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Speak Gently.

Speak gently! 'tis better far
 To rule by love than fear
 Speak gently! let not harsh words mar
 The good we might do here

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

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

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

Speak gently to the poor,
 Let no harsh tones be heard
 They have enough they must endure
 Without an unkind word

Speak gently to the erring knave
 They may have toiled in vain
 Perhaps unkindness made them so
 Oh! win them back again

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



Her Gift.

The minister's eyes swept with intense searching the apathetic faces of his stylish, worldly congregation. He had made an impassioned appeal for help in the support of a little mission church among the mountains—a section where rough men and women know scarcely anything of God and the religion of Christ. He had hoped to inspire the people with the spirit of giving, to make them feel that it was a sweet, blessed privilege, and—he had failed. A sense of desolation crept over him.

"God help me," his lips murmured mutely. He could not see the bent figure of little crippled Maggie in the rear of the church—a figure that was trembling under the fire of his appeal.

"Lord Jesus," the little one was saying brokenly, "I ain't got nothin' ter give. I want the people in the mountains ter hear 'bout my Saviour. O, Lord, I ain't got nothin' ter—"

What was it that made that child catch her breath as though a cold hand had taken hold of her heart? "Yes you have, Maggie," whispered a voice from somewhere, "you've got your crutch, your beautiful crutch that was giv' ter you, an' 's worth a lot o' shinin' dollars. You kin give up your best fren what helps you ter git into the park where the birds sing, an' takes you ter preachin', and makes your life happy."

"O, no, Lord," sobbed the child, choking and shivering. "Yes, you I will! He give up more'n that fer me."

Blindly she extended the polished crutch and placed it in the hand of the deacon who was taking up the scanty collection. For a moment the man was puzzled, then comprehending her meaning, he carried the crutch to the front of the pulpit. The minister stepped down from the rostrum and held up the crutch with shaking hand. The sublimity of the renunciation unworded him so that he could not speak for a moment.

"Do you see it my people," he faltered at last; "little crippled Maggie's crutch—all that she has to make life comfortable? She has given it to the Lord, and you—"

There was a moment of silence. The people flushed and moved restlessly in their cushioned pews.

"Does any one want to contribute to the mission cause the amount of money this crutch would bring, and give it back

to the child who is helpless without?" the minister asked gravely.

"Fifty dollars," came in husky tones from the banker.

"Twenty-five."

"One hundred."

And so the subscribing went on, until papers equivalent to six hundred dollars were lightly piled over the crutch on the table.

"Ah, you have found your hearts—thank God! Let us receive the benediction," almost whispered the minister as he suddenly extended his hands which were trembling with emotion. Little Maggie, absorbed in the magnitude of her offering and the love that had promoted it, comprehended nothing that had taken place. She had no thought of the future, of how she would reach her humble home, or of the days in which she would sit helpless in her chair as she had once done. Christ had demanded her all, and she had given it, with the blind unquestioning faith of an Abraham. She understood no better when a woman's arms drew her into a close embrace, and soft lips whispered in her ear: "Maggie, dear, your crutch has made six hundred dollars for the mission church among the mountains, and has come back to stay with you again. Take it, little one."

Like a flash of light there came a consciousness that in some mysterious way her gift had been accepted of God, and returned to her, and with a cry of joy the child caught the beloved crutch to her lovely little heart; then, smiling through her tears at the kind faces and reverent eyes, she hobbled out of the sanctuary.—*Gertrude M. Jones, in Christian Observer.*

A Double Dinner.

A distinguished American judge has a habit which is not altogether unknown on this side of the "horning pond"—he frequently brings friends home to dinner quite unexpectedly. This habit is certainly hospitable, but it is not popular with wives.

One court day the genial judge invited a number of his legal brethren to dine with him, serenely oblivious of the fact that his wife was totally unprepared for such an incursion. The lady, however, was equal to the occasion. She did not fuss and frown and make things unpleasant all round. On the contrary, she accepted the situation with a good grace, and made the best of it.

The modest meal was served as promptly as possible; and though it was not a sumptuous banquet, it was at least agreeable to guests and host. When dinner was over, just before leaving the gentlemen to their wine and cigars, the lady rose and said—

"Gentlemen, I wish to say one word. You have dined to-day with the judge; will you do me the honor of dining to-morrow with me?"

A chorus of applause greeted this speech, and next day the lady welcomed her husband's friends to a dinner worthy of such an accomplished hostess.—*Tid-Bits*

An exchange tells us of a man who desired to learn what employment his son should enter. He shut him up in a room with a Bible, a dollar bill, and an apple. If he found him reading the Bible, he would make a minister of him, if handling the money, a banker, if eating the apple, a farmer. But the youth sat upon the Bible, put the money in his pocket, and began eating the apple. So his father made a politician of him. We should try to discover the trend of a boy's talent before assigning him to learn a trade or profession, and in a case where he manifests no particular aptitude for one over another, he should be allowed an option in the selection, if intelligent enough to judge for himself. He will make very little progress in what he dislikes.

Fearless and Honest.

A Scotch lad landed at Castle Garden, the brightest, yet the loneliest, passenger of an emigrant ship. He was barely fourteen, and had not a friend in America and only a sovereign in his pocket.

"Well, Sandy," said a fellow-passenger who had befriended him during the voyage from Glasgow, "don't you wish that you were safe now with your mother in the old country?"

"No," said the boy, "I promised her when I left that I would be fearless and honest. I have her fortune to make as well as my own, and I must have good courage."

"Well, laddie, what can you do?" asked a kind voice behind him.

"I can be loyal and true to anybody who will give me something to do," was the quick response.

A well-known lawyer, whose experience with applicants for clerkship in his office had been unfavorable, had taken a stroll down Broadway to ascertain whether he could find a boy to his liking.

A canny Scotchman himself, he had noticed the arrival of the Glasgow steamer, and had fancied that he might be able to get a trustworthy clerk from his own country.

Sandy's fearless face caught his eye. The honest manly ring in Sandy's voice touched his faithful Scotch heart.

"Tell me your story," he said kindly. It was soon told. Sandy's mother had been left a widow with little money and a child to bring up. She had worked for him as long as she could, but when her health failed she had bought his passage to America, and given to him what little money she could spare.

"Go and make your fortune," she had said. "Be fearless and honest, and don't forget your mother who cannot work for you any longer."

Sandy's patron engaged him as an office boy.

"I'll give you a chance," he said, "to show what there is in you. Write to your mother to-day that you have found a friend who will stand by you as long as you are fearless and honest."

Sandy became a favorite at once in the office. Clients seldom left the office without pausing to have a word with him.

