of the Glasgow Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, in Scotland, have just finished a careful investigation of the real practical results of the pure oral, the pure manual and the combined systems, with the result that they have concluded emphatically in favor of the Combined System. Also they find the adult deaf educated from the pure oral method, or their speech and lip reading only among their intimate friends and relatives, and that employers do not have a preference whatever for the orally taught as over the manually taught. In industrial work accuracy is necessary and lip reading is found to be too inaccurate. They find, too, that the men who are taught by the manual system and learn articulation and lip reading do as well as those denied all signs, the reason being found in superior mental development and fitness of the sign using deaf. — *The Star.*

A widow mother of one of our boys writes to the Superintendent: "There is never a day of my life I do not thank you that there is such an institution as this where poor deaf children can be sent. I thank you most sincerely for your kindness and care of my boy."

HOME NEWS

FOR NEWS LOCAL & GENERAL

Eighteen degrees below zero was the lowest temperature recorded so far this winter and was reached last Sunday night.

Our pupils have a better rink for skating this winter than they ever had before, and plenty of pleasure and exercise is got out of it.

At last winter has descended upon us with all its old time vigor and frigidity, and the sound of the snow shovel is heard again in the land.

A couple of the boys have been confined to their rooms with a mild attack of chicken pox. Efforts have been made to isolate them and it is not likely to spread.

Several pupils who received sleighs for Christmas presents had begun to fear that they would have no use for them this season, but the recent snow-fall has given them a fine opportunity for that kind of sport.

A load of hay was brought in for the farm the other day and after being weighed, was taken in the direction of the stables. It, however, had been so badly loaded that it upset before they got there and had to be re-loaded.

On Monday evening last the Institution was in darkness, owing to the annual freeze-up of the gas pipes. All the lazy boys and girls, who do not like study, were of course rejoiced—but fortunately we have not many of that kind with us.

We hope la grippe will give us the go by this time. The remembrance of his last visit, when we had 200 on the sick list, and our classes demoralized for nearly a fortnight, is still fresh in our minds and we are not pining for a repetition of it.

Mr. Nurse was kept at home a few days last week on account of the somewhat serious illness of his wife. We are glad to know that she is now considerably better and is expected to recover. His little girl, Ethel, was also ill but is all right again.

The boys and girls had a fine spell of skating and ice-boating on the bay, for which purpose the ice was in prime condition, but the snow fall of last week put a stop to that kind of sport. However, the rink this year is a fine one and it is now being used to its utmost capacity.

One day passes here very much like another, leaving little to record. We know that many small things that go to make up our locality are of little account to those who have no connection with our school, but to those who have a dear little boy or girl here every little item is noticed, hence we pen them.

The Toronto papers report the death of T. H. Ince, Esq., barrister of that city. Mr. Ince was 70 years of age and while walking down to his office one morning he slipped on the icy pavement, falling heavily on his back and head. The fall resulted in his death on the 24th ult. He was the father of Harry Ince, an ex-pupil of our school, now in Manitoba.

PERSONALITIES.

Miss Walker is spending a few days with friends in Kingston.

Dr. Chamberlain paid an official visit to the Institution last week.

Rev. Mr. Cowpert, Baptist, paid the pupils of his denomination a visit last week. They were glad to see him.

Our old friend, Prof. Begg, now of the Texas School, gave the pupils there a magic lantern entertainment during Christmas week.

Mrs. Ross, daughter of Hon. G. A. Ross, who is at present the guest of her sister, Mrs. Cameron Brown, spent Monday last at the Institution.

Miss Metcalfe was confined to the house a few days by the prevailing la grippe, but this week was able again to be at her post. Her mother, also, has been suffering from the same complaint.

Mrs. W. A. Phillips, an old pupil, says she is very fond of reading the Canadian Mute, for from it she learns how many of her old friends are progressing. During last winter her grandparents, two aunts and one uncle died. Her friends are sorry to know that so many of her loved ones have been taken.

Henry White's mother, Mrs. Eliza White, of Toronto, aged 57 years, died at her daughter's residence, 23 Portland St., on Sunday Jan 10th. One daughter and four sons survive her. She was much respected.

Mr. G. W. Keith, son of our Mr. Keith, is the Honorable Minister of Finance in the new government formed in connection with the University Mock Parliament. He also gave a paper on the growth of the Galvanometer at the last meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society of the University.

Mr. Hazleton, of Delta, reports he is still doing well at his shop and has had a most successful Fall trade in his boot, shoe and rubber business. He sells as much factory made goods as the four general stores of Delta, and in addition, is very busy in his custom department for hand made work. His father left him a well established business and we are glad to see that he is carrying it forward so successfully.

