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OUR MISSION.

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TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1894.

DEAD!

PROF. J. D. ASHLEY, OF THIS INSTITUTION,
PASSES AWAY.

How vain are words when sorrow strikes
And hearts are bowed in tearful prayer.
When in the sanctuary of the heart
We feel the pang grief cannot share.

We have this day come with a sad message indeed. Proud death is in our midst and a cruel blow it has struck. To us upon whom devolves the duty of conveying the mournful intelligence, this early demise is especially affecting. Twice before were we called on to record eminent losses, in the persons of the late Professors McGann and Greene, and to-day we have to deplore the untimely end of one whose services, although less long than that of either of the preceding, shall be inscribed in golden letters in the annals of our school.

James B. Ashley was born some fifty-three years ago, of U. E. loyalist parents, and lived all his life around the beautiful Bay whose captivating scenery he was fain to extol. From early youth, manifesting a love for study, he was given a liberal education, and having qualified himself, made his debut as a public school teacher in which vocation he was eminently successful until loss of hearing prevented him, from continuing in it. Sometime after, he accepted a position as Editor of the *Belleville Ontario*, where he distinguished himself as a man of rare integrity, extensive information, generous views and felicitous diction. It was there no doubt he acquired that facility of style which those interested in our work must have observed in his copious and graceful contributions to the professional press. But it is since his connection with this Institution we have especially known him. Here his well-informed mind, sympathetic nature and ardent zeal found a field as vast as it was precious. Bringing his varied gifts to bear fully upon the work he had longed to engage in, he being deaf, results soon proclaimed him the right man in the right place. His pupils stood well and he with them. He had energy enough, willingness enough and love enough to face each and every duty that presented.

With our Superintendent, as associate

and principal editor he made our paper a bright, sprightly, spirited herald of the Canadian sentiment *anent* the education of the deaf. As a citizen and friend, we can well say of Mr. Ashley that "he bore without a strain the grand old name of gentleman." The law of kindness was in his heart and hence on his lips. To praise others over was his seeming delight. The following which we often have seen him quote, shows the character:—

The only noble to be good,
Kind words are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood.

Mr. Ashley seems to have been suffering from a complication of diseases in which the kidneys and liver played a dire part. The whole frame was besieged in concert, our friend making a noble stand. But death had marked him as his victim, and against his forces all skill and kindness proved vain. Mr. Ashley was a fervent Christian, his exemplary life being its own apotheosis. He died as he lived—a true follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. He passed away yesterday afternoon at half-past one o'clock, in the sure hope of a glorious resurrection. Pupils, teachers and officers all mourn the loss of a good man in every respect. His widow and child have our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

Friend! before thy lifeless form, our hearts break! But why weep? Is it not appointed once for all to die! Upon thy cold, peaceful brow we lay the humble tribute of our respect, gratitude and affection. Your long-enduring friendship we shall ever recall. Heaven receive thy noble soul! Farewell!

The Study of English.

The *Educational Journal* published lately the recommendations of a sub-committee of the National Education Association, referring to the teaching of English in the schools. Among other valuable suggestions it is stated:—"If the pupil is to secure control of the language as an instrument for the expression of his thoughts, it is necessary (1) that during the period of life when limitation is the chief motive principal in education, he should be kept so far as possible away from the influence of bad models and under the influence of good models, and (2) that every thought which he expresses, whether orally or on paper, should be regarded as a proper subject for criticism as to language. Thus every lesson in geography, or physics, or mathematics, may and should become a part of the pupil's training in English. There can be no more appropriate moment for a brief lesson in expression than the moment when the pupil has something which he is trying to express. If this principle is not regarded, a recitation in history or in botany, for example, may easily undo all that a set exercise in English has accomplished. In order that both teacher and pupil may attach due importance to this incidental instruction in English, the pupil's standing in any subject should depend in part on his use of clear and correct English."

Another Message.

The *Lone Star Weekly* has exposed itself to a charge of incompetency and shallowness, from the Malone oracle, by publishing the following as an editorial opinion:—

Engraving is now being taught at the Illinois school. That is quite an addition to the manual department. There seems to be a general disposition in our profession not only to produce better results in manual labor but also to introduce work of a higher order, and there is some necessity. The common trades are over-crowded while some are being pushed to the wall by the invention of mechanical appliances, but there is still room at the top. Engraving is a high-toned trade and one that affords excellent remuneration. To teach it thoroughly would seem rather an expensive undertaking, but where the means are simple and the talent is at hand it may well have a place along with other trades. The Illinois school will come about as near making a success of it as any school in the country, for it never stands back on account of the expense attached to any undertaking for the good of the deaf.

Right in Line.

This is what "Said Pahaw," whose initials are "W. A. C.," has to say about that *ipse dixit*, ancient teaching engraving in schools for the deaf, by the *Deaf-Mutes' Advocate*—

But editor Reynolds is right in line with the objectors to all improved machinery and improved processes that have made life so blissful these many years. The steam car was objected to because it would scare cattle, and the smoke would cloud the sky. I have no statistics at hand, but feel safe in saying that there are now fifty per cent employed in engraving to where there was one ten years ago. And if wood engraving has gone down, it has been only to give place to some thing better. But even wood engraving is by no means a lost art: it is again on the ascendency, and I venture the assertion that in five years more it will be in better shape and in greater demand than ever before. If you do not think so, look at *Scribner's, Black and White* and other high-class publications. No process engraving can ever equal a wood engraving, except in price. The introduction of half-tone engraving has necessitated a revolution in printing, viz., better paper and better ink, better presses and better pressmen, and presto! the same accessories used with wood engravings give to them a new field, a new lease of life.

Has not editor Caldwell got "beyond his depth," too?

Signs in the Class-Room.

One of our lady teachers gives expression to her thoughts in regard to the use of signs in the class-room, as follows:—

I hold, and shall always maintain that there is no need of the constant use of signs in the class-room. Our children are in no way different from others, excepting always the lack of speech or hearing. I believe they can be taught to read commands written or spelled, after the second month at school and so far as possible their teacher should communicate with them in no other manner, and so far as lies within the child's power it should be required to write or spell all it wishes to say. It takes much time and patience especially in a large class, but if we do not give it language, pray, who will?

The number of instructors who agree with the sentiments expressed is constantly increasing.

Dr. P. G. Gillett.