He attended night school and became an expert penman and accountant. He was rapidly promoted until he was his patron's confidential clerk.

After sharing his earnings with his mother, he went to Scotland and brought her back with him.

"You have made my fortune," he said, "and I cannot have luck without you."

He was right. When he had studied law and began to practise at the bar, his fearlessness commanded respect and his honesty inspired confidence. Jurors liked to hear him speak. They instinctively trusted him.

His mother had impressed her high courage and sincerity upon him. His success was mainly her work.—*The Household.*

We believe the day is beginning to dawn upon the friends of every school for the deaf in the country, that it requires specialists to teach the deaf, and, indeed, to make a success in the general work in schools for the deaf. We have heard it said, and by people who ought to have known better, that one need not be very well educated to teach the deaf. One can teach the deaf about as well as another after a few months' association with them. Indeed, some members of Boards of Managers say as much. But we are very thankful that our Board recognizes the importance of trained teachers, and show their recognition. We presume every Institution has applicants who want "something to do," and indeed, some of these applicants would be admirable to make specialists out of. But training must precede service.—*Et.*

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The Chicago Schools.

Error, like superstition, dies hard, as the friends of the pure oral method of teaching are amply demonstrating. This old, old controversy relative to the comparative advantage of the different methods is still being waged with unflagging zeal, and we cannot but admire the pluck and perseverance of the oralists in bobbing up serenely but defiantly on all possible occasions after having been so often overcome in the contest. The latest combat on this subject is being waged in Chicago. The principalship of the day schools for the deaf there is vacant and the oralists are making a determined effort to have one of their ilk appointed. The Committee of the Chicago Board of Education which has charge of this matter have been deluged with letters from oralists all over the country, and every possible influence was brought to bear to secure the choice of an oral principal. The friends of the combined system got wind of what was going on so they invited Dr. Gallaudet to address the committee on behalf of the intelligent method. The doctor readily responded and made an excellent address of over an hour's duration. He first replied to some of the letters that had been read and then proceeded with his argument. He pointed out the fact that it was possible for less than half of the deaf to acquire sufficient proficiency in the oral method to be of any value to them and that less than one-tenth of the schools for the deaf have adopted that system; and avowed that in all the combined schools all who can learn to speak have the opportunity to do so. He showed that even in Germany, where the oral method had for so long been exclusively employed, there was now an irresistible revolution in favor of the combined method. He said that the oralists

tried to create sympathy by asking if the deaf were to be deprived of the happiness of learning to speak. But this was begging the question, for under the combined method all who are capable of learning to speak have as good an opportunity to do so in a combined method school as in a pure oral school, while at the same time in the former school those who could not learn to speak are taught by the manual method, which was not done in the oral school.

The Committee were strongly impressed with the doctor's address and decided not to make any appointment until they had further investigated the matter. It was worthy of note that nearly all of the deaf in Chicago favor the combined method, but the chief champion there of the oral system gratuitously insulted them by declaring that the deaf were not capable of expressing an intelligent opinion on this matter. The issue of the controversy there will be awaited with interest.

The Mackay Institution.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Mackay Institute was held on the 5th inst., and was of special interest inasmuch as it marked the completion of the twenty-fifth year of its work. All the reports were of a most gratifying character. There were 61 pupils in attendance the past year. Three bequests were received, one of \$400, one of \$100, and one of \$1000, the last from Mrs. R. Mackay. Comfortable recreation rooms have been provided during the year.

The president reported that it would soon be necessary to increase the size of the buildings to provide for the increasing attendance. He also paid a warm tribute to Mrs. Ashcroft, who, he said, was not only an efficient teacher but an admirable organizer.

A resolution was adopted expressive of regret for the death of Mr. Shepherd and of high approbation of the value of his services to the cause of deaf-mute education in the Province.

The election of officers and managers concluded the work of the meeting.

We congratulate the Mackay Institution in the completion of its quarter of a century of successful work for the deaf and wish it increasing prosperity in the future.

The Brantford *Expositor*, well known to our readers, has, in commemoration of its removal to its fine new building, issued a souvenir number which surpasses in literary, typographical and artistic qualities anything we have ever yet seen from the Canadian press. It contains some 42 pages of most interesting matter, largely reprinted, and profusely illustrated with cuts and portraits. There is also a page containing fac-similes of all the headings of the paper since its inception and portraits of all the former editors and proprietors. Among them is Mr. R. Mathison, now Superintendent of this Institution. Mr. Mathison also contributes an article entitled "The *Expositor* as I Remember It." We congratulate the *Expositor* on its great prosperity and its potent influence in that district and wish for it ever increasing prosperity in future.

The staff of this Institution warmly congratulate Mr. Gilbert Parker, the Canadian novelist, on the happy occasion of his marriage. Mr. Parker was a former teacher here, and the high honors he has won in the field of literature have not caused him to forget the deaf-mutes nor lose his interest in their welfare. May yet greater success, ever increasing popularity and above all the highest conjugal felicity ever be his portion in life.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

Our first good fall of snow arrived on the 5th inst., and sleighing was very nice for a week.

Mrs. W. J. Terrell has just recovered from a severe cold.

Mrs. Slater and Mrs. Ogilvie expect a visit from their mother, Mrs. Needham, soon.

The friends of Miss G. Maxwell were pleased to notice her photo in the *British Beat Mute* being awarded second prize in the beauty competition.

Mrs. Slater intends spending a couple of weeks with friends in Raglan, about Xmas.

Mr. F. Bridgen, who has been ill for a few days from over work is better.

Two or three mutes who have no work make a fair living selling court plaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry have moved to Chicago to join their daughter Lottie.

Mr. F. Bridgen and his daughter recently interpreted for a deaf mute in the police court, who was arrested for drunkenness and assault.

The opening services of the new room in Oak St. was conducted by Mr. G. Bromfield, on the 1st inst.

D. A. Morrison was in the city a few days. He unexpectedly received word from his old boss to work at Naughton for the winter, so he was unable to prolong his visit. He has steady work at the Spanish River lumber mills, but it closes as soon as the freezing sets in.

J. J. Armstrong shipped three dressed logs to customers in this city. He is sure to give any one prompt attention.

Mr. Nasouth is still confined to the house. He has been forced to take absolute rest for some time. We miss him very much, especially at service.

"A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year" is the hearty wish for all our dear friends in the Institution, and abroad.

HAMILTON HINTS.

From our own Correspondent

Mr. Emil Gottlieb was pleased to have a visit from his mother lately. Emil says she prefers Hamilton to Brantford.

Mrs. Oaten, aunt of Miss Maxwell, has been appointed by the board of directors to a lucrative position on the Public Library staff of this city.