Mr. Grant is back from Manitoba to see his friends and old school-mates. He has a beautiful farm out there and when he returns in the spring he probably will not go alone but will have a companion to share his home, as bachelorhood has lost its charms for him. Mr. Grant visited his old friends, Messrs. R. Pincombe and Gee, and spent a few days with each. Mr. Pincombe has one of the best appointed farms around Poplar Hill. He keeps a large number of cattle and has the best appliances for feeding and watering his stock. Apples have been plentiful there and Mr. J. Pincombe has dried forty bags of them. Mr. and Mrs. Gee spent the New Year with Mr. and Mrs. Pincombe.

Donations to Calcutta, India, School Fund.

Previously acknowledged	212 45
Tenemos Deaf mute Helpers	50 00
Sol D. Well, Buffalo	10 00
J. Cook, Winnipeg	25 00
Total to date Jan 16, 1897	\$163 50
acknowledged by Dr. E. M. Gallaudet to July 2nd, 1896	173 00
Total collected	600 00

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Measuring a Tree

The boy in the following story, borrowed from *Bright Jingles*, is described as never saying anything remarkable, as eating oatmeal in large quantities, chasing the cat, slamming the door, and otherwise conducting himself after the manner of boys, with the exception that he asks few questions and does much thinking. If he does not understand a thing, he whistles, which is not a bad habit—on some occasions.

There was much whistling in our yard one summer. It seemed to be an all summer performance. Near the end of the season, however, our boy announced the height of our tall maple to be thirty-three feet.

"Why, how do you know?" was the general question.

"Measured it."

"How?"

"Foot-rule and yardstick."

"You didn't climb that tall tree?" his mother asked, anxiously.

"No'm, I just found the length of the shadow, and measured that."

"But the length of the shadow changes."

"Yes'm, but twice a day the shadows are just as long as things themselves. I've been trying it all summer. I drove a stick into the ground, and when the shadow was just as long as the stick I knew that the shadow of the tree would be just as long as the tree, and that's thirty three feet."

"So that is what you have been whistling about all summer?"

"Did I whistle?" asked Tom.

In this day of close competition for employment that will afford a respectable living, the matter of industrial training is becoming more and more important. How necessary is it then that the authorities of our schools do all they can to improve the teaching of trades to the utmost limit, not only to stave off carping criticism but to afford each pupil an opportunity for mastering some useful occupation. Let us note and all be as earnest in looking after the material as we are the intellectual and moral welfare of those placed under our care.—*Lone Star Weekly*.

The Lamplighter.

Ellie was kneeling on a chair, one wet evening, staring into the street—one little plump cheek pressed close to the window pane—watching the lamplighter as he came down the street with quick swinging trot, holding his long rod with "the fire in the cage," as Ellie would have said,

The rain dripped from his oilskin cap and hat, but he went cheerfully on from lamp to lamp, leaving brightness behind him.

"I wish I was a lamp lighter," sighed Ellie.

"So may you be, if you like," said her mother, who was busy writing letters.

"I can't light the lamps, mother, you wouldn't let me, and I've nothing to do. It would be lovely to go about lighting lamps." "Very," said mother, "especially when you could, and ought to, be doing something. For instance lighting lamps."

"Where, mother, what lamps?"

"Yesterday you were cross and gloomy because the day was wet like this. Then Aunt Mary called and took you for a drive, and how bright and pleasant you got all in a moment! Don't you think Aunt Mary lit a lamp for you then by her kind thought?"

"Yes, mother, it was a very lovely surprise."

"Well, now, why couldn't you set off round the house and light up all the lamps you can find in the same way? I can see two at this moment waiting to be lit. Take that piece of flannel, airing in the fender, to the kitchen to poor Susan, who is bad with toothache, that is one lamp you can light."

"Then upstairs Grannie is sitting all alone waiting until I finish these letters and can go up to hold the wool she wants to wind. Do you see another lamp to be lit?"

"Yes, mother; to go up and hold Grannie's wool."

Ellie stood a moment thinking. Then taking the red flannel from the fender away she ran to Susan, who was standing against the kitchen-table with her hand to her face.

"Thank you, Miss Ellie," she said gratefully, as she pinned the flannel round her head. And the words sounded pleasantly in Ellie's ears as she climbed the stairs to where Grannie sat, all alone, with the skein of wool in her lap.

Kneeling on the footstool, Ellie spread out her fat fingers and Grannie caught the skein on her thumbs, and very soon it was all wound up into a big ball.

And Grannie's "Thank you, dearie," and hug and kiss, sent Ellie skipping away with a light heart.

"How did you like being a lamplighter?" asked mother, as she met her on the stairs.