Dr. P. G. Gillett, President of the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf, came to us yesterday and we are all very glad indeed to see him. The Doctor is an old veteran in the cause of deaf-mute education, having spent his entire life in the work. He is making a tour of the Institutions for the Deaf in the United States and Canada, enquiring into their work and giving aid and counsel to his co-laborers. We shall have something more to say of his visit in our next issue.

Mr. J. G. Shaw, Editor of the *Blackburn Times*, England, has received the appointment of Head Master to the School for the Deaf and Dumb, now in course of erection at Preston, and which it is expected will be opened by the Earl of Derby, about the end of July. From all we have heard and learned of Mr. Shaw we believe his appointment will give general satisfaction. He has been intimately connected with the work of educating and ministering to the Deaf in North East Lancashire for the last fifteen years and has performed his self-denying labor in a straight, courteous and conscientious manner. He is the very man for his now calling as his sympathies are deeply concerned in the welfare of the silent little ones he has been chosen to superintend. We wish him every success.

The Rev. Wm. S. Eagleson has been appointed Superintendent of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, at Columbus, Ohio, to replace Colonel Clark, who is retired. Mr. Eagleson enjoys a good reputation throughout his state, has had considerable experience in public and private schools and has been highly successful in his management of young persons. He is represented as a man of kindness and courtesy with a winning spirit and gentle manners. He enters upon his duties on the 1st of August next, and we wish him every success in his now and trying sphere.

Give a Kind Word When You Can.

Do you know a heart that hungers
For a word of love and cheer?
There are many such about us
It may be that one is near.
Look around you. If you find it
Speak the word that's needed,
And your own heart may be strengthened
By the help that you bestow.

It may be that some one falters
On the brink of sin and sorrow,
And a word from you might save him
Help to make the tempter strong.
Look about you. O, my brother,
What a sin is yours and mine,
If we see that help is needed
And we give no friendly sign.

Never think kind words are wasted
Frost on waters cast are they,
And it may be we shall find them
Counting back to us some day.
Counting back when sorely needed
In a time of sharp distress.
So, my friend, let's give them freely
Gift and giver God will bless.

North American

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

On Tuesday evening, 10th ult. some ten or twelve of the mutes turned up at the Parliament Building, according to appointment. The evening was very stormy, which accounts for the small attendance, but those present had a good time viewing the buildings.

Mr. Bridgen preached a special service on the 22nd to the married deaf mutes on their duty towards their children and their baptism. It was most attentively listened to throughout.

Mr. Chas. Howe was not seen for a while lately, but he turned up again at the meeting last Sunday. On inquiring the reason, it was found he had been held a prisoner by, we believe, Detective Grip.

We are sorry to learn that we are going to lose the kindly and amicable presence of Miss Annie Fraser Phillips, sister, from amongst us soon who has been staying in the city for the last few months. We are however glad to learn that she is not going away from us altogether.

Miss Hoffman is visiting her sister, Mrs. Kiddo. She attended both meetings of deaf-mutes last Sunday. We learn with regret that it is the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Kiddo to leave Toronto shortly.

Your correspondent was calling on some of the mutes lately for news for the *CANADIAN MUTE*, but most of them were too busy digging their gardens for space need to be disturbed. They said "hurry so the scribe had to make his bow and depart, but does not want to be blamed for any shortcomings of the *MUTE* from this quarter in next issue.

It seems most of the mutes here, as well as elsewhere, have been hip and Winkles as to the Convention, but they seem to be awakening up at last to the fact that it is about time to get ready for it. When the hour comes to depart a large consignment of the mutes from this city will be ready, aye, ready for any emergency.

Miss Nellie Cunningham is back to the city again.

Last Wednesday the mutes here had the pleasure of listening to a very interesting lecture on "Egypt," by Mr. Bridgen. He described in graphic signs, which he knows how to make, of the manners and customs of the people there. He told some very amusing stories, which kept the audience in roars of laughter. A hearty vote of thanks was given the lecturer at the close.

Mr. McInnes, who is a practical shoe maker, is working at W. B. Hamilton's Factory. We call him "Scotty."

The number of teachers employed in the Public Schools of Ontario has increased in the last twenty-five years from 4,800 to 8,480, yet the number of male teachers is only about the same as in 1867. The figures now are, males 2,770, females 5,710.

The press of the *Silent Echo* Manitoba, is now run by an electric motor in place of hand-power. The office also has a new paper cutter, and a wire stitcher and embossing machine. The editorial department of the paper, however, has been running by electricity for a long time, and no innovation. *Companion*

Ontario, notwithstanding our pride in our school system, has but one teacher to every 250 of her population. This means an average of 57 pupils to each teacher. The teaching force of the Province, in proportion to the number of pupils, is relatively weaker than that of any State in the American Union, or any other Province, save British Columbia.

REVERIE.

... sweet
... told me so
... knelt at her feet
... long ago
... hands in hers -
... that memory stirs
... profoundest deep
... that I weep
... hands and smiled
... I was a child,
... not harm,
... other's arm
... around me and I felt
... I knelt
... mother's prayer
... with mother there
... is sweet
...
... told me wrong -
... through my years of woo
... whispers, soft and low.
... as angel's song,
... like a dream
... to night I seem
... in my old, old place,
... mother's blessed face
... through each sweet remembered word
... sweetest undertone is heard
... my child our God is sweet
... death, kneel at His feet.
... gladness, sweet in gloom,
... still beside the tomb.

PATRIK HAN

HAMILTON HINTS.