Wm. Bryce has left this city and gone to Hagersville, where he will reside in future. Willie is an exemplary young man and will be a great help to his fellow mutes, wherever fate may lead him.

Miss Isabel's McConnell went on a week's visit to Mrs. Crozier, nee Miss Grace, of Hagersville, and reports a pleasant time while there.

Mr. Mellae, of Kingston, was noticed in the city lately, but he failed to call on any of the mutes. Mr. Grant was the only mute who chanced to meet and converse with him. He was here on business with another gentleman, presumed to be his brother.

Your writer has more than once noticed a young mute lady on wheels, on those streets. I have been informed that she hails from Toronto, but now resides here, on Grant Avenue. This is about all I know of her. Who is she? Is the question with the mutes here.

The mutes of this city and locality, who love the Gospel of Christ, assembled at the residence of Mr. Gottlieb on Thanksgiving Day afternoon, and spent the time in praises and thanksgiving. "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood,"—Eph. 1:5. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—Psa. 133:1. "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."—Eph. 4:3. "To the glory of God."—Rom. 16:7.

Quite a number of outside mutes have been in the city lately. Probably the T. H. & B. tunnel, in course of construction, under the city, is the cause of the numerous visitors. Just now, both mutes and hearing people, Damber Brown, of Ancaster, James Mellae, of Kingston, A. Sheppard, of Toronto, James Goodbrand, of Capetown, and Wm. Wallace, of St. Catharines, were a few of the visitors.

This is the first opportunity I have had to write since the new term. It is not that I have forgotten or forgotten you, no, far from it. Under circumstances my time is exceedingly limited, otherwise I would cheerfully contribute my mite more frequently. However, you will get a batch of items from me at indefinite intervals, and I am glad to introduce to you my helpmate, Mr. C. Gottlieb, who will make up for where I lack.

J. R. B.

LONDON NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

Your correspondent is not to be blamed for neglecting to send news, as it is very hard to get very little of each other, and having plenty to do.

Mr. and Mrs. Dark have been recipients of the congratulations of our mutes. It is a fine boy. Every one has been to see it.

Willie Gould seems to have grown several inches taller since he opened a new shoe shop. It is to be hoped the mutes will give him their patronage. We all wish him success.

Miss Lillie McIntyre has been visiting relatives in Dorchester and will return soon. She is a great favorite, especially with the male population.

It is all very well to own a "room in B. A.," but some of the mutes would like to see a little more of him. He assists his brothers in their hair business.

Miss M. Lynch has returned from Fairfield, where she has been residing for the past six weeks. She continues a two weeks' visit to her old home in Chatham and friends in the vicinity soon.

Your scribe was the only mute who had the pleasure of meeting Miss Mathison. She enjoyed a nice chat with her. The mutes who were not so fortunate are quite disgusted, and wish they had known she was here.

It is reported that Maggie Phillimon's father has removed some seven miles farther into the country. Maggie will not be able to see so much of her old friends as formerly. They are sorry to hear it.

We have not seen any of the Nova brothers for some time. The mutes are wondering what has become of them.

The postman is on deck again, only worse than ever. She has taken to writing funny verses on her friends. Not long ago she attended a country dance in Wynton, and composed a one "After the Ball." She was made to read it aloud, the attempt caused no end of merriment. Copies were sent to nearly all the guests. They all declared it was very good for an amateur.

I have just discovered that there is a deaf man and his son (also deaf) residing on Piccadilly Street. They both work in a large furniture store in town. Their name is Kent. It is queer we have never seen them.

One of our young ladies is hard up at present. She was induced to take "Mind healing treatment" for deafness and paid fourteen dollars. After two or three weeks her friends caught on and warned her, but too late as the money was already paid out. One or two of the boys had narrow escapes. She warned them in time.

The mutes are talking of making some kind of arrangements for Xmas. Nothing much has turned up, though all have lots of suggestions. So take hope they will come to some arrangement soon.

A good story is going the rounds now. A young mute lady, whose identity can easily be guessed, accompanied a friend to church one Sunday. When the collection was being taken up she loaned over to her friend and said in what she supposed was a whisper, "Say, Mary, I've only got ten cents. I think it is too much to put in, don't you? Will I put it in?" Her friend nudged her, and looking round she saw the congregation's faces were wreathed in broad smiles. It was a trying moment and to add to her mortification the man who was collecting passed her by.

M. L.

From another Correspondent.

Snow, beautiful snow! makes the sleigh bells ring. The best of sleighing is here, which will make our Christmas holidays more pleasant.

Sydney Goo, of Donfield, intends spending the next twelve months with his uncle and aunt at Poplar Hill. All wish him a very pleasant time.

Andrew Noyes intends spending a week or two among some of his old schoolmates.

David Dark spent a couple of days at Thanksgiving around Donfield, and in company with Sydney Goo succeeded in carrying home four black squirrels, but the weather was not very favorable for them as David and Sydney had to plod through about a foot of snow and go separated in the woods—David hunting towards the east and Sydney towards the west.

December 9th, 1895.

Accomplishments.

- Learn to make a l. without cake, and bread
- Learn to brush and broom
- Learn to darn and mend
- Learn to value time.
- Learn to dress with speed.
- Learn to keep her word.
- Learn to sympathize
- Learn to fondly hold

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Girls' Side of the Institution.

By JESSIE MUNRO.

On the 4th inst. Miss Annie Gillo... a letter from home, saying her father was very ill. We all are very sorry but hope for his recovery.

We wish all the subscribers of THE COURIER MERRY & MERRY Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are all expecting to go out skating and ice-boating, and are anticipating a splendid time.

On the evening of Dec. 5th. Miss Mary McMillan's father came here to take her home. She left on the 6th. She has been sick in bed for a long time, but we hope she will come back looking well and healthy. We are sorry to part with her.

One day lately, when Miss Ethel Thompson found a small piece of brick, she thought of a plan of showing it to the girls to make them believe it was sugar. When Miss Annie Blackburn saw it she thought it was sugar so she bit it and found out it was brick. She nearly broke her front teeth.

On Dec. 6th Mr. Mathison got word through the telephone from Mr. Campbell, one of the teachers, saying that he could not come to teach his pupils, as his wife was sick with an attack of measles. After that Miss Maggie Hutchinson was selected to take Mr. Campbell's class, and she taught it two days.

According to the usual custom, on the 24th ult. we girls went down town shopping. We all enjoyed ourselves very much seeing many things which were exhibited very prettily in the windows of the stores. We would very much like to go there again some day before Xmas, so we could buy presents for our friends at home.

