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

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

Parents, guardians or friends who are able to pay, will be charged the sum of \$20 per year for board, tuition, books and medical attendance will be furnished free.

Deaf mutes, whose parents, guardians or friends are unable to pay the amount charged for board will be admitted free. Clothing must be furnished by parents or friends.

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

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

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

R. MATHISON,
Superintendent

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Wishes.

I asked a little child one day
A child intent on joyous play
My little one, pray tell me true
Your dearest wish. What may it be?
The little one thought for a while,
Then answered with a wistful smile
"The thing that I wish most of all
Is to be like you and tall."

I asked a maiden sweet and fair
Of dreamy eyes and wavy hair
What would you wish, pray tell me true
That kindly fate should bring to you?
With timid eyes and downcast eyes
And blushes deep and gentle sighs
Her answer came: "All else above
I'd wish some faithful heart to love."

I asked a mother, tried and blest
With love asleep upon her breast
Oh mother fond, so proud and fair
What is thy latest, secret prayer?
She raised her calm and peaceful eyes
And looked like up to the skies
"My dearest wish is this," said she
"That God may spare my child to me."

Again, I asked a woman old
To whom the world seemed hard and cold
"Pray tell me, oh, how blest in years,
What are thy hopes, what are thy fears?"
With folded hands and head bent low
She answered in a voice slow
"For me remains but one request
It is that God may give me rest."

Emile Perkhards



The School Looking-Glass.

BY FRANCES J. DELAND.

Mary Hallam sat in her seat in the lonely little schoolroom trying in vain to eat the bread and butter and baked apples which her mother had put into her dinner pail for her. Her eyes were fastened on a pile of broken glass which lay, together with a pretty frame, on the floor close by the teacher's desk. It was Miss Maland's looking glass and Mary had broken it. She was climbing on a chair to take a look at herself when the chair tipped, and in trying to save herself she had caught hold of the glass—and there it was, broken to pieces on the floor.

"O dear! O dear!" sighed Mary, putting the food back into the pail and wiping her eyes with her handkerchief. "The teacher will punish me. Perhaps she'll stand me in the corner the way she did Tony Shields, and then all the scholars will laugh at me. Oh, I can't bear it! I wish I could run away home and stay in the fields, where there are no horrid looking glasses to break."

The more Mary thought about the punishment, sitting there alone with the empty seats and the great rusty stove staring at her, the worse it seemed, and by the time the scholars began to return from dinner Mary's eyes were red and swollen and she was feeling as if the whole world were against her.

"Why, Mary Hallam! What's the matter?" exclaimed the first girl that entered the schoolroom.

Mary pointed to the broken glass and burst into a fresh flood of tears.

"Oh, my! did you do that? How did you do it?" spoke up another girl who had come in directly behind the first.

"What will Miss Maland say?" asked a third newcomer.

A look of misery was all the answer Mary was capable of.

"Oh, well," said the first speaker, "I wouldn't feel so bad about it, you didn't mean to, of course. Tell us how you did it."

The girl's voice was very sympathetic, and Mary sat up and told her all about the accident.

"Now, look here," exclaimed another girl, who just came in. "There's no need of your feeling so miserable about this thing. You just listen to me and

you'll be all right. Wipe your face off here, take my handkerchief. Yours is so wet. There, now just come out in the yard with us and play that now game we've thought of. It's lots of fun. When teacher comes and asks about the mirror you just say you heard a dreadful crash, and then you saw the glass was broken. That'll be true. You did hear the noise, didn't you?"

Mary nodded.

"Well, very likely that string was rotten. Things often fall on account of the string giving way. So I don't see but you are all right. Come along," she cried, with the air of one accustomed to lead "Hurrah for the new game!"

Mary got up. There was something about Susan Miner, whether it was her blue clothes or her very loud voice it was hard to tell, but the girls always did as she said. So Mary followed her out into the yard and tried hard to join in the new game.

The children had been so occupied with the r questions and plans that they had not heard Miss Maland come quietly in and stand in the doorway a moment and then quietly step out again.

When the bell rang and the scholars hurried into the schoolroom, the pieces of glass were picked up and the frame put away out of sight.

The afternoon lessons went on as usual. The pupils studied and whispered, and every one, excepting Mary, seemed careless and happy. Her heart sank lower and lower as the minutes dragged along. There was no meaning to any of the words in the book which she held before her. All the afternoon the great pine tree just outside the window sighed and moaned. She thought of the fields at home where she had always been so happy. She could never wander in them any more glad and free. There was a he in her heart. She could hear the great trees in the woods whistling, their voices solemn and beautiful. But they would never whisper to her again. She was coward and dared not tell the truth. She looked about the room at the girls. They were studying, they had forgotten all about the broken glass.

Again she gazed out of the window. The blue sky looked down upon her, but not as it used to. She shuddered and clasped her hands tight. A sickening fear came over her. Tighter and tighter she shut her two hands together and then—she stood straight up in her seat and lifted her head high. Susan Miner might hate her. The girls need never speak to her again. The teacher could whip her before all the world. Mary's eyes flashed as she raised her hand before the face of the teacher.

"What is it, Mary?" asked Miss Maland, in a voice that made all the scholars raise their heads to listen.

"I broke the glass, Miss Maland. I did it all myself."

The room was still as the deepest woods. Miss Maland, who had been watching Mary's struggle, sat for a moment and looked into the face of her scholars, then she arose and put out her hand.

"Mary," she said, "I knew that you broke the glass, and I knew that you would tell the truth."