... Have is fast improving at book
... though the wages are small
... he will get more by and by,
... he says he is learning a good
...
... of the suburban rural
... in the city lately. They
... Geo. Bridgeford, Fred. Ford,
... Mortimer, Joshua Lloyd, Syrian
... and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Feath-
...
... sister of Holley Grant, was
... informed by a lady friend who
... mission meetings for women, that
... of the women, by the name of Grant,
... of the meeting grievously
... the lady in charge that she
... deaf-mute children. She lives
... in East Hamilton, outside
... city limits. I do not know that the
... if indeed the story be true,
... ever attended any school but will
... investigate the matter at the earliest
... time extremely limited
...
... debate, "On the preference of
... Summer or Winter as being a more
... pleasurable season," was thrashed out
... in the Y. M. C. A. Lyceum on April 13th.
... combatants were Thos. McGlashan
... for Summer, and Jas. Mosher for Winter.
... according to evidence given by each
... the judges decided on Summer as
... being the more preferable all round.
... The Report of the Sixteenth Annual
... Conference of Gospel Believers, on the
... progress of the Brethren, at length has
... us to say - "The Hamilton gathering
... is alive, and has yet the freshness and
... vigor of youth. In addition to their
... other christian and proper methods of
... spreading the truth there is the peculiar
... feature of a mute class in their Sunday
... school taught by a deaf and dumb chris-
... teacher. As far as is known to us
... this is a novel feature in the work, and
... as we bring this fact to the notice of our
... readers we doubt not the prayers of
... many of the Lord's people will be drawn
... out on behalf of the "Deaf and Dumb"
... class in Hamilton, Ont., Sunday School."
... the deaf teacher referred to is Mr.
... Hestley Grant.
... News scarce at present. More anon.
... J. R. B.

OTTAWA BRIEFS.

... Ploughing and seeding began here
... during the second week of April. Mr.
... R. Bayne has 20 acres of oats sown, and
... was sowing his barley when the recent
... wet weather stopped him.
... Mr. Frank Wiggott, whom your Mon-
... treal correspondent referred to, is at
... present in Ottawa and rapidly becoming
... a general favorite with all who meet
... him. He is employed in the Privy
... Council department of the Civil Service,
... not in the Printing Bureau, as stated by
... your Montreal correspondent.
... Mr. James McClelland is at present
... on the night staff of government com-
... putations. Last Saturday being tempted
... by the fine weather, he walked out
... from to Cauntly, Que., a distance of 18
... miles.
... Miss Alice Waters, of North Nation
... Mills, was in Ottawa last week and
... attended the D. & D. Bible Class.
... Miss Nellie Gray, sister of Alfred and
... Mrs. J. Noyes, is at present out west,
... visiting her brother George in Prince
... Edward County, and Mrs. Noyes, near
... London. She did not pay the Institu-
... tion a visit during her stay in Prince

Edward, but expresses her intention to do so on her return from London.
Mr. Mathison paid us a visit lately, and during his stay spent a couple of hours at the Russell House, in conversation with the parents of the pupils at Belleville who came from Ottawa and vicinity. Miss Borthwick and Mr. Bayne were there also, and happy to see their former Superintendent. Next time he comes we would be glad if he would give us a little more notice so that we might call a meeting and introduce him to the entire deaf colony of Ottawa, as they are all anxious to have a look at the man of whom they hear so many flattering comments, and accuse the graduates of the Ontario School for the Deaf of wishing to monopolize him.
Miss Murphy gave a party to her deaf friends on the 17th ult., Miss Borthwick on the 18th and Miss Almond on the 19th. Your correspondent was not there, but those who were fortunate enough to be present reported having a very pleasant time. The average number at each party was about twelve.
Miss Maud Culligan came down from Ashton, where she was visiting her sister, with Roy Mrs. G. T. Bayne, and paid Miss Maggie Borthwick a four days visit. On Saturday evening your correspondent called on her and spent some time enquiring of mutual friends at the Institution, and was pleased to find her in the best of health, as he had been informed that she had to leave school owing to ill health.

BRANTFORD ITEMS.

... If a long time since any items have appeared in THE CANADIAN NEWS from this city, and we are wondering what has become of Brantford, who was to fill the long felt want as correspondent. We presume he has become too engrossed with his horses to think of anything but the jags.
All the mutes, with the exception of two or three, expect to attend the Convention, and an effort will be made to have the next Convention in this city. There is no reason why Toronto should have it again for a while, as there has been two meetings there already.
On account of the depression in trade, several mutes have found it necessary to leave our city and seek employment elsewhere; still all who are here are at work and doing well.
A. E. Smith expects to move his shoe business to Market St. very soon, where he will have one of the best business stands in the city. He gets about as much trade as other shoemakers in the city but expects to do better when he gets down stairs on the business street.
Robt. Sutton has been trying to organize a Literary Society among the mutes, but is unable to get a quorum together as they are too much occupied in other matters.
While A. E. Smith, Robt. Sutton and H. Gottlieb were in Mr. Sutton's hen coop, inspecting his hens, Little Roy Smith innocently fastened the latch on the outside and they were prisoners for some time, until Roy brought his ma to open the door. T. McLaren was at first suspected and came near being mobbed.
Brantford mutes are great chicken men. Sutton keeps several varieties of thorough bred stock, Archie Smith some common hens for eggs, and A. E. Smith is getting quite a reputation as a breeder of games. He received a valuable pair from Pennsylvania last month.
A short time ago a party of our young men started to drive to Berlin, the roads being bad, the wagon broke down near Paris and they had to return. Having paid for the rig for two days they were bound to have their money's worth and drove around the country. They had another break down and found it rather expensive.
There is good fishing in the Grand River and those who have time to go have caught some fine fish. Archie Smith has some big fish stories to tell every day.

Surprise is often expressed at how poorly a great many of the deaf express themselves and how little English they seem to understand sufficiently to give the gist of its contents in an independent way, after they have gone over so much ground or, in other words, been to school so long. The surprise to us is all the other way, that is that they do understand so much and express themselves so well. Practically speaking, how much does a deaf boy or girl in our schools actually use language? Really the amount used would be hard to tell.

A Humble Petition.

Jesus, humble make me be
Draw me closer, Lord to Thee,
Fill my soul with Thy great love,
Take me to Thy home above.
Jesus, Jesus, in my cry
When in trouble let me fly
To Thy bosom, where no fear
Can befall when Thou art near
When the tempter is at hand,
Make me do Thy blessed command
Make my thoughts here ever be
Thoughts above, eternity
Give me grace divinely pure
Help me all my cares endure
Help me, teach me, in Thy way,
That I may Thy will obey
-E. J. Moore

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Boys' Side of the Institution.

