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The object of the Province in founding and maintaining this Institute is to afford education and 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 \$20 per year for board. Tuition, books and medical attendance will be furnished free.

Deaf mutes whose parents, guardians or friends are unable to pay, will be admitted free. Nothing must be furnished by parents or friends.

At the present time the trades of Printing, Carpentry and Shoemaking are taught to boys; the female pupils are instructed in general domestic work, Calicoing, Dress-making, Sewing, Knitting, the use of the Sewing Machine and such ornamental and fancy work as may be desirable.

It is hoped that all hearing, but deaf of late children will avail themselves of the benefits here offered by the Government in their education and improvement.

The Regular Annual School will be held on the second Wednesday in September, and closes the third Wednesday in June. For further information as to the terms of admission for pupils, etc., will be given upon application to me by letter or otherwise.

R. MATHISON,  
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## POETRY

### The Little Arm Chair

Nobody sits in the little arm chair  
It stands in a corner dim  
But a white haired mother gazes there  
And yearningly thinking of him  
Beneath the dust of long ago  
The libson of a long sweet face  
Who rocks merrily to and fro  
With a laugh that cheers the place  
Now comes he holds a book in hand  
Sometimes his little school slate  
And the lesson is hard to understand  
And the figures hard to mate  
But she sees the nod of a father's head  
So proud of his little son  
And she hears the words so often said  
So dear to our little one

The wonderful days the dear sweet days  
When a child with sunny hair  
Was new to a old, to kiss and to praise  
At her knee in the little chair  
But he has hied back in the busy year  
When the world caught the man  
And he straddles away past hopes and fears  
To his place in the battle's van

I can see and then in a wistful dream  
Like a picture out of date  
I see a head with a golden gleam  
Be it over a pencil and slate  
And he lives again the happy day  
The day of her young life's spring  
When the small arm chair stood just in the way  
The center of everything

## MISCELLANEOUS

### A Brave Battle.

I say Bess, I wish you wouldn't cry  
So hard, said Tom Sherwood tenderly  
To his invalid sister, on whose account  
He had just spent two long hours alone  
In the old attic fighting the hardest  
Battle of his life, a battle with self.  
More than once he had been tempted to  
Give up fighting, but the thought of a  
Little sister's sufferings had prevented  
And he did not leave the place till he  
Had ceased to blame his older brother  
For leaving him to settle the matter  
After the battle he settled to himself  
No longer a boy in thought and feeling  
And it was with unusual tenderness that  
He spoke to his sister, fully determining  
That she should never know how bitter  
His struggle had been.

It was scarcely a week since the three  
Children had been left alone in the  
World and the father's property was in  
Such a condition that it was doubtful if  
What came to them would more than  
Provide the barest necessities of life.  
From an uncle the two boys had each  
Inherited one thousand dollars, which  
Had been set aside for educational  
Purposes, and Mr. Sherwood had been  
Saving up a like amount to be used on  
His little daughter who was a terrible  
Sufferer from a trouble that would  
Follow her through life unless soon  
Relieved.

"Tom," said Bessie, sobbing between  
Her words, "I didn't mean to let you  
know, but when John told me before he  
Went back to college to-day that I  
Must go and live with old Miss Foley, I  
Just couldn't help it. O Tom, what  
shall I do when you go too?"

"See here Bess," said Tom putting  
his arms around her lovingly. "There's  
no use worrying over that any more.  
In the first place, I am not going away  
to study and the second place you must  
never live with Miss Foley if I can help  
it, so there."

"Not going to college, Tom, what do  
you mean?" Why, I believe ever since  
you were born you've wanted to be a  
doctor. Tom we've so often talked of  
your curing people like me, that I  
thought you would rather do that than  
anything else in the world, and there  
was a disappointed tone in her voice as  
she spoke.

"There is one thing I would rather  
do after all.  
What, Tom?"  
"I'd rather cure my sister than a

thousand others. Bess dear, don't you  
see the money that would teach me to  
cure others would cure you?"

Tom, said the child slowly and  
earnestly then stopped and looked at  
him at moment, as fresh tears gathered  
in her eyes. "do you really love me  
enough for all that, better than all the  
years of your life that are to come?"

Yes, dear," said Tom thinking of the  
battle in the attic and of the terrible  
struggle there had been to give up  
that future. He wondered now that it  
had been so hard.

"I can't let you do that, Tom," she  
said, "but it will make everything easier  
now just to think you were willing to do  
it."

"You can't help it, Bess, I've made  
up my mind fully on that point.  
Then what will you do, Tom, if you  
don't become a doctor?"

"Ah! There was where the worst of  
Tom's struggle had been, but he did not  
mean to have Bessie know it, so he said  
as lightly as he could. "Mr. Sterns  
offered me a place in his store to-day  
and I shall take it."

"But Tom, you hate business so.  
I can get used to that better than  
you to suffering all your life, Bess, don't  
you understand that I am so glad that  
I have the money for you?"

Bessie did not understand, and wind-  
ing her arms lovingly around his neck,  
she told him what she had never meant  
to have him know, that when John told  
her the money was gone that was to  
have been used to give her health and  
strength, she had lain awake all night,  
wondering if God would not let her die.

"You see, Tom," she said sadly, "I  
could not want to live and suffer for my-  
self and I thought you would not miss  
me because you would be at college  
and now O Tom, would you be sorry  
you used the money if, after all, I did  
not get well, she asked anxiously.

"Never, Bess, I would still thank  
God I had the money to try with."  
Oh Tom, Tom, I never thought  
you cared as much for me as that, but  
you know I can't let you do it."

"You can't help it, Bess, I must cure  
my little sister before I think about any  
one else."

Then Tom, said the child earnestly,  
"I do hope that some day you may be  
very glad. I shall ask God every day to  
make you so."

They were only a boy and a girl, but  
that day each learned to look on life  
more earnestly than before. Bessie  
allowed Tom to consult their guardian  
and to persuade him to see the great  
physician who thought he could do so  
much for her, but her little brain was  
busy for months after that with thoughts  
she kept to herself.

When she was almost entirely cured,  
her good physician found her one day in  
tears, and on questioning her learned  
something of her hopes for the future.  
She told him of Tom, how he had  
given up the ambitions of his whole life  
to make her well, and of how she had  
planned to work for him so he could  
study as he would like, but it would be  
so long to wait till she was big enough.

"We won't wait for that," said Dr.  
Taylor pleasantly. "The next time he  
comes we'll talk to him about it."

"Not now please, I don't know yet,  
you know." But I do," said the doctor,  
and when Tom came he questioned him  
and found that the ambition and aim  
he resigned had been as strong as any  
he ever had himself.

"Did you ever think," he said of  
borrowing the money with which to  
study?"

"It would be useless to think of that,  
said Tom. "I am so young, no one  
would trust me so long a time."

"Suppose I were willing to trust you?"  
"You sir," said Tom surprised.

"Yes, I found it necessary to borrow  
money myself when I was studying and  
I am willing to help you now. I may  
be glad to accept your assistance from  
time to time in part payment of your

debt. Your manner of curing your  
patient here convinces me you will some  
day be an honor to your profession."

Tom's eyes opened wide for a moment  
and then he looked troubled, and Dr.  
Taylor questioned him again.

"It's about Bess," he said. "You see  
while I am studying I can't do much to  
support her, and she may need more  
than she has."

"That you have already provided for.  
A week ago your guardian handed me a  
check for one thousand dollars, which I  
invested in a somewhat risky venture.  
Later I discovered where the money  
came from and immediately went to look  
for it, and found to my surprise that it  
had doubled itself. I could not think  
of using a cent of that for myself, Tom,  
after what you had done, so I invested  
the whole amount in your sister's name.  
If she does not have enough to live on  
from other sources while you are study-  
ing, she can draw on that; but I promise  
you that whatever happens she shall  
not suffer."

Tom tried to speak, but something  
choked him and looking round he found  
that Bessie was crying softly. Kneeling  
beside her, he let her tell him how happy  
she was.