There was that in the air of the teacher as if one princess were speaking to another. The girls looked in admiration at Mary's erect figure, each one wishing that Miss Maland would speak like that to her.

After school the girls stood about the yard talking excitedly. They had a great deal to say about Mary's courage in speaking right out in school, as they termed it.

But Mary was listening to the pine tree. All the morning had gone out of its voice, and it was breathing a low, sweet song.

The trees, too, and the flowers all along the way towards home, and glad things to each other. When she reached the fields about her father's farm she

sat down by the side of a great rock that lay warm in the afternoon sun.

"Oh, she said putting her head down lovingly upon it, 'suppose I had told that he I could never have been at home here any more."

A Deaf Composer.

A blind musician is no especial novelty, but how Beethoven could have composed music after he became entirely deaf is what few people can understand. But it should be remembered that Beethoven composed the greater part of his works before being overtaken by his infirmity, and that a great musician such as he did not need to rely on hearing his compositions to produce them. In other words, he was not, as he once contemptuously expressed the idea, a 'piano rider, and did not need the adventitious aid of a piano to bring his compositions to perfection. For a long time he strove to hide his deafness, being ashamed of the infirmity, but at last it could no longer be concealed. He was forced to confess it even to himself when in 1802, he could not hear a peasant piping a short distance away and in the open air. For a time he fell into the deepest melancholy, but soon resumed work, and produced, after this date, some of his most notable compositions. Unlike Handel, however, he could not conduct public performances, for he was unable to hear any of the instruments, even the drums being inaudible to him. Unable to hear even the shouts of those who attempted to communicate with him, he carried a block of paper and a pencil, and thus, during several of his last years did Beethoven, the greatest musical genius of his age, hold converse with his fellows.

—Our Deaf and Dumb.

Two Faces.

I know a little girl who has two faces. When she is dressed up in her white dress and blue sash, and has on her blue kid shoes and around her neck a string of pearl beads, then she looks so sweet and good that you would like to kiss her. For she expects that the ladies who call on her mother will say, "What a little darling!" or "What lovely curls!" or "What a sweet mouth!" and then kiss her, and perhaps give her some sweets.

And the ladies who praise her think she is very lady like too, for she always says, "Yes, ma'am, and "No, ma'am" when she ought, and says, "Thank you," so sweetly, when any thing is given to her.

But when she is alone with her mother, then she is sometimes very naughty. If she cannot have what she would like, or cannot do just as she wishes, then she will pout and cry and scream, and no one would think of kissing her, and no one would think her to be the same little girl who behaves so prettily in company.

So you see, this girl has two faces. One she uses in company, and puts on with her best dress, the other she wears when she is alone with her mother.

I know another little girl who has only one face, and that is always as sweet as a peach, and never so sweet as when alone with mamma.

Which little girl do you like best? The one with two faces, or the one who has but one? And which will you be?

—Selected.

A bit of home surgery practised when a splinter is driven into a child's hand particularly deep is its extraction by steam. A bottle with a sufficiently wide mouth is filled two thirds with very hot water, and the mouth is placed under the injured spot. The suction draws the flesh down when a little pressure is used, and the steam, in a moment or two extracts inflammation and splinter together. This is very efficacious when the often lung substance has been in for several hours, long enough to have started up some of its evil consequences.



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For our Pupils.

We are rapidly nearing the close of another session, and in four or five weeks all the pupils will have scattered to their homes in all parts of the Province, and the time is perhaps now opportune for us to tender them a little advice relative to the deportment that they should maintain, and the rules that should regulate their conduct while at home. This is a matter of a great deal of anxious solicitude on the part of the teachers and officers of the Institution. They realize that most of the pupils come here with plastic minds and unformed characters, and that it is here that is given, to a controlling extent, the bent of character and disposition and the cast of thought and mind of a large majority of the pupils. It is sadly true, of course, that a few pupils come here with such a preponderance of inherent evil within them, and with so few tendencies to good, that no amount of admonition and training produces any appreciable effect; but fortunately these are rare exceptions; and nearly all of them have been quite amenable to counsel and discipline, and have evinced a sincere desire to benefit by the moral instructions given. It will be expected of these that during the holidays they will endeavor at all times to put into practice the precepts inculcated, and to demonstrate to all with whom they come into contact the benefits of the education and training provided for them.

The first bit of advice we would give—first in position and first in importance—is that they should never forget nor neglect the duty of obedience to parents. Every letter and card written by the pupils during the session has been full of expressions of love towards their parents; but, while this is right and commendable, it is well to remember that

true love is better manifested by acts than by words only. There is no rank, no station, no condition in life that will exempt a boy or girl from this duty of submission to parental authority; and there has never been a time when it was more necessary that this duty should be reiterated and reiterated. And simple obedience does not discharge the full obligation. To this should be added every thoughtful attention and the utilization of every opportunity to be of assistance to them. Many of these parents have toiled hard and made many sacrifices in order that their children might have all reasonable comforts here at the Institution, and the objects of this tender solicitude should seek in every possible way to repay this kindness by trying to lighten their parents' burdens during the vacation, and by showing on every possible occasion their appreciation of the sacrifices made in their behalf.