BY HERBERT ROBERTS

-This is May-Day.
-Our store keeper, Mr. Smith, went to Kingston about a week ago.
-Mrs. Barlow, the wife of our messenger, was a visitor here some time ago.
-The little boys have a new foot-ball, and every day they are playing with it.
-The swing on the boys' side is put up, and every day boys are swinging on it.
-The 20th ult. was John Isbister's birthday, and we all wished him many happy returns of the day.
-Some of the boys have made new goals for foot-ball. They are eight feet high and about twelve feet wide.
-Dr. Russell, of Hamilton, spent some time with the Superintendent a few days ago. He has charge of the Hamilton Asylum.
-Our annual written examination will start this month. We must study hard if we want to pass well. Who will be first?
-One night recently there was a sick cow in the stable. We were surprised to find it dead the next morning. Cause unknown.
-Charles Holton cannot ride on his bicycle these days, because he has sent it away to be repaired. He likes riding on it very much.
-Mr. Nurse, our master shoe-maker, could not come to his duties for two days on account of the illness of his wife. She is better now.
-Vernon Woodward, a pupil, who worked in the shoe shop, had to quit on account of having a sore eye. He is at his duties again.
-Some of the boys went to the city a few days ago to get some of their teeth filled with gold. They look nicer with gold in their teeth.
-One very pleasant afternoon recently Mr. Nurse brought his little daughter here. We were pleased to see her. She is a very nice little girl.
-The boys who work in the carpenter shop have dug twenty eight post-holes for a fence behind the barn. They will soon make a splendid fence.
-Some new boats have been launched on the bay this spring. They are painted different colors and run up and down the stream nearly every day.
-The boys who do not work in the shops, have to mow the grass on the lawn every afternoon with lawn mowers. The grass looks nice when it is cut.
-Some of the large boys went to the hay one morning, and brought up Mr. Smith's sail boat. They took it to the carpenter-shop to be fixed and repainted.
-We had a pelting rain recently. That was the first time we saw the lightning this year. The rain has improved the buds, grass and flowers very much.

Robert King's sister Mary paid him a visit on the 22nd ult. Robert was pleased to see her. She works at millinery in this city. Robert likes to see her often.
-The pupils of Mr. Coleman's class went out on the lawn some days ago to learn how to measure the front grounds. They say they like it outside better than in the class-room.
-Willie Gould, a pupil here, got a letter from home saying that Jonathan Henderson, a graduate of this school, was looking for work near London. We hope he will find it.
-Our teamster cultivated the garden nicely for seeding and some of the boys helped to plant the potatoes—the earliest for some years. We hope there will be a good crop next fall.

-Charles Holton's father and mother came here one afternoon recently and took Charlie with them for a drive. They went to the woods near by and gathered some wild flowers.

-While some of the boys were in the city on the 21st ult., they noticed a man about three feet in height who was over forty years of age. He looked as though the felt big, however.

-There are some robins making their nests near the school. It is a pretty sight to see the busy birds flying to and fro, bringing up twigs for their nests. We should not rob their nests.

-One of the boys got a letter from Moses Sicard, who left here some time ago on account of his health being very poor. He says he is well now and would like to come to the Convention.

-Our carpenter and his staff of boys have made a new side-walk between the store and the kitchen. The boys who do not work in the shops, will have to clean the place of the old sticks which are lying outside.

-On the 25th ult., Christopher Gillam's brother came to see him, which gave Christopher a great surprise. He came on a schooner from Toronto and stayed in the city for a few days. Christopher works in the shoe-shop all day.

-On Saturday, the 14th ult., our juniors played a foot ball match with the city boys, at which our boys were victorious, winning the game by a score of 2 to 0. They played another game the following Friday, but there was no score.

-Eli Corbiere, a pupil here, got a letter from Joseph Johnson, of Barrie, saying that Percy Allen and Mary Morrison were in to see him some time ago. He said that the Grand Trunk Railway station at Allandale was destroyed by fire. The value of the building was about \$4,000. He also said he was ready for the Convention.

Lip Language.

ENGLAND'S UPPER TEN LEARNING TO SPEAK WITHOUT ARTICULATING.

"Lip Language" is understood to be the latest craze which will occupy the spare time of society in the place of banjo playing and skirt dancing. Somebody once sang something about—

When meek gra, eyes droop still more meek,
And dimples play at hide and seek,
There's but one language lips can speak
Tis brief, but rather pleasant.

Perchance we have all of us had some experience of this kind in our time, but it is quite a different kind of lip language that I am now alluding to. It is reading and understanding words shaped by the lips without articulation.

That this is possible is well known by the efficient manner in which deaf actors have been able to take their part on the stage, and if people become proficient in the art it will be surprising how quiet society will become. Doubtless life will be somewhat dull, but at any rate we shall be spared that perpetual babble and cackle which oft-times makes a dinner party so wearisome, and we shall get rid of the roar and buzz of overcrowded assemblies. If perfection is attained in the art, with a couple of good opera glasses people will be able to converse with considerable distance apart. The male practitioners of the art will undoubtedly have to shave, and it will be a nice point of law to find whether slader or hbel conveyed by this silent system will be actionable or not. Probably the only people who will object to the new pastime will be those perpetual jabbers, those incessant jaw exercisers, to whom nothing is so sweet as the sound of their own voices.—London Graphic.

From a Girl's Composition on Boys.

Boys is men that have not got as big as their papas, and girls is young women that will be young ladies by and by. * * * Man was made before woman. When God looked at Adam He said to Himself, "Well, I guess I can do better than that if I try again," and then he made Eve. God liked Eve so much better than He did Adam that there has been more women in the world than men ever since. * * * Boys are a trouble. They are very wearing on everything but soap. * * * If I could have my way half the boys in the world would be little girls and the other half would be dolls. * * * My papa is so nice to me that I guess he must have been a girl when he was a little boy.

Report of Pupils' Standing.