"It was lovely, mother!" said Ellie, with a broad smile. "I lit two lamps."

"And I think you lit one for yourself too," said mother. "There must be a lamp lighting inside you to make your face so bright. It's name is 'happiness.' Nothing ever makes us so happy as doing something for others."—*Exchange.*

Advice to a Young Man.

Remember you have to work. Whether you handle a pick or a pen, a wheelbarrow or set of dishes, digging ditches, editing a paper or ringing an auction bell, you must work. If you look around you will see that the men who are the most able to live the rest of their days without work are the men who work the hardest. Don't be afraid of killing yourself with overwork. It is seldom done on the sunny side of thirty. They die sometimes, but it is because they quit work at 9 p. m. and don't get home until 2 a. m. It is the wasted interval of dissipation that does the harm. The work gives you an appetite for your meal; it lends solidity to your slumbers; it gives you a perfect and grateful appreciation of a holiday. There are men who do not work, but the world is not proud of them. It does not know their names, even, it simply speaks of them as "Old So-and-so's boys." Nobody cares for them; the great busy world doesn't know that they are there. So find out what you want to do and take off your coat and go at it. The busier you are the less harm you will be apt to get into, sweater will be your sleep, brighter and happier your holiday, and the better satisfied will the world be with you.—*Bob Burdette.*

Spoken Gently.

Speak gently! It is better far
To rule by love, than fear.
Speak gently - let no harsh words pass
The good we might do here.

Speak gently! Love doth whisper low
The souls that true hearts bind
And gently friendship's accents flow
Affection's voice is kind.

Speak gently to the little child
Its love be sure to gain
Teach it in accents soft and mild
It may not long remain.

Speak gently to the young, for they
Will have enough to bear
Pass through this life a test they may
Be full of anxious care.

Speak gently to the aged one,
Grieve not the careworn heart
The sands of life are nearly run
Let such in peace depart!

Speak gently kindly to the poor
Let no harsh tone be heard
They have enough, they must endure
Without a wounding word!

Speak gently to the erring, know
How frail are all bow vain
Perchance unkindness made them so
Oh, win them back again.

Speak gently - He who gave his life
To bend man's stubborn will
When elements were in fierce strife
Said to them "Peace, be still."

Speak gently! 'tis a little thing
Dropped in the heart's deep well
The good, the joy which it may bring
Eternity shall tell.

For FOREIGNERS

The Cold Snap while at School.

BY WILLIAM KAY, OIL SPRINGS,
An Old Pupil.

It is to be remembered that one year ago now I wrote an article concerning what happened at your school during the first cold snap, on account of the unexpected useless condition of the heating apparatus. I don't think it is out of place to write a few more notes about that event, but this will be the last of this kind, I think. One morning at day break, when I woke up, the first thing that struck me was the intense cold in the dormitory, so I speedily put on my clothes and hurried down stairs feeling very cold, and meeting one of the big boys in a hall, he at once seized my hand and I followed him to the dining-room where, to my relief, I found a large box stove. I almost danced with cold until my hands became warm enough to enable me to finish buttoning my vest and coat. That same evening, during supper-time, the boys were the last to sit down at a table in the room between the kitchen and the dining-room, the bread and butter were so cold that the servants had to make toast of them. I sat nearest to the foot of the table and could hardly control my emotions in waiting so long for my piece. There were no partitions then, except a frame one next to the kitchen, and no sculleries. The door leading to the latter was a window. The girls did up the dishes on the table in that room, and some small boys, appointed by Mr. Greene, did the duty of cleaning the knives and forks. For a time I was one of them, and do not remember who the others were, except Robert Sutton and James Braven. The Principal and the male teachers went on their rounds wearing heavy articles of clothing and covered their ears with scarfs. It was much to be wondered at that Mrs. Keegan, the Matron, and Mrs. Terrill, the only ladies, walked around without head wear, though they wore warm wants, but they were observed talking in high praises of some gallant boys who most willingly helped to make their quarters as warm and comfortable as possible. One day I saw Mrs. Terrill talking to Mr. Greene, saying how kind and good a boy Mr. McKillop was, a pupil then, and finally the appreciative lady said "I like him."

One morning Mrs. Terrill asked me to call Messrs. Coleman and Greene for breakfast, and told me where they slept. It was the supervisor's dormitory, so I went up stairs and when I opened the east door I beheld the poor cold teachers in bed against a wall of mattresses toward the north to protect them from the cold draughts. Mr. Coleman turned his face, looking pale and sad, and I signed "Mrs. Terrill," "breakfast," and at once shut the door with the sense of pity for the good

teachers. In fact Mr. Greene said quite indignantly that every morning he woke up, he found his moustache thick with icicles, and Mr. Coleman said gravely that he had to put on three pairs of socks and wondered if he was sent into Canada to be frozen.