To this duty of obedience to and thoughtful consideration for parents we would add the importance of kind thoughts and acts towards all with whom they come into contact. Kind words do not cost much they never blister the tongue or lips. Though they do not cost much yet they can accomplish a great deal. They are twice blessed, they bless him that gives and him that receives. They soften our natures and beautify our own characters, and they help wonderfully in lightening others' burdens and in smoothing the rough pathway of life. We touch our fellow beings on every side. They are affected for good or for evil by what we are, by what we say and do, even by what we think and feel. We are each of us silently saturating the atmosphere about us with the aroma of our own characters. In the family circle this is especially manifested, but the same process, on a wider scale, is going on throughout the community. No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself, no matter how humble he may be. Humanity has been uplifted and the sweetest graces of character and life have been apotheosized by the silent but potent influences of individuals unknown to fame, and the saving of the world has been in its nameless saints.

The lives that make the world so sweet
Are shy and hide like humble flowers
We pass them by with careless feet
Nor dream 'tis their fragrance fills the tower
And cheers and comforts us hour by hour.

Again we would impress on the pupils the importance of self control. A good many of them, as is the case with hearing people, are blessed, or cursed, with tempers that are easy to excite and hard to repress, and to secure the mastery here will necessitate the exercise of every power of the will. The greatest battlefield in the world is the human heart, the greatest general is he who can gain a victory over himself. The greatest king is he who can at all times and under all circumstances govern his own spirit. No man is competent to command until he has first learned to obey. This duty of self mastery, however, has a broader application than simply to the control of temper. We need, also, to guard our lips and fingers from hurtful gossip and vile slander, to guard our hearts from evil thoughts, to guard our passions and appetites and desires from undue gratification. "Greater is the man that governeth his own heart than he who taketh a city," and that man is on the sure road to honor and success who has gained the complete mastery over himself.

And finally, in general application, we would urge each boy and girl to learn and adopt Longfellow's motto, "Live up to the best that is in you." How few of us there are who do not fall all along the

line in doing this! How many willful violations all of us are guilty of, of the virtues and graces which we accept as precepts but come so far short of in practice! And what a new world this would be if every boy and girl, every man and woman would strive both to heed and to obey the principles of truth and charity and righteousness which are implanted to some degree in every human heart.

"Do the duty nearest,
Cling to truth the clearest
Face the ill thou fearest,
Hold thine honor dearest,
Knowing God is good."

Winnipeg Institution.

We are rejoiced to learn from the *Silent Echo*, that the Institution for the Deaf in Winnipeg is now free from that dreadful disease diphtheria. The *Echo* says—"It is with a great deal of pleasure that we are able to report that our school is free from diphtheria. As reported in our last issue the Institute was fumigated thoroughly and calculated from top to bottom, and now more than two weeks have elapsed since the last case of this dread disease broke out. The health of all the pupils present is excellent and with the precautions taken we are practically safeguarded from a further outbreak."

The wonderful efficiency of the British soldiery gives us more and more reason for pride when we contemplate the history of our Nation. In fact the little affairs of 1776 and 1812 have inspired a wholesome respect for each other in both English and American breasts, a respect so deep that there is talk of the Anglo-American forces uniting against the world. When that day comes we believe Brother Mathison will be found as friendly to the United States as such of our natives as he meets at C. A. Conventions.—*Silent Echo*.

We are sure our contemporary that we have not now and never have had any other sentiment for the United States than that of warm friendship and hearty good will. We believe it is the grandest country and the Americans are the finest people on earth with just one exception which we need not name. Of course we can see lots of flaws and weaknesses, as neighbors always can, but after all, these little faults only serve as a background which brings the good qualities out in bolder relief.

The editor of the *CANADIAN MUTE* ought to receive the Victoria Cross for the eloquence with which he sets forth the glories of the British Empire.—*The Companion*.

We modestly disclaim any glory for our efforts in this direction. The fact of the matter is, it would not be possible to be slight but eloquent about so inspiring a subject. And when a fellow can't help himself of course he cannot claim any special credit. Medals and decorations should be reserved for people who can perform the herculean feat of becoming eloquent over such tame and depressing subjects as George Washington, we are the people, a pluribus unum, etc.

The steam power of Great Britain, it is said, represents the strength of 1,000,000,000 men. This means that the equivalent of about 25 men is employed in the production of wealth for every inhabitant of the realm. One man is considered to be able to earn his own living. When to this is added the energy of 25 other men the wealth of Great Britain is no longer to be wondered at.

The officers of the North Dakota Schools have clubbed together and purchased a farm of about one thousand acres. We rise for information. We would like to know where the officers of the Dakota School got enough money to buy a thousand acre farm. That's what we would like to know.

Be noble! and the nobleness that flows will rise in majesty to meet thine own.—*Lowell*.



Ambrose Wilcock Mason

Artist, Toronto, was born at Plymouth, Devonshire, England, near Plymouth, on February 10th, 1851. He is the son of Lawrence and Elizabeth A. Mason. His father was a successful agriculturist in South Devon, and for many years wore the uniform of Her Majesty's service in the yeoman cavalry. The subject was educated at the Ontario Institution for the Deaf at Belleville. In his life he formed a taste for music and spent his leisure hours in reading and sketching. His artistic faculties were more fully developed under the instruction of the late Mr. Geo. Ackroyd, who had charge of that department of study in the Ontario Institution. His chief aim was to qualify himself as an artist, especially in oil, crayon and water color portraiture. He came to England to Plymouthville, Ontario, in 1887. After leaving the Institution he placed himself under the tuition of one of the best artists in Toronto, and following that success rewarded his studies followed his profession as artist in Belleville and afterwards in Toronto, where he went to reside in 1888. He was drawing master in the Ontario Institution during the years already referred to, and he was also for a time Vice President of the Dufferin Literary Society of that Institution. In religion Mr. Mason is a Methodist, and in politics a Reformer, and he stands staunchly by his colours. He married on the 26th November, 1884, Fannie Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Samuel Lewis, an Englishman of Leamington, Essex, Ontario. Their family of one girl and two boys all hear and speak well and are bright, intelligent children, proving in many other cases that the affliction of deafness in the parents does not necessarily involve serious disadvantages to the children. Mr. Mason bought a house at 1 Garden Avenue, Parkdale, seven years ago and resides in a house he had built there for himself. He is a member of the Ontario Deaf-mute Association and is one of the leading members of the deaf mute community of Toronto, where his steady, consistent and amiable activity in all good works makes him popular. He has a solid reputation as an artist. His establishment is at 290 Queen Street West, Toronto, and here pictures are made or copied, in oil, water colour, India ink and crayon in the most artistic style.