Sometime in October Mrs. Mathison, wife of our Superintendent, left home to visit her friends in the West, and one week after that Miss Mathison left home too, but Mrs. Mathison returned on Saturday, the 23d inst., looking perfectly well. We are informed that Miss M. will come back some day before Christmas. During Miss M's absence, each of the gentleman teachers, who are on their duty week, takes her place in the Bible class.

WINTER D'ARREURVILLE;
The winter is fast approaching. We are impatiently counting the days and even the hours, from now till Xmas.

The Catholic girls did not go to church on Sunday, because too many were sick, so they boys went alone.

There must be a famine raging in and about Belleville, for the girls never seem to have enough to eat and are all complaining of hunger. Poor girls! don't you pity them. It is really very sad.

It is really wonderful, to see the number of sick girls; if it continue, surely many more will be in bed. Mary Rielly and Mary Thompson are in the General Hospital. We hope that they will be well enough to rejoin their respective companies.

Monday was a great day for birth-days. Three of the inmates of the Institution celebrated the anniversary of their birth on that day, namely, two girls, Miss Noonan and Lizzie Muckle; and one boy, Charlie Holton. All wish them many happy returns of the day.

Last Thursday a heavy fall of snow covered the ground. We hope it will stay, for those who can skate are very anxious to do so while those who cannot will at least have the fun of snow-balling and all are counting on the gallantry of the boys to take us out ice-boating.

As Nurse Hale is sick, Miss Edwards, of Belleville, has taken her place. We hope Nurse Hale will soon be well enough to attend to the girls, for almost every day one or two feel sick, most likely such will be the case until Christmas when all will find themselves well enough to eat Xmas turkey and candies.

On Sunday afternoon about 24 girls went with Miss Gibson for a long walk. They went over the bridge, almost to the other side, and it was only the fear of having to pay the toll that made them turn back. They left at three, I came back at five. On their way back they met two of the boys from here - all the girls were quick to notice that only one of them had the politeness to bow to Miss Gibson. They think such a big boy as the one who did not raise his cap, should not so far forget his good manners.

Mr. Jas. Johnson, formerly editor of the Kingston News and Ottawa Citizen, and latterly on the London, England, newspaper press, who is visiting his brothers William and J. W. Johnson in Belleville, was an interested visitor to our Institution on Thursday last. We hope he will come again.



Scene nearly like above in the Girls Sitting Room on Christmas morning, about 10 o'clock, when the loads of boxes and presents are distributed to our dear children.

Great Responsibility.

Our work is a most important one. The teacher comes before the pupils in the parent's place, to do a parent's work. This responsibility ought, therefore, to be met by the most careful preparation. To lack in preparation is to correspondingly fail in the work. Good teachers do not come by accident, nor do they come by violating all the laws of development. It may be that "poets are born" but teachers of the deaf are trained. Teachers who really teach are trained for their work. They may not all have taken normal courses, but they have through observation or otherwise, prepared themselves. Only such are permitted to teach in the public schools, and only such should be allowed to teach in our Institutions. The man who makes shoes for the child, is trained for his work, so with the man who builds a house for its shelter. Is it not far more important that the person who molds the child under larger possibilities, in the training of the mind and development of the character, should receive a thorough systematic training also? We are speaking only of the practicable, not of a long four or five years course, but of the one year Normal course that is doing so much by showing young teachers what they may expect when they enter the profession. *Ut. Arg. World.*

venge. He accordingly pressed the tiger to dine with him the following evening. The invitation was accepted with thanks, and promptly on time the tiger thrust his hind legs under the goat's mahogany. "Can I help you, sweetly inquired the host, "to some of this fried tomato can with brown paper sauce?" "No, thank you," rejoined the tiger, "my doctor forbids." "Sorry," murmured the goat in secret gloom. "I fear you will have only an unsatisfactory meal." "Oh I shall do very well," protested the tiger. Whereat he fell upon and devoured the goat himself. "Alas!" exclaimed the latter with his dying breath, "I was too funny." This fable teaches that it is perfectly proper to take an insult from a no people without resenting it. It is all a matter of judgment. - *Detroit Tribune.*

Nature often endows gallant and noble hearts in weak bosoms—oftenest, God blesses her, in female breasts.

The fascination of a foreign title, in some instances, seems to be born in the girl. Rarely, however, does it become evident as early as in the case of little Marie who wanted to marry a Dutchman so that she could be a duchess.

A Letter to Santa Claus.

I've written a letter to Santa, but how shall I send it? How? I don't know what his address is, except it's up amongst the ice and the snow. I want him to get it just awfully. I cause the lots of things that I wrote. That I wanted and I know he won't bring them, unless he should get my wee note. I suppose that I might ask the postman, to take it to him when he went to carry round papers and letters. That the grown up people have sent. But then he won't get it till morning, oh dear! it can never go so. I'll pin it right onto my stocking, I'll hide here on the end of the toe. Now when Santa Claus fills up my stocking, He'll find the note there on the toe, and he'll carry so many things with him, I'll get all I wanted, I know.

A Fable Worth Remembering.

A tiger once invited a goat to dinner. The goat was tickled to death at the notice of the beast, and wore his spiketail coat and link sleeve-buttons in token of his appreciation. "Can I help you to some of this venison steak?" the tiger asked the goat very cordially. The goat could not eat venison steak, but he dissembled cleverly and preserved a smiling exterior. "My physician," he protested, "positively forbids venison steak." There was nothing else on the table, and the poor goat was obliged to sit lily by while the tiger devoured a hearty repast. But the goat was not disposed to deprive himself of the sweets of re-

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Boys' Side of the Institution.

[BY "AVID LUDDY."]

The printers are having a busy time at present as a "Christmas Number" is to be issued.

Mr. James Chantler is working at Mr. Murray's shoe-shop in Woodstock, and is doing very well.

There are nine pupils, all boys, working in the printing office at present, there being another addition to the staff last week - Wilson Brown.

Word received from Alex. Swanson says he is getting along well with his studies at Washington. He is in the same class as John Braithwaite.

The carpenter boys, with Mr. Dowrie and his assistant Mr. Langmuir, have been putting the double windows in their places again for the winter.

Our boys have done with foot-ball and are now anxious for the winter to set in, when jolly times are looked forward to, sailing ice-boats, skating, hockey, &c.

Mr. W. H. Gould, of London, has been spending a week, visiting in Woodstock, Ingersoll, Norwich, &c., and reports having a splendid time. He met several mates.

In addition to the new blinds and new chairs, two new tables have been put up in both dormitories of "Wood Hall," which are a great convenience to the boys who sleep there.