"I just know you would be glad some  
time," she said, "but I didn't think of it  
so soon. Tom, if I thought I was not  
going to get well now, I shouldn't mind  
half so much. I couldn't mind any  
how you know, Tom," and she tried  
to smile behind the tears. "because  
I am sure you love me so well. Some  
day when you are a big doctor and have  
patients like me, I am going to help you  
take care of them, and I'll tell some of  
them how you cured your little sister,  
before you would learn to cure any one  
else, and it will make them love you so  
much more, but no one can ever love  
you as much as I do. O Tom—Tom—I  
am so proud of you!"—Christina In-  
quirer

### Personality of the Teacher.

It is encouraging to note the stress  
which is being laid in these days upon  
the personality of the teacher as a  
factor in the education of the child.  
It would be well if much that is written  
and spoken on this phase of the  
teacher's qualifications could be brought  
to the notice of boards of education and  
of others having to do with the selection  
of the teachers. There are many  
boards of education who are actuated  
by a sincere desire to secure none but  
the best teaching ability for the schools  
under their control, but who fail to  
appreciate the importance of those  
elements of character which exert so  
powerful an influence on the pupil in  
shaping his ideals of thought and  
conduct. If school committees and  
superintendents had a more vivid real-  
ization of Emerson's declaration that it  
makes very little difference what you  
study, but that it is in the highest degree  
important with whom you study, our  
class-rooms would all soon become  
centers of inspiration and power. The  
fruitful contact of soul with soul, not  
the results that are tested by examina-  
tions is the all important thing, though  
there are hundreds, we feel justified in  
saying thousands, of schools in which  
the success of the teacher is judged  
entirely by the number of pupils who  
pass the prescribed examinations for  
promotion from one grade to another.  
"There flows from the living teacher,"  
says Mr. Mabie, "a power which no  
text book can compass or contain—the  
power of liberating the imagination and  
setting the students free to become an  
original investigator. Text books sup-  
ply methods, information, and disci-  
pline, teachers impart the breath of life  
by giving its inspirations and impulse.  
How to get the public to appreciate  
these vital truths is not easy, and before  
we shall have a more enlightened public  
sentiment much missionary work must  
be done."—Journal of Pedagogy.



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First.—That a number of our pupils may learn type-setting, and from the knowledge obtained be able to earn a livelihood after they leave school.

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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### Summer Conventions.

Most people's experience fully verifies the saying that it is quite easy to get too much of even a good thing, and it seems to us that some of the educators of the deaf are trying to give us quite too much of this Convention business. In the first place most of the states and provinces have their local associations of the deaf, which, of course, have the first claim on the teachers' attention. Then there is that multo-fettered Association devoted specially to exclusive localism. Then there is the association of Principals, and then we have the all-inclusive Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf. These, in all conscience, would seem to be enough, but now an effort is being made to tack on a somewhat similar association as an appendix of the National Educational Society of the United States, which meets annually. Really, those who advocate this latter must get bigger salaries than most teachers, and moreover have very little work to do in earning them, if they have the means and the leisure to prepare for and to attend all these gatherings. It is very unreasonable to expect teachers to spend half their holidays—which they should, if they work as hard as some teachers we know of, be devoting to much-needed and well-earned rest and recuperation—and a good deal more than half of a year's savings, in gadding all over creation attending all sorts of Conventions. It seems to us that the interests of the deaf would be best conserved by having the attention of instructors of the deaf confined to the one convention, rather than to divide the attention and the efforts in the way proposed, for the meeting in connection with the N. E. S. can never hope to be more than a comparatively insignificant and little regarded "side show." Then, again, we don't

think the time selected for the Convention of American Instructors is a good one. The date for meeting is fixed for July 25th, which is likely to be the most sultry and disagreeable portion of the vacation, when most people would rather go up north in search of an iceberg than to approach any nearer to the Equator. Our preference would be to have the convention as early as possible in the holidays.

### Helen Keller.

Reports reached us sometime ago, that Helen Keller, the blind and deaf girl, of whom the greater number of the reading public have heard, had been removed from the Cambridge School for girls at Cambridge, Mass., where she had been preparing herself to enter Radcliff College. The reason that was given was a disagreement between her private governess, Miss Sullivan, and Mr Gilman the Director of the school, as to the length of time that was necessary to prepare Miss Keller for entrance into the college. It was made to appear that Miss Sullivan considered a lesser period of time necessary than did Mr Gilman. In view of the well established reputation of Mr Gilman as an educator, it is safe to assume that he would neither retard Helen's advancement, nor consent to force her beyond her power of endurance and his positive stand in this matter must be founded on a more deeply underlying cause than is made public.

The right and wrong of the question cannot be intelligently judged by outsiders who have not a full knowledge of both sides of the case nor an intimate acquaintance with those most directly concerned.

But to an interested onlooker and a student of Helen Keller's career, it appears a most unfortunate interruption of what promised to be a deeply interesting phase of her life.

Justice compels us to give Miss Sullivan the credit of having made Helen Keller what she is, by her infinite patience, marvellous adaptability and wonderful insight. Though through her charge Miss Sullivan has gained renown, Helen could scarcely have attained to the heights she has, without the guidance of this woman who has devoted so many years to her advancement.

While Miss Sullivan may now be over ambitious for her charge, she certainly is able to appreciate more fully than others the power of mental retention possessed by Helen, and knows more certainly how easily she assimilates and digests all knowledge that reaches her, in her imprisonment of darkness and silence. She has led her to the point where others can communicate with her but she is admittedly Helen's pillar of support.

No other person can enter into her life as her teacher has done, the interweaving of the two lives has been most wonderfully wrought as the years have slipped by. Helen's own ambition appears unlimited and having accomplished the wonders that she has, Miss Sullivan would seem to be justified in what she assumes is sufficient time for the attainment of Helen's preparation for entrance into a college.

Still it is possible for her to place too great an undertaking before her pupil, and persons who have had more experience in teaching and who have witnessed the effect of mental overwork may well hesitate to increased labor for an already much tried strength.

Mr Gilman has himself publicly acknowledged that she has "the most remarkable advantage of a concentration that the rest of us never know," also that he has "no difficulty in believing that she is able to accomplish any mental feat that is possible to woman." In view of

these expressions it would be peculiar if he should wish to keep her at his school twice as long as Miss Sullivan deems necessary. It is extremely doubtful if he would act hastily in such a matter and he must certainly have good and sufficient reasons for the action he has taken in this affair.

### Deaf-Mute Lawyers.

Our American contemporaries are making many complimentary references to the fact that a deaf mute was recently admitted to the bar in California. It seems that this is the first case of the kind in the States and many of the papers are in ecstasies of delight over the circumstance, and some boastfully aver that once again the great *pluribus unum* leads the procession. Bless their dear innocent hearts there are two deaf-mutes within a few miles of Belleville who are regularly graduated and be-gowned barristers. They were called to the bar a decade or more ago and since that time they have not only done a lucrative office practice but have frequently and successfully pleaded in court. We don't think anything of a little thing like that over here, but when it happens on the other side every paper published in the interests of the deaf in the Union has devoted from a stick to two or three columns to it.

What a grand thing, it is for the papers published in the interest of the deaf that there is an omniscient, infallible individual who is willing to devote his life to the duty of pointing out the errors made by others and in keeping poor, fallible editors in the line of rectitude. Such self-sacrificing efforts should be suitably rewarded with a great big club. Seriously, the individual referred to—whose name we do not give because it is quite unnecessary—evidently deems that he has a special mission to act as censor-at-large for the deaf mute press, yet there is not an editor, nor a contributor to, even the poorest of these papers who writes more unmitigated trash than this same individual.

The *Literary Society Monthly* is the name of a very neat and readable little six page journal edited and published by the Literary Society connected with the Michigan School for the Deaf. The copies so far received reflect credit on the good taste, enterprise and ability of the editorial staff.

The tables at the Kentucky Institution are already supplied with fresh garden "saw" grown by the gardener in charge. It would seem that there are some compensations for living even in the United States.