The Wisconsin Institute is evidently in a flourishing condition. Prof. J. W. Swiler has for eighteen years been superintendent of that Institution. Having been connected with the Illinois Institution as teacher, he has identified himself with the cause of the deaf for about thirty years. He is one of the most experienced educators of the deaf in the country.—*New Era*.

Last week the *CANADIAN MUTE* was in a "clanking" humor and figured out that 75 per cent of the earth's surface was controlled by Great Britain. We could stand that but when she classed Hoy, the baseball player, as an Englishman, it is, as Artemus Ward would say, "2 mitch." But it is always the same, consist of great men that hang the plantain tree in the parlor.—*Kentucky Standard*.

The girls working all day in the sewing class have each received a present of a dress and are busy making them for themselves. Miss Walker obtained a number of sample pieces and the girls had their choice of many different patterns of goods. They are being made up in a very neat and becoming style and the girls will be able to show creditable specimens of their own handiwork to their friends when they arrive at home.

THE MAY QUEEN.



MISS EDITH WILBY.

We ushered in the month of flowers, reviving the quaint old English custom of choosing a May Queen from our pupils. Four of our most popular senior young ladies were nominated for the honor, they were Misses Wilby, Thomas, Henderson and Blackburn. When all were assembled at tea on the 2nd inst. tickets were given out and a ballot was taken amid great excitement. As every one expected, the choice fell on Miss E. Wilby. Edith received the congratulations showered on her with becoming modesty and grace. She has now the privilege of claiming a half holiday for the pupils on the first suitable occasion.

PERSONALITIES.

Nelson Wood, of Exeter, expects to get a job at London shortly.

Lily A. McIntyre purposes taking a rest this summer and has given up her place in the book bindery.

Our old friend, A. H. Cowan of London, sends us a list of names of those who will come to Grimsby from that vicinity. We wish other friends would do likewise from other places.

Kathleen Johnson, a bright, charming little lady, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Johnson, at one time an excellent teacher in our Institution, was a guest of Miss Walker on Friday and Saturday last.

His former school mates will be glad to hear that Alfred Lockhart is well and prosperous. He is located at Armstrong Lake, Man., and has a good farm there. He is a steady young man, and his mother is justly proud of him.

If any of the ex-pupils of our shoe shop are in want of a situation they should read the following advertisement.

Wanted—At the Delhi Moccasin Factory, a deaf shoemaker. Good prices and steady work. For particulars write to JOHN McJANAC, Delhi P. O.

Our former pupil, Alex. Labelle, is still in Michigan working in the lumber mills at Garth. He would like very much to come to Ontario and meet his old friends at Grimsby next month, as he has not seen them for about twelve years, but he is afraid of losing his situation if he does.

Mrs. Matheson, wife of the Barsar, was in Toronto last week as a delegate in the annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, in connection with the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Matheson, although an indefatigable worker in Foreign Missions, keeps always up an active interest in the home field.

Mrs. Stewart and her little girl, Irene, have lately returned from a visit of several weeks to her home in the west for the benefit of her health. Mr. Stewart lost smiles and wrinkles during her absence. He killed time by keeping back, boarding round and visiting. Of course he is glad to have her back.

—Mr. Kelso was the guest of Superintendent Mathison a couple of days last week, and on Thursday he visited each class-room. He has just returned from a trip across the continent, during which he visited the Winnipeg School for the Deaf and also the School for the Deaf at Berkeley, Cal. Mr. Kelso manifests an much interest in this Institution as if he were associated in the work here, and the pupils all reciprocate most heartily, and are always delighted to have him visit them.

The Ceylon yellow silk spider has a body that weighs nine ounces.

A straight line is the shortest, in mathematics. — Maria Edgeworth.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

Although the war is responsible for an increase in the price of several necessities of life, it appears on the other hand to have given an impetus to business activity in various lines, as a large number of our friends are working over time, and it is said quite a number of them are making good piles.

Mr. D. V. Morrison, who has been staying with us the last few weeks, took his departure a few days ago for Spanish River, Algona District to work in the saw mill where he has been employed the last 15 years. This is strong testimony to the satisfaction he gives to his employers. His genial and obliging manner makes him welcome everywhere. Before leaving he gave your correspondent a year's subscription for the M.T., as he wishes to keep himself informed of his friends' doings. He expressed no little regret that he could not be at the Convention in June.

Mr. Bridgen has joined the ranks of the bicyclists. At our last meeting he appeared with striking signs of his past experiences. He claimed that they were honorable wounds incurred in a worthy cause, and evidently seemed to consider the enjoyment worth the cost. Mr. Bridgen states that his old stature puzzled the bikemen and after several misfits they concluded there was nothing for it but to build a special frame to fit him.