I do not remember of any Sunday service except one, which was held in the housekeeper's old chamber, just opposite the matrons. All the pupils seated facing the south and Mr. Coleman conducted the service. The subject was the first lesson from Dr. Harvey Peet's Catechism, written on a slate easel.

Some men are strong.
God is powerful.
Some men are wise.
God is omniscient.

Mr. Greene made his first appearance on that Sunday, after having been confined to his room for several days with an attack of rheumatism in his back.

The heating apparatus started well in the girls' wing first, and so for several evenings the boys assembled in the west school room to study their lessons. At one time Mr. Coleman had to come in to stop the awful noises, one of his own pupils, the riotous boy Robert Sutton, was making. After a while when all the rest of the apparatus was in good working order, the boys moved to the east school room for play during the day and study in the evening. One evening Dr. Palmer, the Principal, and Mr. McGinn came in and asked all the boys to pick a slip of paper out of a hat, to find out whether they might move their beds out of that warm dormitory where the stove was kept, or remain there. My lot was to remain in that room. Sundays the boys spent the time quietly in the library and had the privilege of walking in the halls and east school room. The library was the one across from the Superintendent's office north.

"I'll Be a Gentleman."

Remember that you are polite to others, not because they are gentlemen but because you are one. The true gentleman is a gentle man everywhere, to all the women he meets because his mother or his sister is a woman and therefore he respects all women for her sake. He treats all men with courtesy, because although they may not be gentlemen themselves, he is one and will not lower himself to act as a tough or a rowdy does. It is surprising what a difference it makes in the treatment you will receive from others, here in this Institution, as well as outside of it. One of our young men, who does a great many errands for the families, is as polite and obliging as any one could wish. He lifts his hat when a young or old lady comes near him, opens the door quietly for her, helps her in a carriage and always answers politely when spoken to.

He is such a contrast to most of the young men and has such easy and engaging manners, that I feel sure he must have had a good mother. But even if you have been so unfortunate as to lose your kind mother or have never known a mother's advice and care, yet it is possible for you to be gentlemanly. If you are quiet in your talk and manners and show yourself trying to be a gentleman, there are many around you who will appreciate it and help you to do better, who will earnestly endeavor to aid you in many ways, and you will receive kind words and consideration from every one you come in contact with, who is himself a gentleman.

After all, saying "I'll be a gentleman" is only another way of saying "I'll be a man." To be honest, kind, obliging, thoughtful of others and unselfish, and what is all this but being a man in the fullest meaning of the word?

The world has lots of room for an honest, unselfish man. No matter how humble his work, neighbors will respect him and there will be many people who will love him for his integrity and good heart. We cannot spare the men who always have a kind word or an unselfish act for everybody.

They are few enough and poverty is no bar to prevent one from being a gentleman and a man. A kind heart and an unselfish nature may hide under the poorest rags.

The Nelson Miner says "When a man is abused by everybody all around it is more than probable that he has some very good points, points which pierce the vulnerable parts of his character. This is particularly so of a man holding any public office."

Sayings of Archbishop Whately

It is a folly to slaver for last year's snow.

Some things should be learned a little at each end.

The generality of mankind are as good and wise as the generality.

It is a folly to expect men to do all that they may reasonably be expected to do.

All men desire earnestly to have truth on their side, few to be on the side of truth.

Honesty is the best policy, but he who is governed by that maxim is not an honest man.

Smattering is applied to opposites; elementary knowledge and superficial knowledge.

Gay spirits are always spoken of as a sign of happiness, though every one knows to the contrary.

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3:30 p.m.
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4:30 p.m.
MAPLE AND PETERBOROUGH BRANCH 3:45 a.m.
4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

For Calcutta Deaf and Dumb School.

AN APPEAL

To the friends of the Deaf in Canada as well as the Teachers and Pupils in the Deaf Schools in Montreal, Halifax and St. John.

A. A. the deaf mutes and friends interested in deaf-mute education the world over are requested to respond to the appeal so as to assure the permanence of the school before the Bengal government can grant the aid needed. From the outwards will be most gratefully acknowledged.

The Calcutta Deaf School has been maintained for three years. It requires funds for its maintenance for a suitable house of its own, and for the gratuitous education of destitute deaf mute children. In every place where the number of deaf mutes is sufficient they may call a meeting to select from amongst themselves a reliable collector who shall receive subscriptions and forward the same to the undersigned.

As regards the Calcutta School see particulars in the Collector's letter in the CANADIAN MINE of Dec. 1st.

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