In the February *Annals* Mrs. Sylvia Chapin Bala, an honored graduate of this school and now a teacher in the Belleville School, Canada, has an excellent article on "The Deaf Child at School," an article by the way which should be widely read by teachers and officers of schools for the deaf. We believe with Mrs. Bala that officers and teachers should never strive to treat the children committed to their care with absolute impartiality. "Could these officers and teachers know all the heart burnings, jealousies, and intrigues their action gives rise to," says Mrs. Bala, "they would ever allow a suspicion of favoritism to gain ground from the treatment of those under their charge." The bright children should not have their superiority in that respect continually brought forward for parade, the dullards should never see the name seriously applied to themselves, nor made to feel their inferiority at every turn. "Those in authority, in and out of school, should be of one opinion on the subject, and no discrimination whatever should ever be shown, excepting possibly in the case of age or illness." —*New Era*.

### The Concord

By the rude bridge that arched  
Their flag to April's breeze  
Here once the unattainted  
And first the shot heard  
"The foe long since in silence  
Alike the conqueror-silent  
And thro' the falcon bridge  
Down the dark stream  
On this green bank by the  
We set to-day a votive stone  
That memory may this deed  
When like our oars our  
"Spirit that made those heroes  
To die and leave their children  
Bid Time and Nature gently  
The shaft we raise to their  
Hail!"

### The Halifax Institution.

In the Nova Scotia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in the Province, over which Mr. Parker presides so ably and successfully, referred to by some of the papers in the following eulogistic terms:

Hon. Mr. Phipps said he would draw the attention of hon. members to the fact that there had been a most valuable copy of the 10th annual report of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. This institution had been established in 1857 and incorporated in 1862. The report showed it to have been in a flourishing condition during the past year. The directors had acquired buildings, he noticed, a hospital, where any pupils taken sick with infectious diseases might receive attention. During the year, it would be noted, there had been in attendance in the school 98 pupils—62 boys and 36 girls. The health of the pupils had been good. It would be noticed that pupils from all parts of the Province. The institution received aid from the government of the Province it was greatly to be known it was in such a flourishing condition.

Hon. Dr. Parker said he would like to make a few remarks, as one of the directors of the institution referred to by his hon. friend, who had had almost all he (hon. Dr. P.) could say, except as to its internal management, of which he had necessarily a more intimate knowledge than his hon. friend could have. He believed it was a well managed institution, though he said it was not. He would urge hon. members while in the city, to call and examine the institution from attic to basement. He felt sure that, if they did so, they would be gratified. A very important educational process was being carried on there, and there was no lack of our community who should have attention paid to them more than the deaf and dumb. There were scattered all over the province many who should be in the institution. In the places where hon. members resided there might be some, and they should endeavor to spread the information contained in this small pamphlet among those whose attention required the instruction and training given in this institution. With regard to the hospital mentioned by his hon. friend, he might say that it had already prevented a contagious disease from spreading among the pupils. A member of the school had returned to his building being ready to be isolated, and that isolation prevented a single pupil contracting the disease. Two or three cases suspected of being diphtheritic had been isolated, but the disease had turned out fortunately not to be diphtheria. Some might think the cost of the hospital was large, between \$1,500 and \$1,600 for a single year they might without any occasion to pay directly and indirectly all that it cost for want of it. There was also a health producing establishment in the basement, which hon. gentlemen would see on visiting the institution, a swimming bath, large enough for the children to take a bath and so on. It was a source of great benefit, as well as a promoter of cleanliness. It was the gift of a gentleman of South Hill, whose child had been in the institution. The gentleman would have the money to establish a bath, and it was named in memory of his child. He (Hon. Dr. P.) trusted that hon. members would not only read them, but enable their neighbors to know what was being done to educate the deaf mutes of the province. He made these few remarks in order that hon. gentlemen would be induced to make known the value of this institution.

## Some Day—Some Day.

How many tearful eyes  
catching for the dawning light  
faces toward the skies  
weary of the night!

Falling prayers that reel  
upward toward the storm  
outstretched hands that reach and feel  
measure true and warm

Hearts whose crimson wine  
washed to a purple stain,  
dried and streaked with drops of brine  
in the lips of pain

Come to them, those weary ones  
who still must bide awhile,  
longer yet the hope that runs  
fore Thy coming smile

Go and find them where they wait  
summer winds blow down that way  
they long for soon or late,  
sing round to them—some day!

James Whitcomb Riley

## PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Girls' Side of the Institution.

BY ANNIE BLACKBURN.

Oh! how glad we are to see spring  
coming again!

The maple trees are beginning to  
shed out their tiny buds, which shows  
that the saps are in circulation.

The snow is nearly all gone and in  
many places the grass, which has been  
under all winter, is quite green.

On the 8th inst. Miss M. Baragar  
was very much delighted to have a  
visit from her father and cousin.

Recently Stella Carter was astonished  
to receive a photograph of her brother  
George. She was highly pleased with it.

The girls are beginning to rise early  
in the morning and take a walk and get  
their appetites and rosy cheeks before  
breakfast.

The 10th inst. was Miss Ada James  
birthday. She received some addresses  
and valuable presents, which she highly  
appreciated. We all wish her many  
happy returns of the anniversary.

The W. F. M. S. of Kingston Pres-  
tery held their Annual Meeting in  
Belleville last week and during their stay  
many of the delegates visited the Institu-  
tion and seemed to be highly pleased.

This spring-like weather makes us  
think about the time for house-cleaning  
at home and we girls would like to be  
able to help our mothers and sisters.  
Some of us will be there to help another  
day.

The 8th inst. was Mrs. Bais' birth-  
day. Mr. Bais' pupils gave her a nice  
address. We wish to extend our hearty  
congratulations and hope she may long  
see many happy returns of the  
anniversary of her birth.

On the 1st inst., Mr. Mathison took  
Misses Maud Thomas and Ethel Dixon  
on a drive into Sidney. They said they  
enjoyed the pleasant ride. It was very  
kind of Mr. Mathison. Miss Ethel had  
been sick for three weeks but she has  
recovered her strength.

Two Saturdays ago Miss Anne  
Henderson and the writer made a call  
on Miss Eva Irwin and enjoyed a pleas-  
ant afternoon with her. Miss Eva said  
she felt much better, but she still had a  
bad cough. We trust the spring and  
summer will fully restore her health.

## TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent.

The reporter's lot is a hard one. Re-  
cently your Toronto correspondent re-  
fused to send any items for one issue of  
his *Mere*. On its arrival the entire  
leaf mute public of the city were up in  
arms, and he felt like a horse thief with  
a whole western township population  
after him. He promised not to do it  
again and got off, thankful that his neck  
at least was safe and no bones broken  
by an excess of repentant zeal he last  
time by a few remarks on the bike. At-  
tempted a little literary decoration to  
the grave and momentous affairs of the  
Queen City. He has since been told he  
ought just as well have written it in  
Prose, that it was of no mortal men-  
tal, moral or mythical value whatever to  
our respectable and intelligent com-  
munity. One gentleman said the re-  
porter's efforts were worth as little as  
such scented sugar, another ended a  
serious remonstrance with the crushing  
remark that the writer's morality here  
is little proportion to his literary gun-  
nacks as Falstaff's half-penny worth of  
bread bore to his gallon of sack, and  
repeated with scorn his plea that the  
weight of a club lay in its heavy end.  
Still another kind-natured friend said  
that for hitting anything to any purpose

the writer did as well as a woman bring  
a stone. The reporter got mad and  
having lightened the last man's way  
down stairs with a piece of cordwood,  
reflected and thinks he has hit some-  
thing this time.