Mr. Fraser, whose elementary efforts we recently recorded, is now the possessor of a specially imported machine, which receives universal commendation from our bike authorities.

Talking about bike matters, one of our friends had a serious mix up with a hearing gentleman last week from which the hearing man's bike front wheel came out as badly damaged as a Spanish ship at Manila, and our friend's elbow was much the worse for wear and tear. The hearing man demanded name and address and our friend has not yet heard the last of the mix up. We wish him well out of the business.

Your correspondent was asked the other day what had become of Artinitia Jones. It is hoped she has not disappeared from the literary arena. We miss her bright, tasty paragraphs as much as a bright particular star from the horizon.

We should like to see more of the old graduates of the Institution at Belleville turn up at the Convention. During the last twenty-eight years the Institution has sent out about 700 or 800 trained mutes and making ample allowance for deaths and removals from the country there must be several hundred scattered throughout Ontario. We doubt if more than a hundred actual graduates turned out at Brantford last time, and we think a larger number might be gathered from our growing community. Dear brothers and sisters everywhere, we hope you will turn up in strength at Grimsby for the honor of the clan.

Our Tuesday evening Bible Class has been unusually well attended the last few months, most of our leading members being present at every meeting. We are studying the Sermon on the Mount with much thoroughness, verse by verse, and finding how it bears on the daily life of to-day. The free expression of opinion from all is welcome, and for clear understanding and close personal application it is found very helpful and welcome to those who take real interest in Bible study. We earnestly recommend all our old friends to avail themselves as much as possible of these opportunities for gaining solid instruction.

Mr. and Mrs. Slater have moved back to their old home in Parkdale. Their correspondents will please make a note of this. Their address is No. 19 Garden Avenue.

PERTH TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

Mr. Percy Allen has secured employment in the C. P. R. shops at Perth.

Mr. John Patrick of Perth visited Mr. Percy Allen's home near Mountain Grove on the 8th inst. They had a most enjoyable time.

Quite a lot of the mutes of the east intend to be in Ottawa on the 24th. About four of the Perth mutes intend to be there.

Miss Maud Culligan has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hodgins and other mutes in the east.

THE MACKAY INSTITUTION.

From our own Correspondent

Mr. Thomas Shouldice, our boys' supervisor, has invested in a Camera and has taken the children's photographs in many pretty groups, as well as that of the building. Mr. Shouldice has accepted a situation in the C. P. R. work shops in Perth. His successor here has not yet been appointed.

Intense excitement has been aroused amongst our boys particularly, by the all-absorbing topic "The War between United States and Spain."

Dr. J. V. Anglin, who has been such a faithful friend to our Institution, has been appointed by the Government to a position in the Protestant Hospital for Insane, Verdun. This necessitates his removal from the city and we will miss him, but wish him every prosperity in his new position. He is succeeded by Dr. H. C. Church, of Westmount.

The Annual Examinations were held on Monday, May 2nd, the examiners being Dr. Evans, Ross, T. W. Winfield, E. Bushell and G. Abbott Smith. The children did well as was the verdict of the examiners. After the examiners and Mr. Charles Alexander, our vice president, had addressed the pupils, the building and trades departments were inspected and lunch was served to which the examiners and some of the managers remained.

In the afternoon, William Cooke left for Easter where he succeeded in getting work for the summer months. We miss George Brethour, who left us more than a month ago to work on a farm near Asimer. We hope our boys will do well.

Although the Deaf have enjoyed many treats this year, the Blind have not been forgotten for they have had their parties since the New Year set in and are now anticipating another, which takes place this week.

Willie Foster, one of ours, who went home during the winter to recuperate, returned a week ago and will probably remain till school closes. Mr. Norman Wilson, always a welcome visitor, returned to his home in Vicars this week.

We heard with regret of Mrs. Terrill's illness, but hope by this time that she has recovered.

We are looking forward to May 24th, as we are to have a picnic on the mountain. Among our little ones there is much surmising as to who will be chosen as Queen of May on that day. After this is over, the next excitement will be the preparations for home returning and already our young people are anxiously counting the days to the time when books and studies may be cast aside, giving place to a long and well earned vacation. Let us wish you, our dear friends of the CANADIAN MUTUAL, a happy summer and may the three months rest prove in every way beneficial to you all.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

From our own Correspondent

Mrs. Nairn, of Montreal, was in Ottawa lately bidding farewell to her friends. We understand her daughter has secured a situation in New York, where they will in future reside.

Mr. Clarke the deaf mute traveller, is at present in town and doing a rushing business.

Miss M. Northwick is the happy possessor of a bicycle and enjoys frequent spins with her friend, Miss Macfarlane.

Are you going to the convention? is the query most frequently asked now.

Seedling is almost over. Prices for farm produce is high and farmers are correspondingly happy.

We understand Miss Jamieson will not go to Britannia until the end of June or beginning of July.

We are told that our esteemed friend Miss Culligan is at present visiting at Mrs. Hodgins.

Dr. Smith informs your correspondent that he would like to go to the Convention, but that pressure of business will not permit him. His many friends will be glad to hear that he is doing well and is highly spoken of.

What is the latest news of the war? is now frequently asked.

It is doubtful if God ever made a man who could please all his neighbors.

To not accustom yourself to consider debt only an inconvenience, you will find it a calamity. — Tu Johnson.