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

NAME OF PUPIL	HEALTH	CONDUCT	APPLICATION	IMPROVEMENT
Andrew, Maud	10	10	10	10
Armstrong, Jarvis Earl	10	10	10	10
Annable, Alva H	10	10	10	10
Arnall, George	10	10	10	10
Allen, Ethel Victoria	10	10	10	10
Allendorf, Anna May	10	10	10	10
Bracken, Sarah Maud	10	10	10	10
Ball, Fanny S	10	10	10	10
Ball, Mabel	10	10	10	10
Brazier, Eunice Ann	10	10	10	10
Burr, Annetta	10	10	10	10
Brown, Jessie McE	10	10	10	10
Bradshaw, Agnes	10	10	10	10
Butler, Anne	10	10	10	10
Benoit, Rosa	10	10	10	10
Brown, Wilson	10	10	10	10
Burich, Francis	10	10	10	10
Bam, William	10	10	10	10
Burke, Edith	10	10	10	10
Burk, Walter Fred	10	10	10	10
Ballagh, Georgina	10	10	10	10
Beatty, Donella	10	10	10	10
Blackburn, Annie M	10	10	10	10
Barnott, Elmer L.	10	10	10	10
Blashill, Margaret	10	10	10	10
Brown, Eva Jane	10	10	10	10
Baragar, Martha	10	10	10	10
Bellamy, George	10	10	10	10
Burke, Mabel	10	10	10	10
Bourdeau, Benoni	10	10	10	10
Barley, John S	10	10	10	10
Brown, Sarah Maria	10	10	10	10
Chantler, Fanny	10	10	10	10
Chantler, Thomas	10	10	10	10
Cunningham, May A	10	10	10	10
Culligan, Maud	10	10	10	10
Chauvin, Eugenio	7	10	10	10
Chambers, James	10	10	10	10
Corbiero, Eh	10	10	10	10
Charbonneau, Leon	10	10	10	10
Crozier, Frederick W	10	10	10	10
Carson, Hugh R	10	10	10	10
Cornish, William	10	10	10	10
Cartier, Melvin	10	10	10	10
Cyr, Thomas	10	10	10	10
Cullen, Arthur E	10	10	10	10
Crowder, Vasco	10	10	10	10
Coolidge, Herbert L	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
Currie, Clifford	10	10	10	10
Cole, Emily	7	7	10	10
Dowar, Jessie Caroline	10	5	5	3
Dudley, Elizabeth A	10	7	7	7
Delaney, James	10	7	10	7
Doyle, Francis E	10	10	10	10
Douglas, John A	7	10	10	10
Dool, Thomas Henry	10	7	10	7
Dool, Charles Craig	10	7	10	7
Dubois, Joseph	10	10	10	10
Dixon, Ethel Irene	10	10	10	10
Dand, Wm. T	10	7	7	7
Derocher, Mary Ellen	10	10	10	10
Elliott, Cora Maud	10	10	10	10
Elliott, Wilbur	10	10	10	10
Eames, Ina Fay	10	7	10	10
Edwards, Stephen R	10	10	10	10
Elliott, Mabel Victoria	10	10	7	7
Esson, Margaret J.	10	7	10	7
Fairbairn, Georgina	10	10	7	5
Forgette, Harmudas	10	10	7	7
Forgette, Joseph	10	10	10	10
Fisher, John Francis	10	7	10	10
Frotz, Beatrice	7	10	10	10
Fenner, Catherine	10	10	10	7
Forgette, Marion	10	10	5	5
Gilleland, Anne M	10	10	10	10
Gardiner, Florence A	10	7	10	10
Gardiner, Dalton M	10	10	10	10
Gregg, William J. S	10	10	10	7
Gould, William H	10	10	5	7
Gray, William	10	10	7	7
Gray, William E	10	10	7	7
Grooms, Herbert M	10	10	7	7
Garden, Elsie	10	7	10	10
Gilliam, Christopher	10	7	5	7
Gerow, Daniel	10	10	10	10
Gies, Albert E	10	7	10	10
Goetz, Sarah	10	10	10	10
Goetz, Eva	10	10	10	10
Grooms, Harry E	10	10	10	10
Ganor, Mary Mahuda	10	10	3	3
Howitt, Felicia	10	10	10	10
Holt, Gertrude M	10	10	10	10
Hodgeon, Clara Mabel	10	10	10	10
Hutchinson, Margaret	10	7	10	10
Hayward, Mary A	10	10	10	10
Harris, Emily L	10	10	10	10
Herrington, Isabella	10	10	10	10
Harold, William	10	10	7	7
Hence, Henry A	10	7	10	10
Henry, George	10	10	7	7
Hennault, Charles H	10	10	7	7
Hackbusch, Ernest	10	10	10	10
Harris, Frank E	10	10	7	7
Hartwick, Olive	10	10	7	7
Henderson, Anne M	10	7	7	7
Hill, Florence	10	10	7	7
Head, Hartley J	10	7	10	10
Hunter, Wilhelmina	10	10	10	10
Hammell, Henrietta	10	10	10	10
Holt, Charles McK	10	7	10	10
Irvine, Ethel M	10	10	10	10
Irvine, Eva G	10	10	10	10
Ibister, John A	10	10	10	10
Jameson, Eva L	10	10	10	10
Jaffray, Arthur H	10	10	7	7
Justus, Mary Ann	10	7	10	7
Justus, Ida May	10	7	10	7
Kavanagh, Matthew	10	10	10	7
King, Robert M	10	7	10	7
Keiser, Alfred B	10	10	7	7
King, Joseph	10	10	10	10
Kirby, Emma E	10	10	7	6
Kirk, John Albert	10	5	10	10
Leguille, Mario	10	7	7	6
Leguille, Gilbert	10	10	7	7
Lemadelle, M L J	10	10	10	7
Leigh, Martha	10	10	10	10
Luddy, David S	10	7	10	10
Labello, Noah	10	7	7	7
Lightfoot, William	10	10	7	7
Leshe, Edward A	10	10	10	10
Lett, Thomas B.H	10	10	7	7
Loughness, William J S	10	10	7	7
Leggatt, Rachel	10	10	10	10
Lewis, Levi	10	10	10	7
Lyons, Isaiam	10	7	10	10
Labello, Maximo	10	10	10	10
Lott, Wm. Putnam	10	10	10	10
Lawson, Albert E	10	7	5	5
Lett, Stephen	10	10	10	7
Major, Edith Ella	10	10	10	10
Muckle, Grace	10	10	10	10
Muckle, Elizabeth	10	10	10	10
Mitchell, Bertha May	10	10	10	10
Munro, Jessie Maud	10	10	10	10
Morrison, Barbara D	10	10	10	10
Moote, Albert E	10	10	7	7
Munroe, George R	10	10	10	10
Mitchell, Colin	10	10	10	10
Moore, William H	10	10	7	7
Mapes, John Michael	10	10	10	10
Morton, Robert M	10	10	10	10
Mosey, Ellen Loreta	10	10	10	10
Mason, Lucy Emma	10	10	10	7
Miller, Jane	10	10	10	7
Myers, Mary G	10	10	7	5
Moore, George H	10	7	3	8
McBride, Anne Jane	10	10	7	5
McGregor, Flora	7	10	10	10
MacPhail, Anne L	10	10	10	10
McGillivray, Mary A	10	10	10	7
McDonald, Ronald J	10	7	7	7
McDonald, Hugh A	10	10	6	3
McGillivray, Angus A	10	7	10	7
McKay, William	10	7	10	7
McBride, Hamilton	10	10	10	7
MacMaster, Catherine	10	7	5	7
McKay, Mary Louisa	10	7	7	7
McKay, Thomas J	10	7	10	10
McLellan, Norman	10	7	10	10
McMillan, Flora E	10	10	10	10
McGregor, Maxwell	10	7	10	7
McCormick, Mary P	10	7	7	7
McKenzie, Angus	10	10	10	7
McKenzie, Margaret	10	10	10	7
McCarthy, Eugene	10	10	10	10
Nahrgang, Allen	10	10	7	7
Noonan, Catherine M	10	10	10	10
Noonan, Emily W	10	10	10	7
Noonan, Michael E	10	7	10	10
Noonan, Maggie	10	10	10	10
Noonan, Mary T	10	10	10	10
Newton, Amos	10	7	7	5
Newton, Joseph	10	7	5	5
O'Neil, Mary E	10	7	10	10
Oser, Orva E	10	10	10	7
Orth, Elizabeth	10	10	10	5
Orr, James P	10	10	7	7
O'Brien, Richard	10	7	5	5
Perry, Alge Earl	10	10	7	7
Pierce, Cora May	10	10	10	10
Pepper, George	10	10	7	7
Phillimore, Margaret	10	7	10	7
Patrick, John	10	7	10	10
Pinder, Clarence	10	7	3	3
Pilling, Gertrude	10	10	7	5
Ross, James	10	7	10	10
Riviero, Donald James	10	10	7	7
Roberts, Herbert W	10	10	10	10
Robinson, Maggie T	10	10	10	7
Rebordic, William	10	10	10	10