1. Boys have money in a bank before  
you buy a bike.

2. Boys, to buy a bike and save nothing  
is wrong.

3. Boys, if a bike race is good for you,  
a ride in the country is good for your  
wife.

4. Boys, if you ask a girl to a ride who  
has no bike, see that you pay for the  
hire of her wheel.

5. Boys, don't steal for your bike.

6. Boys, if you ride your bike on Sun-  
day and forsake the Gospel service,  
you are on the devil's road.

7. Boys, remember a good bike may  
tempt a poor man a long way down a  
bad road.

The most striking event in our annual  
since last report was a surprise party  
arranged with the usual care to come  
off without too much surprise and dis-  
may to the friends invaded. We are  
not good conspirators, some weak soul  
amongst us is sure to let the cat out of  
the bag in good time beforehand. So  
when about 30 deaf mutes marched in  
procession to surprise friend P. Fraser,  
on his wife's birthday, Friday the 24th  
ult., we found an ample preparation of  
good things to meet our attack. The  
procession aroused the attention of the  
police and population of the neighbor-  
hood, as half a dozen good chairs head-  
ed the crowd on the heads of as many  
mutes. After the presentation and the  
genuine thanks, a unique entertainment  
followed, in the preparation of which  
Messrs. Wilson and Elliott had given  
much time and pains. A series of shadow  
scenes represented with much skill  
and vigor, the operations of a Chinese  
restaurant with the rats, dogs, fowls,  
spiders and other Chinese delicacies,  
and the sawing open of the customer  
who had eaten beyond his powers to pay  
and the extraction of his feast. A cap-  
ital rendering was given of a Jewish  
unser and his torture by the pulling out  
of half a dozen teeth in succession to  
extort his ill gotten wealth. A third  
scene was a vivid representation of an  
Indian massacre and a war dance.  
Some little hits were given at friends  
present and the entertainment, which  
did great credit to the ingenuity of its  
performers, closed with much applause.

As far as your correspondent has been  
able to ascertain the deaf of the city  
are well satisfied with the selection  
made for holding the next Convention.  
Though a few would perhaps have pre-  
ferred another place we are sure they  
are willing to waive all selfish ends for  
the good of the majority who will attend.  
So now there is nothing left to be done  
but for each to try and make the Con-  
vention more profitable, instructive and in-  
teresting than any of its predecessors.

After a lapse of a month or two, owing  
to the late social and various other  
causes, the usual monthly meetings will  
be resumed at Mr. Bridgen's residence,  
on Rose Ave. next Saturday evening, the  
12th inst. when a debate will take place  
on the subject. Resolved that the  
marriage of the deaf with each other is  
preferable to the marriage of the deaf  
with the hearing. Mr. P. Fraser will  
lead the affirmative side while Mr. R.  
Slater will have the negative. The de-  
bate will be open. A very interesting  
time is expected.

The Doreas Society has had regular  
weekly meetings since it was formed  
and much good has been done. The  
meetings are well attended and have  
been a pleasure as well as profitable.  
Much credit is due to a few who take an  
enthusiastic interest in it and have done  
much to make it a success.

Since Miss M. Campbell came to the  
city she has made herself very helpful  
at the meetings, in the way of singing  
hymns. Her graceful renderings are  
much appreciated.

Mr. Nasmith has gone to New York  
on business in connection with his new  
store shortly to be opened. We expect  
it will eclipse all the others for elegance  
and enterprise.

We have been missing Miss Nellie  
Cunningham of Oakville for quite a  
while, but were pleased to meet her  
again the other day. We understand  
she will be in the city for a couple of  
weeks. We wish it were years. Her  
face is always as welcome as the summer  
sunshine.

Owing to the absence of Miss A. Fraser  
from the city on Sunday, Miss M. Slater  
agreeably filled her place as interpreter.  
There was a large attendance.

## A Cup of Cold water.

By Mrs. Geo. Hoon formerly of Belleville, in  
The Lone Star Weekly, Texas.

How bright and clear and sparkling it  
is—this cup of cold water! Cool, re-  
freshing and leaves no sting behind.  
To us, it is the merest trifle, but we can  
all imagine circumstances under which  
it might be of priceless value. How  
grateful to the lips of a fever stricken  
patient! How longed for in the desert  
with nothing but dry sand to gaze upon!  
There are famous incidents in human  
history relating to it, and above all the  
Saviour himself took the cup of cold  
water to illustrate a truth of great im-  
portance.

In the Old Testament Scripture we  
read of David's cup of cold water. Three  
of his mightiest captains came down to  
him when the Philistines were encamp-  
ed in the valley of Rephaim, and while  
they were discussing the war, David  
longed and said, "Oh that some one  
would give me a drink of the water of  
the well of Bethlehem, which is by the  
gate." And the three mighty men broke  
through the enemy's camp and drew  
water out of the well by the gate and  
brought it to David. He would not  
drink of it but poured it out unto the  
Lord, saying, "Be it far from me, O  
Lord, that I should do this: is not this  
the blood of the men that went in jeo-  
pardy of their lives. What a scene of  
bravery, generosity and self-denial for a  
drink of cold water! The hard pressed  
king remembers how much refreshment  
a drink from that well gave him when  
he was a shepherd tending his father's  
flocks, and the three mighty men show  
their love for him by risking their lives  
to gratify his desire. Then he would  
not drink it. Some might think this  
unkind and wasteful, but David had  
regard for the moral quality of acts and  
in dealing with the spirit and conscience  
it shows his noble power of self-denial,  
and his love to the Lord.

Plutarch tells a very pretty story of  
Alexander the Great. He was in hot  
pursuit of Darius after a great battle.  
It was long and laborious and his men  
were quite worn out, and suffering  
from want of water. They met some  
Macedonians carrying water to their  
children, in skins upon the backs of some  
mules. When these men saw that Alex-  
ander was overpowered with thirst, they  
filled a helmet with water and handed  
it to him. The king took it, but as he  
glanced around and saw the thirsty eyes  
of his horsemen bent on the water, he  
did not taste it but handed it to those  
around him. "They will all become  
faint and weary," he said, "if I drink it  
by myself." The soldiers, when they  
witnessed the noble act shouted out  
that he should lead them forward and  
that they should feel neither thirst nor  
fatigue under such a leader. Such acts  
as this have raised Alexander far above  
the level of vulgar conquerors who have  
won their glory by the sword and  
cruelty.

Sir Philip Sidney the author of  
Arcadia, was employed in the Low  
Countries under his uncle, the Earl  
of Leicester, in giving all the help  
that Queen Elizabeth could afford to  
the persecuted Protestants in their  
resistance to Philip of Spain. At the  
battle of Zutphen it is said that a cup  
of cold water was brought to Sir Philip  
when he was mortally wounded. He  
was raising it to his lips when he notice  
a wounded soldier near him who was  
looking at it with longing eyes. "Give  
it to him," said the noble Englishman,  
"his necessity is greater than mine."  
It is said that the elective crown of  
Poland was offered to Sir Philip, but  
this act has covered him with more  
enduring honor.

What a touching story is told of  
Martin Luther and Duke John of Sax-  
ony! One day Luther had come home  
weary from the Diet where all day long  
he had been confronting his accusers.  
He was very worn and tired. A page  
met him on the threshold, and handed  
him a goblet containing some refreshing  
beverage. The great Reformer took it  
in his hand and presently said, "As  
your master has remembered me in my  
time of trouble, so may the Lord Jesus  
Christ remember him in the hour of his  
death. Years passed away and the  
good Duke was lying on his dying bed.  
In his weariness and helplessness he  
looked towards an attendant and asked  
him to read a Scripture. The Bible  
was opened and these words were first  
read: "And whosoever shall give to  
drink unto one of these little ones a cup  
of cold water only in the name of a  
disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall

in no wise lose his reward." There is  
no doubt that this sweet promise gave  
him a foretaste of the reward to which  
he was hastening.

And the cup of cold water may still be  
given—given to the little one in the  
name of a disciple. What a greatness  
there may be in little things, what a  
wealth in poor things!

If the pity and courtesy shown in the  
offering of a cup of cold water be owned  
and blessed of God, how much greater  
the reward for each greater act of kind-  
ness and self-denial.

## THE MACKAY INSTITUTION.

From our own Correspondent.