ONTARIO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

MEETINGS, May 16th, 1898.

DEAR FRIEND,—The Executive Committee having decided on Grimsby Park for the meeting place of the Convention this summer, this circular is issued accordingly.

Grimsby Park is situated on the shores of Lake Ontario, sixteen miles from Hamilton on the Grand Trunk Railway, and is considered one of the most beautiful places in the province. The Park has two good hotels and a large number of summer cottages. There are also grounds for out-door sports as croquet, lawn tennis, and every convenience for spending a quiet holiday and enjoying a re-union with old friends and former school-mates.

The sessions will begin at 2 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, the 16th of June, and continue over Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 17th, 18th and 19th.

The Institution at Belleville will close for the summer vacation on the 15th of June, and the early date thereafter is chosen to give the officers, teachers and any of the pupils who may so desire the opportunity to attend the meetings before they go home.

A good programme is being prepared, and we especially request our friends to let us know of any contribution they can give for the interest and success of the convention, and a time and place will be given them on the programme.

To avoid disappointment, we notify our friends that the Convention will probably be photographed on Friday, the 17th, and if they wish to be in it they must be there in good time. At the Brantford meeting a number arrived too late.

Special rates have been secured at the Park hotels for our members. The rate will be only 75c. per day, and an additional 5c. per day from each member for the use of the Park and other conveniences. A small membership fee for the Association to cover cost of postage, stationary, badges, etc., will also be expected from each.

Arrangements have been made with the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways for a reduced return fare. Delegates living near the G. T. R. are advised to purchase first-class tickets when leaving home and, showing this circular to the ticket agent, ask for a standard certificate. These certificates are good only for coming three days before the meetings and returning three days after the close. Those coming by the C. P. R. should take tickets to Toronto or Hamilton, and then get another ticket by G. T. Railway to Grimsby Park station, getting a certificate with both tickets. If there are fifty or more delegates holding certificates to Grimsby Park station the return fare will be one-third, if only forty-nine or less hold certificates the return fare will be two-thirds. We think that there will be a sufficient number holding certificates to get the one-third return rate, but to avoid trouble we would advise our friends to come prepared to pay two-thirds if necessary, as a number of our members will travel to the park by boat and other means. The railway fare from any point may be obtained from the ticket-agent at the stations.

All communications relating to the meetings should be addressed to Wm. Nurse, Inst. D. & D., Belleville. We hope to receive many favorable responses to this circular and anticipating pleasant and profitable meetings.

WM. NURSE, DAVID BAYNE,
Secretary. President.

Ontario Deaf-Mutes Association.

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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1898.



HOME, SWEET HOME.

And pleasures and palaces, though we may roam
It is ever so humble, there's no place like home

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
Belleville, May 10th, 1898

To Parents and Friends:

The present term will close on Wednesday, June 15th, 1898, and our pupils go to their homes on that day. An officer of the Institution will accompany those who are to travel on the Main Lines of Railway, taking care of them and their baggage, to the points agreed upon.

At the close of this session a number of pupils will have completed their term, but those who can be benefited by one or two extra years will be allowed to come back. If you know of any deaf and dumb children of school age in your neighborhood, kindly send the names of the parents, with their post office addresses, to me.

The Grand Trunk, the Canadian Pacific and Central Ontario Railway Companies have liberally arranged to issue return tickets at reduced fares, good until September 21st, 1898.

The pupils will leave Belleville for home, on Wednesday June 15th, by early trains under the charge of officers of the Institution, arriving at the various stations at the times specified in time tables by Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific and Central Ontario Railways, and parents and friends must meet them, and be standing on the platform of the station when the train arrives. This is important.

Money for fares must be submitted to Mr. Alex. Mathison, Bursar, by P. O. Order or registered letter, before the 1st of June in order that final arrangements may be made for Railway tickets.

The next term will commence on Wednesday, the 21st September, and I hope the pupils will be sent back promptly.

With kind regards,
Yours faithfully

P. Mathison

SUPERINTENDENT.

"The Gods and Goddesses."

On Saturday the 30th ult. the pupils were fortunate in being not only favored with glorious spring weather but also pleasantly entertained in the chapel at the close of the day. They had waited patiently for the turn of our head teacher, Mr. Coleman to give a lecture the second and last this session - and were so glad when it was announced to be delivered that evening. The lecture was a most instructive and interesting one, lasting exactly an hour. The singing was perfect in expression being done by a master hand. The subject was "Mythology, a history of the pagan gods and goddesses in ancient times. It brought us in touch with strange ideas and queer people. Mr. Coleman began by saying that it gave him much pleasure to meet them again on this occasion, and that the subject he then selected reminded him of the good old days when he read it among others as a student in college before the beginning of the dreadful Civil War on the southern side of which he himself took active part as assistant surgeon. Mythology is still favorite reading of his, and we may also now and then enter into the region supposed to be once presided over by the deities as believed by the ancients. As a synopsis only of what Mr. Coleman said can be given it is impossible to do him justice. Interesting short stories were told of Jupiter Juno Latona Apollo Phaeton Orpheus Eurydice, etc. Jupiter was the supreme deity among the gods and goddesses. He married Juno but some time after growing tired of her married Latona. This aroused the jealousy of Juno who, on meeting the second wife turned her out, threatening to kill her. Poor Latona wandered far into another country and being thirsty came to a pool to drink water, but was prevented by some heartless Lycians who made the water dirty by putting their feet into it. She becoming indignant called on Jupiter in prayer, and the persecutors were turned into frogs. Apollo the god of the sun is quite a fascinating personage to read about. He married Clytemne an ocean nymph, and by this marriage Phaeton was born. An incident was told about some people disinclined to believe Phaeton to be the son of such a god as Apollo and so taunting him to desperation. Phaeton went to his father asking for a sign to convince them. He wished to drive his four spirited steeds in the chariot in the same way as his father did and gained his consent after an exhaustive argument. The horses did not like the now driver and so became unmanageable. Neptune, the son of the sea, ascended to the surface of the ocean and complained to Jupiter about the water being hot caused by the sun coming in contact with the earth in consequence of Phaeton's unskillful driving. Jupiter dashed Phaeton down as a star into a river. The nine sisters of Phaeton wept over his misfortune until they changed into trees. The pupils grew more interested than ever about Orpheus son of Apollo, skilled in music. His poor wife Eurydice, when only married a few days, was annoyed by another lover and fleeing from him was bitten by a poisonous snake in the grass and died. Orpheus completely distracted by this loss descended into hell the lower region of the earth, and pausing before the door guarded by a three-headed dog charmed the horrible animal by playing on his lyre and succeeded in gaining access into the region inhabited by the spirits to search for his wife Eurydice. After some trouble he discovered her and, by means of the lyre drew her towards him. She was allowed to go out with him on condition that she