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Roonoy Francis Peter	10	7	10	7
Ronald, Elenor F	10	10	7	7
Rutherford, Emma	10	10	7	5
Reid, Walter E	10	5	7	5
Randall, Robert	10	10	10	10
Smith, Maggie	10	10	7	5
Schwartztruber, Cath	10	7	5	5
Scott, Elizabeth	10	10	10	10
Swayze, Ethel	10	10	10	10
Skiffings, Ellen	10	10	10	7
Smith, Louisa	10	10	10	7
Sieard, Moses	10	10	10	10
Swanson, Alexander D	10	7	10	10
Siess, Albert	10	10	7	7
Sager, Mabel Maud	10	10	7	10
Sager, Phoebe Ann	10	10	7	7
Sager, Matilda B	10	6	10	7
Sager, Mattie	10	10	10	10
Simard, Samile	10	10	7	7
Smalldon, John W	10	7	7	7
Shulton, John T	10	10	7	7
Scott, Henry Percival	10	10	10	10
Shannon, Ann Helena	10	10	10	10
Scrimshaw, James S	10	7	7	7
Scott, Evan R	10	7	10	10
Thomas, Blanche M	7	10	10	7
Thompson, Mabel W	10	10	10	7
Todd, Richard S	10	10	7	5
Toulouse, Joseph	10	10	7	5
Thompson, Ethel M	10	10	10	7
Terrell, Frederick W	10	7	10	10
Vanco, 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	10
Warwick, Emily F M	10	10	10	5
Wilson, Elizabeth	10	10	10	7
Woodward, Edwin V	10	10	10	6
Wallace, George R	10	10	10	10
Watt, William R	10	7	10	10
Wool, Nelson	10	10	10	10
Wilson, Murville P	10	5	3	3
Watson, Mary L	10	10	10	7
West, Francis A	10	5	7	7
Wyle, Edith A	10	10	10	10
Warner, Henry A	10	10	10	10
Wickett, George W	10	10	10	7
Waters, Marion A	10	10	10	10
Woodloy, Elizabeth	10	10	10	10
Young, Sarah Ann	10	10	5	3
Yack, Lena	10	10	10	7
Young, John C	10	10	10	7
Young, George S	10	10	7	7
Zimmerman, John C	10	10	10	10

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Girls' Side of the Institution

BY BELLA HERRINGTON.

The leaves are growing fast and the poor trees will soon have on their pretty clothes.

A great many robins are seen around here almost every day, but we cannot hear them singing sweetly.

On the 16th ult., the double windows were taken off and we are glad, as all the rooms are better ventilated now.

One of the girls' natal day will occur on the 5th of May. Can you guess who she is? Try to find it out.

Mr and Mrs Lloyd were the guests of Misses Mabel and Edith Steel. They were intensely glad to see them again.

We are tired wearing our heavy dresses through the winter, but our spring dresses and hats will soon be worn.

We are very sorry to say that Mr Ashley is absent from teaching his class, but we still hope he will soon be out of danger.

On the 29th ult., we had a heavy rain-storm and the result was that everything looked much meier and greener.

As the Queen's birthday is approaching we just wonder if we will have the programme of amusements this year as we had last year.

The final examination is drawing near and the pupils will be very busy writing examination papers. I hope they all will stand high.

One of the attendants, named Mrs Anne Wilkins, can spell and sign very fast. She is smart. She has been here only two years.

The girls like to get up early in the morning and take exercise by going out for a walk, skipping, swinging, and playing base ball and croquet before breakfast. They always look bright when they get rich fresh air.

—We have had such a fine day and we desire them to come. When we awake, we involuntarily say "Beautiful! Beautiful!"

—Every time I go out I see the trees round me of no use, whose friendship with me is overgreen which never fades.

—The pupils are counting the days till vacation. It is only 14 days from May 1st till June 15th. The clothes. Oh! how fast the time flies!

Maud Culligan is a guest of Miss Maggie Ross at Ottawa. Everybody here hopes she will return to resume her studies.

—Martha Leigh received a photo from her sister on the 10th. She showed it to the girls with much pride. We guess she is a handsome lady.

—Miss Bella Mathison is in her sewing-class quite often. Miss Gallagher for a few minutes. She seems as if she always enjoyed her party.

—Gertie Holt felt very proud when she received two lovely letters from home. She is a real home body. A great many girls are excited from home.