It is rumored there is to be an open skating-rink in the city again this winter with a high, closed fence around it, nearly the same as last winter and on the same place—the hospital lot.

According to the *Carp Star*, Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Hodgins, of Diamond, Carleton Co., have been the recipients of many congratulations. A fine baby boy arrived at their home on Nov. 26th.

Frank Harris, who began to work in the printing-office this fall, is a promising little printer. One Saturday forenoon he beat the record of another boy who has been working in the office since last term, in distributing type.

Some of the boys have received word from Willie Lightfoot, saying that he is getting well and fat, and will return to school soon after Christmas if he regains his health perfectly, but is not sure. All the boys will be glad to have Willie among them again as he is a favorite.

Our old friend, John Patrick, of Carp, who left here in the summer of 1894, is getting along well at home. He has been working on a threshing machine during the past few months, and now as that class of work is past, he is going back to the farm for the winter. Why don't he hunt up a job in a printing-office? We guess it would be more comfortable than the bleak woods.

One evening when the boys who sleep in "Wood Hall" were going to bed, one of them found an old bench with one side broken off and as the sidewalks were slippery and there was moonlight he thought he would have a little coasting. After enjoying himself he left it there. Some others thinking it was a dog endeavoured to scare it away. The thing would not move so Mike Noonan thought he would make a hero of himself by going out and tackling the brute with a good kick. Mike has sore toes since.

[BY GEORGE MUNRO.]

Hurrah! Hurrah! for Christmas. How glad we will be to get our presents.

Arthur Cullen got a photo. of his brother, James Cullen, of St. Louis. He was very much pleased to see it.

On the 6th ult. Harry and Herbert Grooms were delighted with a visit from their father and a friend from Manitoba.

The sidewalks are often very slippery now and the boys get many tumbles and many amusing scenes take place at times.

On the 6th inst., when Eddie Leslie received a newspaper from home he was surprised to see that his father had shipped a carload of fat cattle to Toronto.

The ice along the shore of the bay is over ten inches thick and in the middle, seven inches thick. I think we will have permission to go skating on Christmas.

Levi Lewis, our head-mounter, went home on account of sore eyes. They have been sore for a long time, but we think they will soon get better after he gets home and rests. Michael Noonan is taking his place now.

Report of Pupils' Standing.