should not look back to see him on the way out. They ascended the rocky hill for some distance when she, strongly tempted to behold his beloved face again failed to keep her promise and was consequently hurled back into Hades - to be shut up there for ever. Orpheus returned disconsolate and firmly declined to be persuaded by the Bacchantes into dancing with them in order to forget his sorrow. Falling in their designs, they shot at him with arrows and stones, but which all fell harmless before the charming music discoursed by him. However they finally put him to death and, beheading him, threw his head out on the ocean. It floated about, singing how he loved his Eurydice. The last story told was about Clytie. Disappointed in love, she sat for several days without food and water, watching the sun. Her feet sank into the earth and her face became a flower, now known as the sunflower.

At the close Miss Allendorf, a clever young pupil tendered, in a few but graceful signs, to the lecturer a vote of thanks passed unanimously by the delighted pupils.



Only two more regular issues of our little paper before school closes, but we know that our readers will also look for a convention number and we feel sure that they will not be disappointed.

Our printing office has been busy lately getting out circulars to parents, printing per centage forms for the coming examinations and other work connected with the breaking up of school for the term.

Our young lady teachers will likely soon have the pleasure of another drive. Invitations are out and it is expected to come off at an early date. Before accepting they should insist on having some responsible person at the reins.

On Wednesday Mrs. Mathison was called to Hamilton by the receipt of a telegram announcing the death of her sister's husband Mr. Joseph Herron, of that city. He had been ill for about a week with pneumonia. Mr. Mathison went upon Friday to attend the funeral.

The boys have been requested to confine their play to their play grounds at the rear as the grass in the front will be required for hay in the summer. Few schools have better regular play grounds than our boys and it is quite unnecessary to take up the front grounds for the purpose.

Every pupil in the Institution is able to tell the exact number of days before the home-going time, and some have even got the reckoning down to hours. Well, nine months is a long time to be away from home and friends and it is no wonder that the last day of the term is ardently longed for.

These days when we hear of little boys buying fish hooks, begging string and catch them, fishing fish worms we know what their minds are bent on and they have to be watched. None of the boys are allowed to go to the bay without permission. All the fish down there would not recompense us for a drowning accident.

While Mr. Kelso was here he took a photograph of the girls grouped at the front entrance during the noon hour. Miss Templeton and Mr. Coleman assisted in arranging the group. His attention was not generally known or there would probably have been a larger crowd than his little camera could accommodate. The boys hope to see him around their side with his apparatus soon.

Last Saturday night the officer in charge on the boys' side went up to see if all the little ones were in and was surprised to find every bed empty. He could not understand it at all and starting to investigate he found the whole brood of about forty little boys clustered in the senior room enjoying a magnificent lantern exhibition, the lantern and slides being the property of little Clarence Pender, a present from his kind friends at home. We need not add that the little ones were pleased.

Last week was a busy week in the laundry. In addition to the usual wash there was about 160 pairs of blankets from the girls' side which they have no further use for until next winter. Next week there will be again about the same number from the boys' side. For doing this work it needs, and we have got, up to-date machinery.

A couple of weeks ago each officer and teacher connected with the Institution received a generous piece of wedding cake, donated with the compliments of Dr. and Mrs. H. Mathison. Each of the ladies carefully sampled the cake and pronounced it excellent. The remainder was devoted to another purpose, and from the smiling, happy countenances most of them were next morning it would seem as if the charm had worked to their complete satisfaction.

Last Tuesday we received a visit from the Grand Jury at the close of the sittings at the assizes. It is part of their duty to visit the public Institutions and report on their condition. Every attention was shown them here, they were led from class to class by Mr. Mathison and afterwards visited the industrial departments, and were also present to see dinner served. We believe they went away with favorable impressions of everything. Contrary to their usual custom, they called to see us in the morning.

Our readers will find in this issue a copy of the official circular calling the Convention to meet at Grimby Park on the 16th of next month. We hope that those intending to go will read it carefully and should further information be required, the Secretary will be pleased to furnish it. For the four days of the Convention the hotel cost will be only \$8.00, park dues for four days at 5c. per day, 20c., membership fee from 25c. to 50c. according to the requirements of the convention to cover incidental expenses, a total of only about \$3.60 in addition to railway fares.