Oh, sweet home sweet home, coming nearer and nearer. How joyful when we meet all our dear friends in good health. We hope to see them, if God spare us.

—Dr Russell, the Superintendent for the Insane in Hamilton, is a flying visit. We hope that he will be pleased with what he saw in this Institution. He did not stay here long.

We are glad to see Maud Thompson around again after her sickness. She was in bed for a week. She has put on and thin yet, but we hope she will soon regain her former weight and appearance.

On the 21st ult. Martha Leigh was delighted to get a nice letter from her only married sister in California. In closing some orange blossoms with a sweet odor, she thinks of her dear dead.

—When Mr Mathison informed us that he was going to Ottawa, the pupils who reside there wished they were there. Of course they were a little envious of him, however it is not very long before we will go home.

The girls of the sewing class sometimes go out walking with Misses in the evening when there is a little moonlight. While they are walking, they feel as if they were in a park and this Institution was a palace.

On the 23rd ult., when Anne Burns got in bed, she saw something on the foot of her bed which she thought was a stick, but it was a pin which had her foot. She was absent from school as she was unable to walk for a few days, but it is all right now.

Winnie Ballagh was much amused when she got a letter from home informing her that her sister Lena was married. She would take place this summer and if she wished to witness her wedding, she would have it postponed till she got home. We hope she will have a most enjoyable time.

Miss Ball was on duty on

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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

WM. NURSE. LOCAL REPORTER.

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1894.

On energy is in proportion to the resistance it meets. *Watt's*

AVONDALE.

A DELIGHTFUL SUBURB OF BELLEVILLE.

Extending from the western limits of the city of Belleville to the Cemetery, a distance of a mile or more, is a picturesque and delightfully located strip of country, lying between the Trenton Road and Bay of Quinte. It has an average width of not less than thirty rods and gently slopes from the road towards the shore. The soil is fertile, and generally free of stones and other objectionable features. Nearly all of this tract of rural beauty is available for building purposes, and several farmers and others have built attractive residences and improved their lots. The farm buildings proper are located on the other side of the street, the strip bordering on the bay being generally reserved for special building purposes. Not many more years will pass before the greater part of this attractive locality will be divided into spacious suburban lots with suitable buildings and ornamental surroundings. The facilities for gardening, tree planting, and general ornamentation cannot easily be surpassed; and added to this are the still more manifest facilities for boating, fishing, bathing, etc. These great advantages for suburban delight must attract the attention of those desiring such sites for residences. The somewhat euphonious and suggestive name of "Avondale" has been bestowed upon this locality, and nearly midway between the two limits of extent is located the Ontario School for the Deaf. Though the buildings are mainly on the north side of the street, and thus beyond the limits of Avondale proper, the farm which belongs to the school runs through the strip and borders on the bay. For a great part of the distance between the city limits and the cemetery the roadway is bordered on one side by a substantial board walk, and the whole course is shaded by the umbrageous maple and vigorous elm. Thus a mile or more of as delightful a suburban promenade as can be found anywhere is available during the spring and summer season. As the walk is on the south side of the street, and there are two rows of leafy trees between it and the glinting rays of the afternoon sun, a cool and agreeable shade is always enjoyed when such recreations are most in favor. Only a few rods distant, on the other side of the walk, is the limpid water of the beautiful bay, where boating-parties, fishermen, and aquatic pleasure seekers generally spend the evening hours in delightful pursuits. Surely Avondale is now a desirable locality for our school, and it will undoubtedly be much more

attractive and desirable in the course of a few years. Our pupils can enjoy rare advantages by way of recreation and pleasure, as they have a delightful course for promenade in suitable weather, and the beautiful Bay of Quinte for summer and winter enjoyments.



Sporting Notes.

FOOT-BALL.

So far this season the small boys have had the only chances to engage in contests with outsiders. Interesting matches take place every fine day among our boys themselves, but who are the gainers or losers is a matter of small moment. It is when they meet in friendly rivalry with hearing clubs that the struggle for supremacy is keen.

Our third team opened the season on the 14th ult., against a junior team from the city. Our visitors had slightly the advantage in size, and they put up a good game too. Our lads seemed a little too eager, and though they scored three times in the first half they lost all on fouls. After ends were changed, our boys got the ball through making an indisputable goal. Corbiero made the winning kick. Delany soon after scored again, but our city friends claimed that as it was past the time they had agreed to play, the goal should not be counted. On the 20th the same team, with one or two new players, came out again. This time they effectually prevented our boys from scoring, and made the game a tie. Had full time been played our boys would, no doubt, have eventually broke through. J. A. Isblater, of our first eleven, refereed both matches to every one's satisfaction. In the first match Joe. Dubois carried off the honors for the best play, in the second, Thos. Chantler strove to emulate the example of his big brothers, and succeeded in doing some very pretty work, and had he been better supported the results would have been different.

Do not worry when the working spirit appears to have left the school room and the demon of unrest and mischief has taken possession. Stop. Inquire the cause. See if the physical conditions of the school-room are all right. Remember that physical comfort has more to do with a child's ability to give attention than we generally acknowledge. When "memory gems," songs and good advice, do not make angels of the children, try what fresh air and school room exercise will do. A good, sensible, sympathetic, human teacher will do wonders towards restoring the working spirit to a school room.—*The Educational Review.*

The importance of physical culture for the deaf can scarcely be over-estimated, yet it is in but few schools that any very great effort in that direction is made. It gives us pleasure, therefore, to note the fact that at the New York Institution a large and well-equipped gymnasium will be opened this month. The sum of \$1,500 has been expended in apparatus which is set up in a room 150 feet long and 55 feet wide. A director has been engaged, and a regular course of physical culture will be gone through. It is said that deaf-mutes are peculiarly susceptible to certain diseases of the lungs and throat, so that a course of gymnasium work would prove even more valuable to them than to the hearing. This we believe to be a fact. We have hopes of some day seeing a gymnasium at this school. The present needs are not fully met by the system of physical exercises now conducted, but the best is done that is possible. We must congratulate and at the same time envy the New York Institution.—*The Silent Hooter.*

HOME NEWS

—Mr. Willis has a number of potato plants over a foot high in his hot beds. He expects to have the usual dish of new tubers ready by the Queen's birthday.