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

NAME OF PUPIL.	HEALTH.	CONDUCT.	APPLICATION.	IMPROVEMENT.	NAME OF PUPIL.	HEALTH.	CONDUCT.	APPLICATION.	IMPROVEMENT.
Armstrong, Jarvis Earl	6	10	7	7	Howatt, Felicia	10	10	10	10
Annable, Alva H.	10	10	10	10	Holt, Gertrude M.	5	10	10	10
Arnall, George	10	5	10	10	Hodgson, Clara Mabel	10	10	10	10
Allen, Ethel Victoria	7	10	7	7	Hutchinson, Margaret	7	10	10	10
Allendorf, Anna May	10	10	10	10	Hares, Emily L.	7	10	10	10
Bracken, Sarah Maud	7	7	7	7	Henry, George	10	10	10	10
Ball, Fanny S.	7	10	10	10	Henault, Charles H.	10	10	10	10
Brazier, Eunice Ann	10	10	10	10	Hackbusch, Ernest	10	10	10	10
Brown, Jessie McE.	10	10	10	10	Harris, Frank E.	10	10	10	10
Butler, Annie	10	10	10	10	Hartwick, Olive	5	7	7	7
Benoit, Rosa	10	10	10	10	Henderson, Annie M.	10	10	10	10
Brown, Wilson	10	10	10	10	Hill, Florence	7	10	10	10
Burch, Francis	10	7	10	10	Head, Hartley J.	10	7	5	5
Bain, William	10	10	7	7	Hunter, Wilhemina	10	7	7	7
Burke, Edith	10	10	10	10	Hammell, Henrietta	10	10	10	10
Beatty, Donella	10	10	10	10	Holton, Charles McK.	5	7	7	7
Blackburn, Annie M.	10	10	10	10	Hartwick, James H.	7	10	10	10
Barnett, Elinor L.	10	10	10	10	Henault, Honore	10	10	10	10
Blashill, Margaret	7	10	10	5	Harper, William	10	10	3	3
Brown, Eva Jane	7	7	7	7	Irvine, Eva G.	10	10	10	5
Baragar, Martha	7	10	10	10	Jaffray, Arthur H.	10	10	10	10
Bellamy, George	10	10	10	10	Justus, Mary Ann	10	10	10	10
Burke, Mabel	10	5	7	7	Justus, Ida May	10	10	10	10
Bourcieu, Benoni	10	10	10	10	James, Mary Theresa	10	7	10	10
Bartley, John S.	10	10	7	7	Jones, Samuel	7	10	10	10
Brown, Sarah Maria	10	10	7	7	King, Robert M.	10	10	10	7
Babcock, Ida E.	10	10	10	10	Keiser, Alfred B.	10	7	10	7
Barnard, Fred	10	7	10	10	King, Joseph	10	10	5	5
Billing, William E.	7	7	7	7	Kirk, John Albert	10	10	7	7
Baragar, George H.	10	10	10	10	Kaufman Vesta M.	7	10	7	5
Buchhaupt, Maria	7	10	7	7	Kelly, James	10	10	7	7
Brown, Mary Louisa	10	10	7	7	Kuby, Emma E.	10	10	10	5
Boomer, Duncan	10	10	7	7	Leguille, Marie	7	10	7	7
Chantler, Fanny	7	10	7	5	Leguille, Gilbert	10	10	10	10
Chantler, Thomas	10	10	10	7	Lemuelcino, M. L. J.	7	10	10	7
Cunningham, May A.	10	10	10	10	Leigh, Martha	10	10	10	10
Chambers, James	6	10	7	7	Luddy, David S.	10	10	10	10
Corbiere, Ell	10	10	10	7	Lightfoot, William	10	10	10	10
Charbonneau, Leon	10	10	10	10	Leslie, Edward A.	10	10	10	7
Carson, Hugh R.	10	10	10	7	Lett, Thomas B.H.	10	10	10	10
Cornish, William	10	5	10	10	Loughood, William J.S.	7	10	10	10
Cartier, Melvin	10	10	10	10	Lewis, Levi	10	10	10	10
Cullen, Arthur E.	10	10	10	7	Lyon, Isiah	10	7	5	5
Crowder, Vasco	10	7	10	10	Labelle, Maximo	10	10	10	7
Coolidge, Herbert L.	10	10	10	10	Lett, Wm. Putman	10	10	7	7
Crough, John F.	10	10	10	7	Lawson, Albert E.	10	10	10	10
Chatten, Elizabeth E.	10	7	7	7	Lott, Stephen	10	10	10	10
Corrigan, Rose A.	6	10	10	10	Lowe, George C.	10	10	7	7
Clements, Henry	10	10	10	10	Lawson, Frank Herbert	10	10	5	5
Cole, Amos Bowers	10	10	7	5	Little, Grace	5	7	7	5
Cummings Bert	10	10	7	7	Lobsinger, Jacobine	10	10	10	10
Cunningham, Martha	7	10	8	3	Lowry, Charles	10	10	5	5
Clemenger, Ida	7	10	7	7	Laporte, Leon	10	10	7	7
Dewar, Jessie Caroline	10	10	7	5	Larabie, Albert	10	10	5	5
Delaney, James	10	10	7	7	Laniell, Cleophas	10	10	10	5
Doyle, Francis E.	10	7	10	10	Major, Edith Ella	10	10	7	7
Douglas, John A.	7	10	10	10	Muckle, Grace	10	10	10	7
Dool, Thomas Henry	10	10	10	7	Muckle, Elizabeth	10	10	10	7
Dool, Charles Craig	10	10	10	10	Munro, Jessie Maud	10	10	10	10
Dubois, Joseph	10	10	10	7	Munro, George R.	10	5	7	10
Dixon, Ethel Irene	10	10	7	7	Mitchell, Colin	10	10	7	7
Dand, Wm. T.	10	10	10	10	Moore, William H.	10	10	7	5
Derocher, Mary Ellen	10	10	7	7	Majes, John Michael	10	10	10	7
DeBellefeuille, Alise	10	10	10	10	Morton, Robert M.	10	10	7	5
Duke, Etto	5	10	8	8	Mosoy, Ellen Loretta	10	10	7	7
Duncan, Walter F.	10	10	5	5	Mason, Lucy Ermina	10	7	10	10
Elliott, Cora Maud	10	10	7	5	Myers, Mary G.	10	10	10	6
P'lott, Wilbur	10	7	7	5	Moore, George H.	10	10	7	7
Edwards, Stephen R.	10	10	10	10	Moore, Rosa Ann	7	10	7	5
Elliott, Mabel Victoria	7	10	10	10	Murphy, Hortense	10	10	10	7
Esson, Margaret J.	10	7	10	10	Miller, Annie	7	10	3	3
Enawinger, Robert	10	10	8	3	Moore, Walter B.	10	10	7	7
Fairbairn, Georgina	10	10	7	7	Miller, Jane	7	10	7	7
Forgette, Haruudas	10	10	10	10	Munroe, Mary	10	10	3	3
Forgette, Joseph	10	10	10	10	Munroe, John	10	10	3	3
Frets, Beatrice	7	10	7	5	McBride, Annie Jane	7	10	10	10
Fenner, Catherine	10	10	7	5	McGregor, Flora	10	10	10	10
Forgette, Marion	10	7	7	7	McDonald, Ronald J.	7	10	5	7
Flaming, Eleanor J.	10	10	10	7	McDonald, Hugh A.	7	10	7	5
Farnham, Luna	10	10	5	3	McGillivray, Angus A.	10	10	10	10
Freuch, Charles	10	10	3	3	McBride, Hamilton	10	10	10	10
Gilleland, Annie M.	7	10	10	10	McKay, Mary Louisa	10	10	10	10
Gardiner, Dalton M.	10	10	10	10	McKay, Thomas J.	10	10	10	7
Gray, William	10	7	7	7	McLellan, Norman	10	10	7	7
Gray, William E.	10	7	10	10	McMillan, Flora E.	10	10	10	10
Grooms, Horbert M.	10	10	10	10	McGregor, Maxwell	10	10	5	5
Gerow, Daniel	10	10	10	10	McCormick, Mary P.	10	7	10	10
Gies, Albert E.	10	10	10	7	McKenzie, Angus	10	10	10	10
Goets, Sarah	10	10	7	7	McKouzo, Margaret	7	10	10	10
Goets, Eva	10	10	7	5	McCarthy, Eugene	10	10	10	7
Grooms, Harry E.	10	10	7	7	McMaster, Robert	10	10	10	10
Gainer, Mary Malinda	10	10	5	3	McKenzio, Herbert	7	10	10	7
Goose, Fidelia	10	10	5	5	Nahrgang, Allen	10	10	10	7
Graham, Mary E.	10	10	10	7	Nicholls, Borthia	10	10	5	5
Gillan, Walter	10	10	7	7	Noonan, Michael	10	7	10	7
Green, Thomas	7	10	10	10	Noonan, Maggie	10	10	10	10
Gladiator, Isabella	7	10	10	5	Orser, Orval E.	10	7	10	5
Grey, Violet	10	10	7	7	Orth, Elizabeth	7	10	5	5
Gelineau, Arthur	7	10	5	5	Or, James P.	10	10	10	10
					O'Neil, Ignatius David	10	10	10	10
					O'Connor, Mary B.	10	7	7	10
					Perry, Algo Earl	10	10	7	7
					Pierco, Cora May	7	7	10	10
					Pepper, George	10	10	10	10
					Pinder, Clarence	10	10	7	7
					Pilling, Gortio	10	10	10	10
					Perry, Frederic R.	10	10	10	10
					Pilon, Athanase	10	10	10	10
					Quick, Angus R.	10	10	10	10
					Ross, James	10	3	5	5
					Riviere, Donald James	10	10	10	10
					Rebortie, William	10	10	10	7
					Rooney, Francis Peter	10	10	7	7
					Rutherford, Emma	7	10	10	10
					Reid, Walter E.	10	10	7	5
					Randall, Robert	10	10	10	7
					Rutherford, Jessie M.	5	10	5	5
					Ronald, Eleanor F.	10	10	7	7
					Russell, Mary Bell	10	10	10	7
					Rowe, George	10	10	5	5
					Ross, Ferdinand	10	5	3	3
					Rielly, Mary	5	10	5	5
					Roth, Edwin	7	10	5	5
					Smith, Maggie	10	10	10	7
					Schwartzentruber, Cath	10	10	5	3
					Scott, Elizabeth	10	10	10	10
					Swayze, Ethel	10	10	10	7
					Skilling, Ellen	10	10	10	7
					Smith, Louisa	10	10	10	10
					Siess, Albert	10	10	10	10
					Sager, Mabel Maud	7	10	10	7
					Sager, Phoebe Ann	7	10	10	7
					Sager, Matilda B.	5	10	10	7
					Sager, Hattie	10	7	10	10
					Shilton, John T.	10	10	10	7
					Scott, Henry Percival	10	10	7	7
					Shannon, Ann Helena	10	10	7	5
					Sernushaw, James S.	10	10	10	10
					Scott, Evan R.	10	10	7	7
					Smith, John	10	10	10	5
					Sedore, Alley	10	10	10	10
					Sedore, Fred	10	10	10	10
					Smuck, Lloyd Leeland	10	10	7	7
					Showers, Anne	7	10	10	10
					Showers, Christina	10	10	10	10
					Showers, Mary	10	10	5	5
					Showers, Catherine	10	10	5	5
					St. Pierre, Georgina	10	10	3	3
					Simpson, Alexander	7	10	0	0
					Thompson, Mabel W.	10	10	10	7
					Todd, Richard S.	10	10	10	7
					Thompson, Ethel M.	10	10	10	10
					Tracey, John M.	10	10	7	7
					Thompson, Beatrice A.	5	10	10	10
					Thomas, Maud	7	10	10	10
					Terrell Frederick	10	10	10	10
					Vance, James Henry	10	10	7	7
					Veitch, Margaret S.	10	10	10	10
					Veitch, James	10	10	10	10
					Woods, Alberta May	10	10	10	7
					Warwick, Emily F. M.	10	10	10	10
					Wilson, Elizabeth	10	10	10	7
					Wallace, George R.	10	10	10	10
					Watt, William R.	10	10	10	7
					Wood, Nelson	10	7	7	10
					Wilson, Muirville P.	10	7	7	7
					Watson, Mary L.	10	10	10	7
					West, Francis A.	10	10	7	7
					Wylie, Edith A.	10	10	10	10
					Warner, Henry A.	10	10	10	10
					Wickott, George W.	7	10	5	5
					Waters, Maric A.	7	1		