Two or three orders for boots have been coming into the shoe shop nearly every day and are being filled quickly. Each of the boys taking the post-graduate course in the shoe shop and printing office, seven in number, have received an order for a pair of boots each free. The shoe-shop boys will make their own boots to show as samples of their work and even one pupil who has only been in the shop one term will do the work himself and we expect the result will do him credit. Several boys will graduate from the shops this year and all will go out as well fitted to support themselves as the Institution can make them.

Last summer one of our attendants, Mrs. Moore, left to go back to her home in Ireland not intending to return, but Canada is the best place to live in after all and she is now back in this country again. She brought with her several black thorn walking sticks as presents to her friends. Mr. H. McMillan, of our staff, was the more than pleased recipient of one. Harry was so proud of his new possession that he made a special trip to the city to exhibit it to his friends. Harry firmly believes it is a genuine black thorn but friends think it more resembles a knarled apple bough, but it came from "Ould Ireland," so that is enough.

Our senior team has been beaten at base ball every time they have played this season but they are not discouraged and are quite willing to try again. We are glad to notice an improvement in them each time they play and we expect before school breaks up that they will be able to meet their opponents on nearly equal terms. Most of our boys are young and have had little training and have stood little chance against the old experienced players they have met, but with a little faithful practice we know they can and will do well. On the 7th inst. they played with the Ontario Business College team and succeeded in keeping on close terms with them for several innings and if our pitcher, T. Chantler, had had more control of the ball they might have finished the match at close figures. They could not hit him to any extent, but he gave so many bases on the balls that the college team drew ahead in the last half of the game and were twenty runs to the good at the close. Our dorkie, Geo. Henry, played short stop, and when he was on bases furnished amusement for the crowd, but he took such reckless chances that it did much to spoil the game for our team. A young man from the college umpired the game to the complete satisfaction of our boys.

Watch the Sparrows.

FRED EMMISON BLOOMER (OLD AGE).

Say, you want to see the fun... I'll tell you all that is to see.

That is a herby the day... To watch him close by the

Now he's got a new job... An' she won't let no chance drop.

He's got his arm around her chair... An' she won't let no chance drop.

He'd knock his plans clean out o' gear... An' she won't let no chance drop.

I guess, an' if he ain't the worst... An' she won't let no chance drop.

Advertised "Aids to Deafness."

By George Franklin, in Our Deaf and Dumb.

Aurists have syringed, painted, oiled, physicked, inflated, and perforated me.

The general result of my experience has been to bias me in favor of the regular aurists.

A very persistent advertiser is Dr. J. H. Nicholson. I wrote for his pamphlet once.

Then there is the Rev. Mr. Silvertou, another energetic advertiser. I saw him on one of his visits to Liverpool.

On my first visit to London, I went to see the Autophano Co., which advertised very attractively.

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and would be lost for ever if I did not immediately do something, etc. but autophones. He produced a pair of trumpety little tubes of dental coal and alleged gold plate.

Some years passed, during which no advertisements appealed to me. However, in a number of The Review of Reviews, one appeared descriptive of the "Wilson Common Sense Ear Drums."

The pamphlet contained some descriptive and eulogistic matter, but consisted chiefly of testimonials—all, alas! from the United States.

They were minute rimless thimbles of pure soft rubber, with holes for ventilation, and with a stout cross piece for strength and to serve as a handle.

A friend of mine has tested the H. A. Wilder's appliances but her report is unfavorable.

The general moral is that if regular practitioners cannot help you, quacks are still less likely to do so.

Here's another nice little problem which has been putting convolutions in the gray matter of the court house puzzle club.

He took it to a blacksmith to have it welded. The blacksmith told him he would charge him five cents for each link he had to cut and ten cents for each weld.

The farmer, who was a graduate of the agricultural college, said he thought the job could be done on the blacksmith's terms for 45 cents.

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Attention.

On the 11th I have on a tall ship... by against the tide, as if drawn by some invisible tow line.

Queer Piece for a Tooth. Mrs. Clarence Moses, of Camden, N. Y., has been troubled with one of her ears for years.

Our English Language. Every one knows the great difficulty that those from other countries experience in learning our language.

Humility is the first lesson we learn from reflection, and self-distrust the first proof we give of having obtained a knowledge of ourselves.

Grand Trunk Railway. GRANDS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION: WEST 5:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 11:00 PM.

Uneducated Deaf Children. I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE EVERY person who has ever seen this paper send me the names and post office addresses of the parents of deaf children not attending school.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Articulation Classes: FROM 10 TO 11 A. M. AND FROM 11 TO 12 P. M.

Religious Exercises: FAITH SUNDAY... SENIOR PUPILS AT 11 A. M. GET READY AT 10:30 A. M. IMMEDIATELY AFTER WHICH THE LITTLE CLASS WILL ASSEMBLE.

Industrial Departments: PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND CARPENTRY... FROM 7:30 TO 8:30 A. M. AND FROM 5:30 TO 6:30 P. M. FOR PUPILS WHO ATTEND SCHOOL.

Visitors: PERSONS WHO ARE INTERESTED, desirous of visiting the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day.

Admission of Children: When pupils are admitted and parents come with them to the Institution, they are kindly advised not to linger and prolong leaving-taking with their children.

Clothing and Management: Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent.

Sickness and Correspondence: In case of the absence of pupils letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents of children.

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