We can hardly realize yet that spring  
is here. The weather for the past few  
days has been simply perfect, although  
of course the roads are in a very bad  
condition. Our rink, which has been a  
source of great pleasure to all, is now a  
thing of the past. We shall miss it very  
much especially as it will be some time  
before the snow, of which we have more  
than usual this winter, disappears and  
we are able to use our play-ground for  
tennis, lacrosse, etc. While the ice was  
in good condition we had a fancy dress  
carnival, which was very much enjoyed  
by all. The rink was lighted by rows of  
Chinese lanterns which, with the many  
brilliant costumes, made the scene a  
very bright and attractive one. Many  
people driving past the Institution  
stopped to watch it for a few minutes.

Our President, Mr. F. Wolfertau  
Thomas, has lately returned from his  
trip to Vancouver, B. C. He came out  
a few days ago and gave us a short but  
interesting account of his journey.  
When leaving he gave our Superintendent,  
Mrs. Ashcroft, ten dollars for a  
treat for the pupils, who have decided  
that they would like an oyster supper  
and will have it to-morrow evening.  
Another friend, Miss Dow, also left five  
dollars for the treat.

We have a very unexpected but  
welcome visitor with us at present.  
Mrs. Forster arrived from Kingston on  
Friday evening and will spend a few  
days with Mrs. Ashcroft. She is a  
great favorite with everyone here and  
we regret that her stay amongst us will  
be so short.

Every one in the Institution is well.  
There will be no holidays given at  
Easter and very shortly afterward our  
annual examinations will take place as  
some of our older pupils are obliged to  
leave early to go to their work on  
farms.

March 8th, 1888.

## DETROIT NEWS.

From our own Correspondent.

The following was copied from the  
Port Huron Daily Times, Feb. 28th:—  
"Richard Schuler, a deaf mute residing  
on Lapier plank road, near Woodland  
cemetery, while coming to Port Huron  
on Sunday morning was struck by a  
Grand Trunk light engine as he was  
crossing the track above Ullenburch's  
greenhouse. The engineer blew his  
whistle and expecting the man to step  
aside did not stop the engine until too  
late to avoid the accident. Schuler  
was thrown forward and mangled  
beneath the wheels of the engine, one  
leg was entirely severed at the knee  
and the other remained attached by a  
single thread of skin. The skull was  
badly fractured. Schuler was taken to  
the Hospital and Homo and Drs.  
Lohrstorfer and Patrick were called  
and dressed his wounds and amputated  
one leg. The unfortunate man did not  
recover consciousness and died at nine  
o'clock in the evening. His remains  
were taken to Kelly's undertaking  
rooms and an inquest held. Schuler  
was a single man and resided with his  
mother."

Richard Schuler was a pupil at  
Belleville and left here about ten or  
twelve years ago.

It is very strange how some are saved  
from death in one way only to meet it  
in another, later on. A deaf gentleman  
whose house is in Port Huron and who  
was well acquainted with Mr. Schuler,  
told the writer a few days ago that it  
was only last December that Mr.  
Schuler escaped death by drowning.  
He was out walking and all of a sudden  
found himself in a well with seven feet  
of water in it. His cry for help brought  
some ladies who were near by and they  
managed to get him out. Had it not  
been for their help he would probably  
have met his death then.

# Report of Pupils' Standing.

Excellent, 10; Medium, 8;  
Good, 7; Poor, 6.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1898

NAME OF PUPIL.	HEALTH.	CONDUCT.	APPLICATION.	IMPROVEMENT.
Armstrong, Jarvis H	10	10	10	10
Annable, Alva H	10	10	10	10
Alden, Ethel Victoria	10	10	10	10
Allendorf, Anna May	10	10	10	10
Bracken, Sarah Maud	10	10	10	10
Ball, Fanny S	7	10	10	10
Brazier, Eunice Ann	10	10	10	10
Benoit, Rosa	10	10	10	10
Brown, Wilson	10	10	10	10
Burtell, Francis	10	10	10	10
Bain, William	10	10	10	10
Burke, Edith	10	10	10	10
Blackburn, Annie M	10	10	10	10
Barnett, Elmer L	10	10	10	10
Brown, Eva Jane	10	10	10	10
Bellamy, George	10	10	10	10
Burke, Mabel	10	10	10	10
Bourlean, Bononi	10	10	10	10
Bartley, John S	10	10	10	10
Brown, Sarah Maria	10	10	10	10
Babcock, Ida E	10	10	10	10
Barnard, Fred	10	10	10	10
Billing, William E	10	10	10	10
Baragar, George H	10	10	10	10
Brown, Mary Louisa	10	10	10	10
Boomer, Duncan	10	10	10	10
Bissell, Thomas E	10	10	10	10
Brackenborough, Robt	10	10	10	10
Brauncombe, F. M	10	10	10	10
Baragar, Martha	7	10	10	10
Barnett, Gerald	10	10	10	10
Beno, Richard	10	10	10	10
Burk, Elsie	10	10	10	10
Brown, Da R	10	7	3	3
Chantler, Fauny	10	7	7	7
Chantler, Thomas	10	7	7	7
Cuningham, May A	10	10	10	10
Charbonneau, Leon	10	10	10	10
Cornish, William	10	10	10	10
Carter, Melvin	10	10	10	10
Cullen, Arthur F	10	10	10	10
Crowder, Vasco	10	10	10	10
Crough, John E	10	10	10	10
Chatten, Elizabeth E	10	10	10	10
Corrigan, Rose A	10	10	10	10
Clements, Henry	10	10	10	10
Cole, Amos Bowers	10	10	10	10
Cunningham, Martha	10	10	10	10
Clemenger, Ida	10	10	10	10
Cyr, Thomas	10	10	10	10
Croucher, John	10	10	10	10
Cathcart, Cora	10	10	10	10
Cone, Benjamin D. C	10	10	10	10
Countryman, Harvey B	10	10	10	10
Carler, Stella Jane	10	10	10	10
Clark, Adeline	10	10	10	10
Dowar, Jessie Carolina	10	7	10	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	7	10	10	10
Dand, Wm. T	10	10	10	10
Dalo, Minnie M	10	10	10	10
Derocher, Mary Ellen	10	10	10	10
Duko, Ettie	10	10	10	10
Duncan, Walter F	10	7	7	5
Durno, Archibald	10	10	10	10
Deary, Joseph	10	7	7	7
Elliott, Cora Maud	10	3	10	10
Elliott, Wilbur	10	3	10	10
Edwards, Stephen R	10	7	10	10
Elliott, Mabel Victoria	10	10	10	10
Esou, Margaret J	10	7	10	10
Ensinger, Robert	10	10	10	10
Ensinger, Mary	10	10	10	10
Fairbairn, Georgina	10	10	10	7
Forgette, Harrietas	10	10	10	7
Forgette, Joseph	10	10	10	10
Fretz, Beatrice	10	10	10	10
Forgette, Mariou	10	10	10	10
Farnham, Leona	10	10	10	10
French, Charles	10	10	7	5
Ford, Charles Ray	10	10	10	10
Flaming, Daniel W	10	7	7	7
Gilleland, Annie M	10	10	10	10
Gray, William	10	7	7	7
Gray, William E	10	10	10	10
Gerow, Daniel	10	10	10	10
Gies, Albert E	10	10	10	10
Goetz, Sarah	10	10	10	10
Goetz, Eva	10	10	10	7
Grooms, Harry F	10	10	10	10
Goose, Fidelia	10	10	10	10
Gillan, Walter	10	10	7	7
Groen, Thomas	10	10	10	10
Gladiator, Isabelle	10	10	7	5