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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

MONDAY DECEMBER 10, 1895.

... again.
 ... which way I turn,
 ... in the book of life,
 ... that I must learn
 ... my turn at the mill,
 ... the golden grain,
 ... at my task with a resolute will
 ... over again.

A Word to Parents.

With the approach of the Xmas season our minds are full of what they will receive from home and anxious expectancy is on every face. Mr. Mathison's reports to parents will we hope be gladly responded to, for if any one in the family should be remembered it is first the son or daughter at school and far away from the home circle. Each will be thinking of home during the coming festive season and although parents may say on the officers here doing all possible to make the season joyous and happy to the children, yet nothing they can do will give the pleasure of a good fat box from home with some useful clothing, a pair of skates, sled or some of the one hundred things they know their children desire or are fond of. On Christmas morning, when the boxes are distributed we do not want to see one disappointed face in the whole crowd who will cluster around the tables piled with boxes. We want to see each one leave the room carrying proudly in their arms some nice love token from home. Superintendents and friends, not at once about your preparations to help us make the holidays bright, and in making others happy may your own joy be full.

FOOT-BALL.

... STILL UNBEATEN.—WE MAKE THE CITY TEAM A PRESENT OF THE CORBY CUP.
 ... have been playing foot-ball during the past season for amusement among themselves only, and have probably enjoyed the game better through being free from the necessity of keeping their training to hold the district championship. At the opening of school we give out that we should join no league this season and would take a well earned rest. We know that this decision would lose us the Cup, but we do not want to be hoggish, we are quite willing to let the other teams have it. They have over proved worthily and have been disappointed enough. For the five weeks Mr. Corby put up the Hanson silver cup for competition it has remained in our possession and we will be able to use it in our library. Our school boys have defended stubbornly and hung on to it with a tenacity of purpose. Many strong arguments have been presented to them during the struggles on September 15th which our boys will never forget but ever look back to with pride. When our boys first entered the

league it was with the determination to be at the top, and by faithful practice and good training they got there and stayed there. They clearly proved their right to the Cup every time, and after holding it so long it seems a part and parcel of the Institution and we miss it very much. Although we do not now hold the cup our boys console themselves with the thought that they are still the champions in reality, for they still feel able to down anything the city can put in the field against them. The City team having defeated the only other team the Centrals, claimed the Cup and we handed it over to them last week. Perhaps a review of our boys' victories in the Belleville League will be interesting. They are as follows:

1st Series	Games		Goals	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1st	1	0	1	0
2nd	1	0	10	0
3rd	1	0	4	0
4th	2	1	7	2
5th	1	0	5	1

These are all league games, our team played several others in all of which they were victorious. Of the team that won the Cup in the first series only two members remain at school now, they are Jas. Chambers and M. Noonan.



—The little girls in Miss Ligon's class are the only ones who have to go outside the main building to reach their school room. They always wrap up all to cross the square and seem to enjoy their brief run even when it is very stormy.

A Christmas number of our little paper is in course of preparation and will be issued in time to greet our subscribers on Christmas morning, so our country friends had better make an extra call at their post-offices on or about the 24th.

—Only ten more days till Christmas. The boys and girls are beginning to count the hours now and all are on the *qui vive* of joyous expectancy. There will be the usual festivities, the presentation of gifts at noon and a party in the evening at which good things will be dispensed.

—No steps have been taken yet to make a skating rink. It is such a cold job the boys do not seem anxious to tackle it. They should set about it at once if it is to be done, and they will be well rewarded for their trouble as the day is seldom to be depended on long for clear ice for skating.

It is said that the air in the city is thick with measles and the doctors have a large number of patients with the disease. We only hope it will keep away from the Institute for we have lately been having more sickness than is agreeable, entailing a deal of extra work on the resident officers and attendants.

There was a general clearing out of the store-room last week and an immense pile of boxes, barrels and baskets were carted off to make more room. Mr. Douglas has had an extra stove in coal placed close to his desk in the store and expects to keep warm this winter even when old Boreas howls his loudest from the north.

—Last week the shoe shop received an order from the Kingston Asylum for a consignment of men's long boots and women's shoes. As they had the stock on hand, they were able to fill the order at once. Our shop only makes boots and does repairing for those connected with our school, all other spare work is used up in the Government Institutions of the Province.

Broad Street, Philadelphia, is said to resemble the pitch holes in our Canadian roads after a great snow storm. An exchange has it that Mr. Mathison before sailing for Europe last summer, took a party of his friends to ride on the second story of a Broad street bus, so that they might get used to the rolling and pitching motion and escape the *mal de mer* (sea-sickness) at sea.

—Mr. Langmuir has been so busy lately that he and the boys in the carpenter shop are somewhat late in getting up the double windows and storm porches. The work is now being pushed along and we expect to have all snug in a few days. The contractor, Mr. Hauley, is also fitting new storm windows to the "Gibson Hospital" and they will likely be done and set up before Christmas.