—We missed Mr. Smith from his post for a day or two. As Mr. S. never gives tips to the reporters, we could only learn that he had been away "visiting the poor."

—C. Men. Holton has a nice bicycle; as it is a strong machine, and its owner of a generous disposition, two or three of the boys have been loaned its use and have become expert riders.

—The carpenters have laid a substantial new side-walk between the storeroom and the kitchen. The digging of trenches for the re-laying of steam pipes last summer made the old one unstable.

—Our Supervisor, Mr. Douglass, numbers among his accomplishments a knowledge of electricity. He set up the telephone in the new hospital and laid the connecting wires with the main building. The job is a success.

—Mrs. Greene, widow of the late Prof. Greene, of our Institution, has for several weeks been very ill from typhoid fever. The disease has taken a favourable turn, and we are pleased to say she is progressing toward recovery.

—The fishing season has now opened. Mrs. Batis and her sister Alma were out on the bay a few days ago and hooked a fine dish of fish. They not only caught the fish themselves but were not beholden to anyone for the bait.

—We have no day specially set apart for visitors, and almost every fine afternoon brings several. They are always kindly received and if they stay sufficiently long a guide takes pleasure in showing them through all the departments.

—The long spell of dry weather has brought on the farm and garden work with a rush, and our workers in these departments are very busy getting in their seeds. This is an unusually early spring, and the buds may yet get a severe nip of frost.

—It is rather late in the session to admit new pupils now. The parents of a bright little boy brought him to school a few days ago. After a visit around, they departed for home, seeing that it would be best to put off their child's attendance until next term.

—Twenty five gentlemen students from Albert College paid us a pleasant visit on the afternoon of the 19th ult. They spent the time until three p. m., in going through the classes, and then paid leisurely visits to the workrooms and other parts of the buildings. They were interested visitors.

—The Matron and Supervisor have been doing the spring stock taking of the pupils' clothing, to see what each will require before going home. Every care is taken of our pupils' clothing and shoes, yet the wear and tear, especially on the boys' side, is very heavy, and many articles which the parents deemed sufficient for the whole term, will need to be replaced, and requests for the same are being sent home.

—On St. George's day, April 23rd, the Sons of England held an "At Home" in their hall, on Front St., at which Mr. Batis, of our Institution, took part in the programme. He first rendered in signs, by special request, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," being accompanied by Miss Elliott on the piano, and Mr. Burns vocally. As an encore he gave the grand old "Coronation," and later rendered "Rock of Ages." His recitations were considered the feature of the evening, and were much appreciated.

The CANADIAN MUTE wishes that we people, so worn out with Nebraska winds, "were with them in that favored land of sunshine." We are glad that their country, their institution and their Superintendent are so full of sunshine. There is nothing like it. One time, when we were young and happy we spent a week at their school, and have remembered it as the sunniest spot on earth. Perhaps we will be able sometime to visit them again, though we seldom visit. Their lovely Bay, so quiet and peaceful was our special delight.—*Nebraska Journal.* Come again.

—Ed. C. M.]

In Ontario the average salary of a male teacher in 1892 was \$421, that of a female, \$297.

GOD HELP ME.

If any little word of mine
 May make a life the brighter,
 If any little song of mine
 May make a heart the lighter,
 God help me speak the little word
 And take my bit of singing
 And drop it in some lonely vale,
 To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of mine
 May make a life the sweeter,
 If any little care of mine
 May make a friend's the freeter—
 If any lift of tribulation ease
 The burden of another,
 God give me love, and care, and strength,
 To help my toiling brother.

PERSONALITIES.

—Dr. Chamberlain, our Inspector, was with us on Sunday last.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ellis write that they intend to be at the Convention in June.

—Miss Winnie Gardiner and Miss Bertie Gardiner, of Albert College, were guests of Miss Bella Mathison, Sunday before last.

—The Kingston News says that a reunion of the family of Mr. S. Donaldson, postmaster of Dufferin, took place on Tuesday. There are ten children, one of whom is Mrs. Anderson of this Institution.

—Miss Walker, our Matron, enjoyed a brief visit to her many friends at the Asylum, Kingston, leaving here on Saturday, remaining over till yesterday. Miss Wilson, Lady Superintendent of the Brockville General Hospital, was also there. The re-union of so many old friends was enjoyed by all.

—At Bryson, Ontario, on Thursday the 12th April, a deaf-mute named Pichio was shot by his brother, through the careless handling of a revolver, the ball entering his cheek and lodging somewhere in the region of the ear. The bullet remains in Pichio's face, efforts to remove the same having been unsuccessful. He suffers little pain, however.

—Mr. John Nicklin has a prosperous business at Aberfoyle, Ontario. He writes, "that he is doing well and has plenty of work at his trade, wagon-making. He has been in business in that place for six years." Mr. Nicklin enjoys the respect and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances, and his old friends throughout the Province will be pleased to hear of his success.

—Duncan Blue, of Dutton, Ontario, writes to say that he is likely to get married soon, as he has chosen, and been accepted, by a very sensible and handsome young lady. He purposes coming to the Convention, if at all possible, and prefers the summer weather to the winter's blasts. He expects to have steady employment at his trade in a little while. Duncan is evidently in clover as all his surroundings tend to make him happy.

—We have heard from our friend Mr. D. M. Beaton again. He writes from Redlands, California:—"I have at last reached the land of flowers and sunshine and feel that I have done all I can as far as climate is concerned. I never became reconciled to the Colorado climate. I would like to have spent the summer there, but as the winter is too cold and changeable I decided to leave for good. Since coming here my hopes have somewhat revived. I cannot believe I am yet beyond a fair recovery. I hope you are all pulling triumphantly through the closing months. I wish you could enjoy some of the weather we are having here."

—We mentioned in our last issue that Rachel Leggett was called home by the death of her brother James. He was an exemplary young man and beloved by all who knew him. His sickness was only of fifteen hours duration and the suddenness with which he was called away was a great shock to his friends and neighbors. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 11th of April, from the residence of his father, Nowcombe Farm, Back Ridge Road, Harwich. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Jamieson, the remains being conveyed to the Craford Cemetery, Cedar Springs, for interment. Rachel and the friends have our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

The school population of Ontario for 1893 was 695,288, a decrease of 5,074 as compared with that of 1887, notwithstanding the fact that there were 546 more children under the age of five years enrolled in the former than in the latter year.