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Gray, Violet	10	10	10	10
Gelineau, Arthur	10	7	7	7
Greene, Minnie May	10	10	10	10
Gordon, Daniel	10	7	10	10
Gummo, Gertrude	10	10	10	7
Howitt, Felicia	10	10	10	7
Holt, Gertrude M	10	10	10	10
Henry, George	10	7	7	5
Henault, Charles H	10	10	7	7
Harris, Frank E	10	10	10	7
Hartwick, Olive	10	7	10	7
Henderson, Annie M	7	10	10	10
Hill, Florence	7	10	10	10
Head, Hartley J	3	3	3	3
Hammell, Henrietta	10	10	10	7
Hartwick, James H	10	7	7	7
Henault, Honore	10	10	10	10
Harper, William	10	10	10	10
Henderson, Clara	10	10	10	10
Harris, Carl	10	7	7	7
Hugen, William	10	7	7	7
Harper, Marion	10	10	10	7
Ireland, Louis Elmer	10	10	5	5
Jaffray, Arthur H	10	10	10	10
Justus, Ida May	7	10	10	10
James, Mary Theresa	10	10	10	7
Jones, Samuel	10	10	10	10
Johnston, Aucta	10	10	10	10
Jackson, Lroy	10	7	7	10
King, Joseph	10	7	10	7
Kirk, John Albert	10	10	10	7
Kaufmann, Vesta M.	10	10	10	5
Kelly, James	10	7	7	7
Kraemer, Johana	10	10	10	7
Kennedy, Christy	10	10	5	5
Leguillo, Marie	10	7	10	7
Leguillo, Gilbert	10	7	10	10
Lemadelmo, M. L. J	7	7	10	10
Lugh, Martha	10	10	10	10
Lightfoot, William	10	10	10	10
Leslie, Edward A	10	10	10	10
Lott, Thomas B. H	10	10	10	10
Loughheed, William J S	10	10	10	10
Lyon, Sarah	10	7	10	10
Labelle, Maximo	10	10	10	10
Leit, Wm Putman	10	10	10	10
Lawson, Albert E	10	10	10	10
Lowe, George C	7	7	10	10
Little, Grace	10	10	7	7
Lowry, Charles	10	10	10	7
Lapointe, Leon	10	10	10	10
Larabie, Albert	10	10	7	7
Lanell, Cleophas	10	10	10	7
Love, Joseph F	10	10	3	3
Lobsinger, Alexander	10	7	7	7
Law, Theodore	10	7	7	7
Lovesque, Joseph	10	10	10	7
Muckle, Grace	10	10	10	7
Mitchell, Colm	10	7	10	7
Mapes, John Michael	10	7	10	7
Morton, Robert M	10	10	10	10
Mosey, Ellen Loretta	10	10	10	10
Mason, Lucy Ermina	10	10	7	5
Myers, Mary O	10	10	7	7
Moore, George H	10	7	7	7
Moore, Rose Ann	10	10	10	7
Milcr, Annie	10	10	5	5
Moore, Walter B	10	5	5	5
Miller, Jane	10	7	10	7
Munroe, Mary	10	10	5	5
Munroe, John	10	10	7	7
Maitre, James	10	10	10	10
Murphy, Hortense	10	10	10	10
Moss, Susan Maud	10	10	3	3
Maas, Anna Maria	10	7	3	3
McBride, Hamilton	10	7	5	5
McKay, Mary Louisa	10	10	10	7
McKay, Thomas J	10	7	7	7
McGregor, Maxwell	10	10	10	10
McCormick, May P	10	10	10	10
McKenzie, Angus	10	10	7	7
McKenzie, Margaret	10	10	7	7
McCarthy, Eugene	10	7	10	7
McMaster, Robert	10	10	10	10
McKenzie, Herbert	10	10	10	7
Nahnang, Allen	10	10	10	10
Noonan, Maggie	10	10	10	7
Orser, Orval E	10	7	7	7
Orth, Elizabeth	10	10	10	7
Orr, James P	10	10	10	7
O'Neil, Ignatius David	10	7	7	7
O'Connor, Mary B	10	10	10	10
Otto, Charles Edward	10	10	5	5
Perry, Algo Earl	10	10	10	7
Pepper, George	10	10	10	7
Pinder, Clarence	10	10	7	7
Pilling, Gertrude	10	10	10	7
Perry, Frederic R	7	7	10	7
Pilon, Athanase	10	10	10	7
Piereo, Cora May	10	7	10	10
Pringle, Murray Hill	10	10	10	10
Parrent, Sophie	10	5	10	7
Quick, Angus R	10	10	10	10

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Rebore, William	10	10	10	10
Roonoy, Frances Peter	10	7	10	7
Rutherford, Emma	10	7	10	10
Reid, Walter E	10	10	10	7
Randall, Robert	10	10	10	10
Rutherford, Jessie M	10	10	10	10
Ronald, Eleanor F	10	10	10	10
Russell, Mary Bell	10	10	5	5
Rielly, Mary	10	10	10	10
Roth, Edwin	10	10	10	10
Smith, Maggie	10	10	10	7
Scott, Elizabeth	10	10	10	5
Skilling, Ellen	10	10	10	10
Stoss, Albert	10	10	10	7
Sager, Mabel Maud	10	10	10	7
Sager, Matilda B	10	10	10	7
Sager, Hattie	10	10	10	7
Shilton, John T	10	10	10	10
Scott, Henry Percival	10	10	5	7
Shannon, Ann Helena	10	10	10	5
Sermsshaw, James S	10	7	5	5
Sedore, Fred	10	10	5	5
Smuck, Lloyd Leeland	10	10	10	7
Showers, Anne	10	10	10	7
Showers, Christina	10	10	10	7
Showers, Mary	10	10	10	7
Showers, Catherine	10	10	10	7
Simpson, Alexander	10	6	7	5
St Louis, Elizabeth	10	10	10	10
Smith, Alfred	10	7	7	7
Sager, Phoebe	10	10	10	10
Sedore, Bertha	10	10	5	5
Sermons, Elizabeth	10	10	10	10
Thompson, Mabel W	10	10	10	10
Thompson, Ethel M	10	10	10	10
Tracey, John M	10	10	10	7
Thompson, Beatrice A	10	5	10	10
Thomas, Maud	7	10	10	10
Terrill, Frederick	10	7	10	10
Tossell, Harold	10	7	5	5
Taylor, Joseph F	10	7	7	7
Tudhope, Laura May	10	10	10	10
Teskey, Lula	10	10	10	10
Vauce, James Henry	10	10	10	7
Veitch, Margaret S	10	5	10	7
Veitch, James	10	10	10	10
Veitch, Elizabeth	10	10	5	5
Woods, Alberta May	10	10	10	10
Wallace, George R	7	10	10	7
Wilson, Murville P	10	7	10	7
Watson, Mary L	10	10	7	7
West, Francis A	10	7	10	10
Wyhe, Edith A	10	10	10	10
Warner, Henry A	10	10	7	7
Wickett, George W	10	10	7	7
Waters, Marion A	10	10	10	10
Woodley, Elizabeth	10	10	10	10
Watts, David Henry	10	7	7	7
Webb, Rosoy Ann	10	10	10	5
Walton Allan	10	7	10	10
Wilson, Herbert	10	10	10	10
Welch, Herbert	10	7	7	7
Walter, John T	10	7	7	7
Watts, Grace	10	10	10	10
Walker, Lillie	10	7	3	3
Young, Sarah Ann	10	10	10	7
Young, George S	10	7	7	7
Young, Rosa	10	10	7	7
Yuger, Norman	10	7	7	7
Young Arthur	10	7	7	7
Zimmerman, John C	10	10	10	10

## LONDON NOTES

From our own Correspondent

Balmy spring is here, and its evidences are to be seen on every hand.

Miss E McIntyre went to North Dorchester to visit her relations for a few days, but she has returned to work in the cigar factory.

Mr. Wm Bryce, of Hamilton, and Mr. Wm McKay, of Woodstock, came here on a flying visit lately and enjoyed themselves very much.

Mr. Richard Leathorn is working at Ex Ald Brenner's cigar factory, where they are very busy.

Mr. Gustin, who has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. Pratt, for some time past, has returned home to Forest to work on the farm.

We are very glad to hear that Mr. W. Bryce is working on the farm this spring; it is about four miles south of this city. We wish him success.

All the deaf mutes of this city are very pleased to hear that the deaf mute convention will be held at Grimsby Park this summer.

Three thousand five hundred people are employed at the London Central Telegraph Office, fifteen hundred of whom are telegraphists.