—Since the lamented death of Mrs. O'Meara, Mr. O'Meara has been in an unsettled state, as all his large family is scattered and he is left alone. Under the circumstances he thought it best to vacate his house for the present. A spare room was fitted up for his use and he has now moved in. We all sympathize with him in the breaking up of his home. Mr. Shane is occupying the vacant house until again required by the farm foreman.

The late Mr. Howe, of Toronto, left unsold a large number of copies of his History of Deaf Mute Education in Canada. We think that a copy should be in the hands of every deaf person and their friends. The history of the early struggles in the cause of uplifting of the deaf is very interesting and this is just the book for the purpose. One hundred copies are lying at the Institution to be disposed of and will be forwarded to any address on receipt of 10 cents in stamps.

—Our pupils warmly welcomed Mr. Bais on a late Saturday evening. His coming was quite unexpected, but he was at once pressed into service to afford an hour's amusement, which he is always ready to do. Mainly for the amusement of the younger pupils who had never seen the story before, he recited the fable of the forty thieves, and such was his power of mimicry and pantomime that he held the pupils, both little and big, spell bound for nearly an hour. At the close a vote of thanks and an earnest request to come again soon was tendered him.

—We have had to part with two of our pupils under circumstances which we much regret. Both of them are old timers and will probably not return again. Flora McMillan left for home on the 6th, for some time she has suffered from a lame foot and it was thought best that she should be under her parents' care. Lett Lewis also left on the same day. For some time he has been troubled with a weakness of the eyes, he frequently found it difficult to do his lessons and often had to vacate his seat in class for that cause. We shall miss him but more especially the small boys with whom he was a great favorite. We hope that a rest from study and a life in the open air will strengthen his eyes again.

PERSONALITIES.

Miss Stocking and Miss Holden, of the Belleville kindergarten school, were critically interested visitors a few days ago.

Mrs. Mathison, wife of the Superintendent, came home on Saturday, 7th, after an absence of six weeks, visiting friends in London, Brantford, Beamsville and Hamilton. The trip did her good.

—Mr. Campbell was absent from his class for a day or two, Mrs. Campbell having succumbed to the prevailing epidemic measles. With good care she is recovering quickly. Mr. Douglas also had a taste of family trouble, his little boy contracted the same disease. How they got it is a mystery as neither were exposed to infection.

Soon after the Institution opened one of the pupils received a letter from a friend who lived near Miss Rachel Leggatt, in which it was stated that Rachel had married Mr. Sunard during the holidays, and on this information we ventured to extend our congratulations. Miss Leggatt now writes to inform us that this was a mistake, for she is not married at all. We regret that the error occurred and gladly make the correction.

Mr. Geo. W. Keith, of Toronto University, in writing to his father, expressed warmly his appreciation of his visit here. He said his year class had a reception a few days ago but though there were perhaps some better dressed and more "tone" on that occasion he did not enjoy it so much as the Thanksgiving party here with the mutes—though doubtless some who were not mutes contributed not a little to his pleasure on that occasion.

Principal McDermond, of the Manitoba School for the Deaf, is president of the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg, and on the evening of the 2nd, the members had a grand banquet at which Lord Aberdeen and Lieutenant Governor Patterson and McIntosh, besides the Premier of Manitoba, the members of the Government, and a few members of the Commons and Legislature, were present. Mr. McDermond presided over the vast assembly of notables with dignity and ease.

Christmas Coming.

It's getting close to Christmas. Across the hills and dells,
 You can almost hear the chiming and the rhyming of the bells.
 But the skies are clear and candid, with no clouds that dream of snow,
 And you hear in dark and daylight all the elfin bugles blow!

It's getting close to Christmas. There's something in the air
 That seems to breathe of Bethlehem and all the glory there,
 And sweet the bells and bugles sound through our dreams of rest—
 Ring bells your sweetest music! And, bugles, blow your best!

It's getting close to Christmas. Oh, time of peace and joy!
 And, oh, to be once more, once more, a wakeful, watchful boy,
 With the stocking in the corner for old Santa Claus to fill!
 But we still thank God for Christmas, and we're boys in memory still!

—Atlanta Constitution

DETROIT NOTES.

From our own Correspondent.

I wish you and all your readers a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, and am sure all at the Institution will have one.

Rev. A. W. Mann came to Detroit Saturday and that evening the deaf had their annual social. Business kept the writer from being present, but was informed by those who were fortunate enough to be there that they had a very enjoyable time. There was service twice on Sunday. I went in the afternoon and witnessed a very interesting sermon. Mr. Mann gave us some very good advice, on several subjects.

Miss Bossie Ball is enjoying good health and is very busy.

Your correspondent received a letter from Miss Marion Campbell a couple of weeks ago and at the time of writing she was quite well and very busy.

I wish to say to your readers that working in a factory don't make any one low or disrespectful. You will find as many honest, respectable people in a factory as you will in a bank or government office and sometimes more.

Mrs. Richard Pincombe and family, of Poplar Hill, are in the best of health.

Your writer has been informed that Miss M. Ball, of Windsor, is enjoying the best of health and is working in a seed store.

We have had some pretty cold snaps here lately, but no sleighing until last week and it won't last much longer unless more snow comes.

Again, I will wish you and all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Dec. 9th, 1895.

"The Deaf Mutes of Canada."

A book of 128 pages, profusely illustrated, will be sent to any address, postage paid, on receipt of ten cents, in stamps. Address CANADIAN MUTE, Belleville, Ont.

The Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, at Belleville, celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday recently. This school was formally opened in October 1870, and since that time the record of the school has been one of continued growth and prosperity, the attendance this year being the largest in the history of the school. Like the Missouri School it has only had two superintendents:—the one who was called to provide over the institution when it was started and the present incumbent; but then ours is the older by nineteen years. We hope the future of the Ontario School will be as smooth and attended with the same degree of success that has marked its first twenty-five years.—*Missouri Record.*

Are you unhappy? There are many others in the world whose lot is less fortunate than yours. Do you have to work hard? Bless you, there are thousands who would like the opportunity you have to work. Was something wrong with your dinner? Think of the men, women and children who had no dinner. Possibly your financial condition is bad. There are many who are penniless and also unable to earn any thing. Are you under restraint, or are companions or surroundings disagreeable in some way? Quite likely, and yet if you will consider a moment, you can think of others near you with whom you would not care to exchange places. There is really a greater approach to equality in the conditions of people than we often imagine. With every privilege or pleasure enjoyed by those whom we commonly think happier than ourselves there is additional responsibility and probably some sting or regret which is concealed from us.—*Ex*