## Only a Bird

Only a bird! and a vagrant boy  
 This a jolly with joyous air  
 Into the folds of a supple sling  
 Watch me hit him! I can a  
 White! and a silence chill and  
 Falls like a ball on the vibrant  
 From a birchen tree, whence a  
 Has fallen in ripples every at.

Only a bird! and the tiny throat  
 With quaver and trill and wh  
 Braved and blessing and silent to  
 There at his feet, a chord  
 And the boy with a loud and burst  
 Proud of his prowess and brain  
 Throws it aside with a careless tow  
 Only a bird! it was made to k

Only a bird! yet

**Ontario Deaf-Mutes Association.**

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**THE CANADIAN MUTE**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1898.

The little daisy white  
 turns its face toward the light  
 and brightens up its heart of gold  
 from the blackness of the mold,  
 as trustfully may I  
 seek the fairer scenes on high,  
 reaching out from sin and blight,  
 into brighter broader light.

**"Good and Bad Manners."**

On Saturday evening, the 5th inst., the pupils assembled in the bright, well lighted chapel, and were most beautifully instructed by Mrs. Balis in the manners of polite society. Now that the subject has been brought to their notice it is with some certainty that the pupils will henceforth act upon the instruction and behave as young ladies and gentlemen. As a sign maker Mrs. Balis is simply beautiful, and the subject was treated with care and grace. Incidentally the thought recurs to me of those charming stories that emanate from the inspired pen of Elvina (Mrs. Alden) in a way that she delights the audience while the other does her readers. If other lady teachers would only follow the example thus set, the pupils would indeed consider themselves fortunate and thankful for the interest shown. In opening, Mrs. Balis suggested that as our parents pay taxes for our maintenance in education, we were bound to do justice to ourselves in return for the benefit thus conferred, in the earnest endeavor to get well educated not only in language, but also in good manners. The accomplished lady then proceeded to enumerate, in a clear, emphatic way, the improprieties that are ignorantly committed against the rules of etiquette, and to counteract these insisted that we, as pupils, try to learn what we have learned improperly and to act in a manner creditable both to ourselves and to this our institution. Those improprieties were specifically classified under the following headings—Personal manners, table manners, chapel manners, conversation manners, every day manners, visitors manners, etc., the correct forms in each case being given. By way of illustration a cup and saucer, a glass of water, plates, a knife, fork and spoon, and slices of bread, a napkin, etc., were brought in and arranged on a small table, and the proper use of these articles explained. This illustration must be clear enough, and the pupils will no doubt remember it to their advantage.

Mr. McIntosh, on being asked, came forward and supplied a story appropriate to the instruction already given the subject being a bashful young man reluctant to appear in society, but gradually becoming conscious of his uncouth manners. The poor fellow made one ridiculous mistake or two at the table

that set the other guests laughing, and then got up and rushed out of the house in confusion and shame, avowing never again to go in society until he got into the habit of acting decently and gentlemanlike.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks, moved by Miss Wylie, was tendered jointly to Mrs. Balis and Mr. McIntosh, and the meeting broke up after a very profitable evening.

**To the Members of the Ontario Deaf-Mute Association**

DEAR FRIENDS, The Executive Committee after due consideration have decided to call the next convention to meet at Grimsby Park about the middle of June next on a date to be announced later. The park is situated a few miles from Hamilton on the G. T. R. It is a beautiful place on the shores of Lake Ontario and is aptly named the Chautauqua of Canada. There are two good hotels for the accommodation of visitors, a temple for meetings, conveniences for out door sports as boating, lawn tennis, croquet etc. and we feel sure that the decision of the committee will be heartily accorded with by the members. The committee have arranged for reduced rates at the hotels for board lodging use of hall for meetings and all conveniences the cost will only be 80 cents per day. We expect to be able to publish views of the park as well as fuller information in future issues of THE CANADIAN MUTE. Members and friends are cordially invited to prepare papers, addresses, etc., for the entertainment and instruction of the gathering and they will please notify the Secretary of the same as soon as possible that the programme may be prepared in good time.

Faithfully yours,

Wm. Nurse,	DAVID BAYNE
Secretary	President

**Sporting Pastimes.**

One of the best matches of the season took place on the Belleville rink on the afternoon of the 5th inst. when our Junior players defeated the "Victorias" by 2 to 0. The deaf boys thoroughly enjoyed the game, which was fast and clean throughout. The "Victoria" team is a good one, having defeated every other team in the city. The "Victorias" are much older and heavier than our players, but the combination and splendid defence work of the latter told. Our team, although they have been unable to practice for nearly two weeks, played a splendid game. "Jack" Crough played a good game in goal and watched the puck all the time for he did not want the "Victoria" to score any goals, and he gave them a goose egg. Willie Loughheed did fine work at point but during the game he got a very bad cut on his upper lip. So he had to leave the rink. B. Lett took his place and W. J. Gray played in forwards instead of W. Loughheed. Lett played the game very well. O. Orser worked hard all the time at cover and was always in his place. Too much cannot be said of the work of the forwards. Harris, Leslie, Armstrong and Gray have worked up a combination hard to beat but the ice was in bad condition so they got some tumbles and missed the puck and lost some other good scores. It was reported that some of our team played a star game. At the end of the first half, Armstrong scored one goal for the mutes, and the second half Harris scored another one for the mutes and the result was 2 to 0 in favor of our team. The team were: J. Crough, goal; B. Lett, point; O. Orser, cover; Harris, Leslie, Armstrong and Gray, forwards. Referee, Jos. Dubois, one of our best hockey players, whose refereeing was satisfactory to both teams.

**HOME NEWS**

The boys are already eagerly discussing the prospects for the football season.

Mr. Shrum, of our engine room staff, had to lay off for a week on account of illness. Mr. Middleton took the duty during his absence.

The first robins of the season were seen on the 10th inst. Last year these harbingers of spring made their first appearance on March 12th.

Three new tables have been placed in the boys' study room and there is now accommodation for all the boys who have slate work in the evenings.

Fine is written on our skating rink now. The past winter has been a most unsatisfactory one for good skating ice. Thaws and frequent snow storms disgusted the boys till they got tired of keeping the rink clear.

Willie Lightfoot was suddenly called home last week, the demise of his grandmother being the cause. His home is in Toronto and he will probably soon return to school to prepare for the promotion examination in June.

Miss Baragar's father called to see her last week, business having called him to Belleville from the back settlements. He had come from St. Ola, a drive of about 60 miles, after supplies, and as he had to drive back again his visit was necessarily brief.

We have it that all our old boys working in the car shops at Perth will try to be at the convention. We shall be glad to see them and all our old boys and girls, but we want it understood that we do not advise any one to risk the loss of a situation by coming.

The teachers on study duty now have the pupils spell the grace at dinner time in concert, also the Lord's Prayer in the afternoon. This is in line with our rule to communicate with the pupils as much as possible by spelling, and to use signs as little as possible.

It is an unusual thing for Mr. D. J. McKillop to be absent from his class room through illness, but he has been compelled to lay off for a few days and go under the doctor's care. His many friends need not be under any anxiety, he will be patched up to weather a few more storms yet.

It was Mr. Campbell's birthday on the 3rd inst. and his pupils did not forget it. They presented him with a nice address and in addition were going to give him a very acceptable present of something of which he is fond, but as it might cause envy Mr. Campbell wisely declined it with many thanks.

Our carpenters are taking a short breathing spell just now before beginning outside spring work and Mr. Dowrie is away for a brief holiday. During the summer vacation while others are taking a turn off he is too useful a man to be spared from needed repairs around the Institution, in fact it is his busiest time.

Superintendent Mathison was in Ottawa last week attending the meeting of the Canadian Press Association, of which he is an honorary member. He was present at the magnificent banquet in the Russell House and at the reception given by Lord and Lady Aberdeen in honor of the Association. He returned on Saturday.

The general excitement in connection with the recent election contest was fully shared by the pupils here. The reds and blues were by no means backward in advocating their respective views and the election returns were as eagerly scanned by them—with corresponding exultation or depression as by the general public.

The weather during the early part of this month was simply perfect, and did much to lessen what is usually the dreary monotony of March. Only for Mr. Campbell might be enjoying the spell of halcyon days even yet. If only there were five or six teachers on study duty we would have much less bad weather. Doubtless Mr. C. would not object to being relieved from that duty entirely, but that would never do, for of course we need storms sometimes.

Our shoe-shop boys seem to think that they are much abused individuals and that no one in the Institution has to work like they do. They frequently let out a deep groan as they march into the shop and view the big pile of boots sent over from the girls' side for them to re-

pair. We would advise those boys to visit the girls' sitting room and note the heaps of boys' clothing that Miss Dempsey and her aids have the weekly task to go over and repair, they would return convinced that others have a good deal to do on work not so pleasant as their own. In winter time when application is made for an afternoon's skating the question is not—can the boys be spared from the shops, but how high is the pile of mending in the sitting room or how does the laundry work stand and yes or no depends on this.

—What a happy surprise it was for Miss James, one of our lady teachers, on going into her class-room last Thursday morning, to see on her desk a letter, some presents and three vases of red and white roses and other flowers, all expressive of the best sentiments of loving hearts upon the anniversary of her birth. Moreover, many of us, both teachers and pupils, being in the secret, gathered into the room and showered congratulations. By the way it may here be said that the letter (as the writer was privileged to read it) is a gem of composition, replete with beautiful thoughts and indicative of the cultured mind as well as fond heart of the author, "Edith," one of Miss James' favorite friends. May the honored lady teacher enjoy many years of health and happiness.

**PERSONALITIES.**

—Miss Bella Mathison is visiting Miss Alice Wood, in Madoc.

—Mr. Keith spent a few days in Toronto on a visit to his family in the early part of the month.

—Mrs. Chas. Barlow and her little girl have returned home after a two months' visit to the paternal home in Marmora.

—Miss Dean, of Port Hope, is the guest of Miss Burns and accompanied by Mr. Osborne of Belleville they visited the Institution last week.

—Miss Daisy Keegan, the well known and accomplished actress, and daughter of the former matron of this Institution, was the guest of friends in Belleville for a few days.

—Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Mathow, Miss McCammon, of Gananoque, Mrs. T. Ritchie, Miss Ritchie and Mrs. Alox. Matheson, Belleville and S. Huey, were interested visitors at the Institution on Wednesday last.

—Mrs. Bollhouse, of Napanee, came to Belleville to attend the W. F. M. Society of the Presbyterian church, and was a welcome guest of her cousin, Miss Walker, at the Institution. Her stay was altogether too short.

—Mr. Wm. E. By delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture before the members of the literary society on Saturday evening, Feb. 26th, on the first attempt at educating the deaf, with a brief history of the Schools for the Deaf in Canada and the United States. —*Silent Echo.*

—At the recent meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Kingston Presbytery, Mrs. Alox. Matheson, wife of the Bursar, was elected unanimously to the Presidency. She was also elected to represent the Society at the general meeting in Toronto. Mrs. Matheson will be an efficient and commanding presiding officer.

**A Champion of the Birds.**

A teacher in one of the primary schools of Brockton was somewhat surprised recently by the startling effect of her heretofore unsuspected eloquence. She was talking to the children on the subject of "birds' nests," and proceeded in the usual fashion to describe the infinite labor necessary for the little birds to gather the bits of wool and thread and weave them into a safe nest in which to rear their young.

By means of pointing a little moral, she dilated on the tender care of the parent birds and how their joyous life would be saddened if the nest, so laboriously built, should be stolen or the young disturbed.

During her discourse, she noticed that one small lad was working himself up into quite a fever of interest. His round eyes filled with tears and his cheeks flushed with suppressed indignation.

Finally he could restrain himself no longer, and scarcely had the teacher finished when he jumped from his seat and shaking his fist at the other pupils, cried: "If one of you fellows ever dares to touch a bird's nest, I—I—I'll smash your head!" *Boston Journal.*

When I was a Boy.

Up in the attic where I slept... When I was a boy, a little boy...

And, oh, the dreams, the dreams I dreamed... When I was a boy, a little boy...

I'd like to sleep where I used to sleep... When I was a boy, a little boy...

When to Use Capitals.

There is uniform agreement as to the general rules for capitalization...

Capitalize—"Bible" and all words indicating the same, as the Word, the Scriptures...

All nouns referring to the Deity should be capitalized, but not the pronouns and adjectives, except when the antecedent is not expressed...

Help Somebody Up

A lady was once asked to do her ideal of happiness; whereupon she set herself to answer the question...

Focus Your Teaching.

By MARY J. BURRIS, of the Illinois Institution in New York.

Much of our teaching does not count because it is too general. Time is wasted and labor lost by attempting too much...

Especially is this apt to be true of teaching in the primary department. Action writing which should be used, chiefly, to teach principles of construction...

In every exercise let the child's thought be centered upon the most important point and kept there, if possible, until the point or principle is mastered.

Methods may be suggested to us by others; but we need the gift of discrimination in order to select only the best points.

It is true we should be constantly improving upon former methods, so as to keep out of ruts, but we should beware of too much experimenting. Time is too precious for it.

Let us go into our school-room each day with our day's work not only mapped out before us; but with a well defined purpose to have our pupils master at least one point that day in their lessons...

Learning to See.

A patient of Dr. Duclot, the eminent French oculist, is having a novel experience. She is twenty years old, but only within the last few weeks had she looked upon the world around her.

Ho that calls a man ungrateful, stings up all the evil that a man can be guilty of.—Swift.

Who was Cinderella?

Cinderella's real name was Rhodope, and she was a beautiful Egyptian maiden who lived 670 years before the Common Era...

One day she ventured to go in bathing in a clear stream near her home, and meanwhile left her shoes, which must have been unusually small...

The bird then unwittingly played the part of fairy godmother, for, flying directly over Memphis, where King Psammethicus was dispensing justice...

As in the story of Cinderella, the messengers finally discovered Rhodope, fitted on the shoe, and carried her in triumph to Memphis...

Toilet of Animals.

Cats, large and small, make the most careful toilet of any class of animals, excepting some of the opossums. The lions and tigers wash themselves in exactly the same manner as the cat...

Dr. Fogg—Young man, I am afraid I shall not see you in heaven. Irreverent Youth—Cheer up, doctor; you are not so wicked as that.

An old deaf man resided in Fife: he was visited by his minister shortly after coming to the pulpit. The minister said he would often call and see him; but time went on, and he did not visit him again until two years after...

Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION. WEST 3:15 a.m., 1:20 p.m., 6:10 a.m., 11:35 a.m.; 3:05 p.m.

UNEDUCATED DEAF CHILDREN. I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE EVERY person who receives this paper send me the names and post-office addresses of the parents of deaf children not attending school...

TORONTO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION. RELIGIOUS SERVICES are held as follows, every Sunday: West End Y. M. C. A., Corner Queen Street and Bevercourt Road...

GENERAL INFORMATION

Classes:

SCHOOL HOURS From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday...

Articulation Classes:

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 2 to 5 p.m.

Religious Exercises:

EVERY SUNDAY Primary pupils and senior pupils at 11 a.m. in the Chapel at 10 a.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. immediately after school...

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

Industrial Departments:

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOP AND COMPOUND STORE from 7:20 to 8:30 a.m. and from 5:30 p.m. for pupils who attend school...

TEACHERS, OFFICERS and others are not to allow matters foreign to the work to interfere with the performance of their several duties.

Admission of Children:

When pupils are admitted and parents send with them to the Institution, they are usually advised not to linger and provoke conversation with their children...

Visitation:

Persons who are interested, desiring to visit the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays...

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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 classroom and allowed every opportunity of seeing the general work of the school...

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...

Sickness and Correspondence:

In case of the serious illness of pupils, letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents and guardians. In the absence of both, the 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 superintendent for the little ones who cannot write, stating, as far as possible, their wishes.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent