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# THE CANADIAN MUTE.

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At the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb,  
BELLEVILLE, ONT.

### OUR MISSION.

- First**—That a number of our pupils may learn type-setting, and from the knowledge obtained be able to earn a livelihood after they leave school.
- Second**—To furnish interesting matter for and encourage a habit of reading among our pupils and deaf mute subscribers.
- Third**—To be a medium of communication between the school and parents, and friends of pupils, now in the Institution, the hundreds who were pupils at one time or other in the past, and all who are interested in the education and instruction of the deaf of our land.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1893.

### JUSTIFYING THE WORK.

Dr. Noyes, in his last report of the Minnesota School, speaks of the record of thirty years work with pride and satisfaction. He especially refers to the records made by the 586 deaf pupils "who have enjoyed for a longer or shorter time the advantages the school affords." They are all filling places of more or less responsibility, and filling them well, too. Not one, Dr. Noyes asserts, so far as known, "is making merchandize of his infirmity, or living on public charity." These deaf citizens are not unlike other people in their aspirations and failures, and are just as liable to err and act indiscreetly. But they are conspicuous for industry and integrity of purpose, rather than for the faults and foibles of mankind. The same can be truthfully said of the deaf graduates of this and other schools, who are engaged in the battle of life, and whose records are known. Is this not all the justification that can reasonably be expected for the work done in schools for the deaf? The primary object is to make good citizens, in whatever light citizenship is viewed, and if this object is attained, the work is justified. We believe that, in comparison to numbers, and in consideration of potent causes, there are fewer deaf persons found in the criminal ranks, or subjects of public charity, than of other classes. Deafness, accompanied by loss of voice, is a great deprivation but it does not obliterate the finer sentiments that make men and women conscientious, affectionate, and morally disposed. Education, rightly applied, can lift the unfortunate ones above the need of pity.

The *British Deaf Mute* refers to *The Canadian Mute* as "our dear little sister." We acknowledge the graceful compliment, and assure our lusty English brother that his good opinion is highly appreciated. He is worthy of our esteem. We are proud of his grace and intelligence.

### READ BOOKS.

We want to impress on the minds of our pupils the importance of reading good books and good papers. "Reading makes a full man," somebody has said. The meaning is plain enough. If we read much we will be full of knowledge. Deaf persons, especially, should read a good deal if they want to know what is transpiring in the busy life around them. They cannot hear what people are talking about, and few persons will take the time and trouble (it is a trouble to many) to tell them more than is actually necessary. If, therefore, they do not read whatever is available they will be ignorant of much that they should know. The habit of reading will save them from loneliness, and consequent discontent. A good book is a good friend. It never slumbers nor sulks. Its pages are always ready for a pleasant talk. No matter when you approach it, the same cheerful greeting awaits you. Reading is the very best aid to the acquirement of correct language. By this means we become familiar with the thoughts and feelings of others, and we will imitate their manner of expression. The following short and pithy paragraphs, taken from an article on "Books," by Prof. O'Donnell, a prominent American educator, are applicable here:

Books are for use and not for ornament. Work well and play well, do read sometimes. Good reading gives health and strength to the mind.  
Books are alive. Books speak. You can hear them.  
Books are gold mines. You may dig them.  
Books, good books, are bubbling crystal streams. You can angle in them. You'll be sure to fill your basket. Oh, what lovely fish you will catch!  
Books give character, knowledge and power. Did you ever take a trip around the world? You can travel everywhere in books. Do you wish you had lived a thousand years ago? You can go back and live then in books.  
Do you want to know how this is made, or that is done, why so and so happened, or why it did not? Read books and you'll find out.  
Reading is the key of all learning.  
Books are the golden gates through which we must steer our ship, if we would sail on the boundless ocean of knowledge.  
Don't be melancholy! Books will cheer you.  
Don't be lonesome! Books are jolly company.  
Don't be ignorant! Books are noble teachers.  
Boys and girls, do read books.  
Read! Read! Read!

Over twenty years ago two separate departments were created in the control of educational and administrative affairs pertaining to the New York Institution. The heads of these departments were clothed with distinct official authority, and were designated the Principal and the Superintendent, respectively. This system of control prevailed uninterruptedly until the beginning of the present year. When Dr. Peot retired from the Principalship, and Mr. Currier was promoted to the vacancy, further changes were considered advisable. We are now informed that the office of Superintendent has been abolished, and the entire charge of the institution entrusted to the Principal, Mr. C. N. Brainerd, who so ably discharged the duties of Superintendent and steward for many years, retired, to spend the rest of his time in quiet life.

The *Kentucky Deaf Mute* very kindly yet forcibly reproves such of its confederates as are guilty of publishing strictures and alleged faults of the deaf. Our contemporary justly remarks that most of these faults and failings are "common to all classes," or "arise primarily from the deprivation of hearing, and for which the deaf are not responsible." We have not found, from many years' experience, that the deaf are more liable to err in moral, social, or business matters than those who are considered more fortunate, because they can hear and speak.

Experiments made at Washington by scientists seem to account for a peculiarity of deaf persons. They show that when the nerve leading to that part of the auditory apparatus known as the "labyrinth" is cut or otherwise injured, it affects

the equilibrium of an animal or person. It is well known that most deaf people have an unsteady gait, and walk with a shuffling or dragging step. May not this peculiarity be owing to a defect in the labyrinth nerve of the ear? It seems a plausible solution of the question.

### THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

The *Juvenile Range* is as neatly printed as it is ably edited. No "soft velvet" for you, Bro. Taylor. 'Tis our honest conviction.

*Hope and Ills* for March has been received. It contains the usual amount of interesting matter, editorial and otherwise. We notice an article from Mr. J. C. Bahr, one of our teachers, with the title "Impressions of Canada" which we will refer to again, and perhaps give extracts herefrom.

The *Western Pennsylvanian* is on our table. That gentle hint was sufficient. It is certainly one of our most interesting exchanges. The editor and others concerned in its make up deserve, and are receiving, the credit that is their just due. The preparation of matter, and its arrangement, are especially commendable.

We acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Twelfth Biennial Meeting of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind, which was held at Brantford, Ont., commencing July 5th 1892. There was a large attendance of distinguished persons present, and the proceedings were of a highly interesting nature. Mr. A. H. Dymond, Principal of the Ontario Institution for the Blind, received well merited praise for his successful efforts in providing for the comfort and convenience of the delegates. Hon. A. S. Hardy, in his address of welcome gave some figures relative to the management of educational and charitable institutions in the United States and Ontario, which showed that the system in vogue here is conducive to economy as well as efficiency. For instance, he stated that the average cost of maintenance per capita for a year of five institutions for the deaf, in New York and adjacent states, was \$250, while the cost of the Ontario Institution was \$180. In the maintenance of other institutions the cost was also much less in Ontario.

### OTHER SCHOOLS.

The shoe shop has a new Wheeler & Wilson cylinder sewing Machine. Four of our cases were converted into a good dinner one day lately. Our baking department will be moved into new quarters soon. Our reading room is a great source of attraction. The pupils of A grade are studying Natural Philosophy. The baking department has two new large sifters, two scrapers two scraping knives and a large wooden bowl. The Supt. intends to have the title of the school printed on button badges and distributed. *The Hawkeye*.

New desks and recitation seats have been placed in the school house this week. The drawing class have taken up the study of water colors. The Athletic Association has organized and elected officers. P. J. Paterson will be Captain and Henry Pagan Manager of the base ball team. The ice taken from the pond is nearly three feet thick. *Wisconsin Times*.

We all had a holiday on Washington's birthday. Two new pupils have lately arrived. Mr. Brown's class (8th grade) were entertained by Supt. Clark and his accomplished wife on a late Saturday evening. It was a great pleasure. A representation of little Lord Fauntleroy was given by the pupils on the evening of Washington's birthday. It was very fittingly received by the audience. *Union*.

The Dakota school is a instituted a new department. The new items for *The Advocate* are written by the pupils. Each morning when they come to school they write down on their slates such items as they can think of, and have their teachers correct them. They are then handed to the editor. Such work cannot fail to have good results, it will be a good language lesson, and also make them observing.

### Deaf.

The poet Wadsworth describes a deaf-mute as one—  
From whom, in early childhood,  
The precious gift of hearing,  
From year to year in loneliness,  
And this deep mountain valley,  
Soundless with all its streams,  
Did never rouse this cottager from  
With startling summons, not for  
The verbal cuckoo shouted, not for  
Murmured the laboring bee. When  
Were working the broad basin of  
Into a thousand sparkling waves,  
Hocking the trees, or drifting clouds,  
Along the sharp edge of your lofty  
The agitated scene before his eye  
Was silent as a picture, even when  
Were all things silent, whereso'er

### Letters from Former Pupils.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 21st 1893.

SIR—THE CANADIAN MUTE is a most hold journal with which we have afforded to dispense, and its thoughtful visits to our far north western home eagerly awaited, and every paragraph diligently perused by Mrs. Lamb and myself, not because of scarcity of news out here, for you are aware we have a very little paper of our own, the *Saskatoon Echo*, but because we have been in the depths and affections of our hearts for (please don't feel tickled, and allow me to say) our *alma mater*, the *Canadian Mute*, and under-graduates of whose well-being and success we have longed to know through the medium of THE CANADIAN MUTE. May it long live to accomplish its grand and noble mission, is the fervent wish of  
Yours in earnest  
W. Lamb

WINNIPEG, March 3rd 1893.

DEAR MR. MATTHEW—It gives me much pleasure in writing to you while we are at school. Many thanks to you for sending me some papers and a book at Christmas. Several weeks ago we got an invitation from Mr. M. Dermond's friend to go to Magog, Quebec for entertainment; we had no evening work, so we went and had a pleasant time. The next morning we wrote composition on it in school. We write local letters to *Silent Echo*. I think we write better than we did at first, as the States papers help us. Mr. McDermond selected me to take care of the papers for the girls, and told me to take the papers for the boys to read. I do that till June. Our school has a paper on the wall in school to pin down our conduct and lesson notes. It is good for us to be industrious. Last Saturday evening there was a meeting of the Debating Society, and some members told us stories which were nice. The president chose the topic for the next debate. It is a resolution that fire is more dangerous than water. I remember you always for you know while I was at school there. I am glad to bring this letter to a close and say good bye. I am, yours sincerely,  
GERTIE M. P.

WINNIPEG, March 1st 1893.

DEAR MR. MATTHEW—I hope I have not forgotten you, and I have thought I would write you a few lines. I read in THE CANADIAN MUTE that there are about two hundred and sixty pupils at the Institution, and I am very much pleased to hear that your pupils are making such good progress. You are to be congratulated upon your success in pupil training. The Belleville School, the first of the Canadian Institutions, has started a printing office for the *Canadian Mute*. THE CANADIAN MUTE is a prospectus and neat paper, and I am very much interested in it. We know how to appreciate a splendid paper. I often think of the Institution and the good things that you have. True, I got a few letters there, but I was never locked up. You will be pleased to know my health is times excellent. I am getting on well with my studies, and my work this year are Language, Arithmetic, Canadian History, Geography and positions. Of course Language is the hardest study, but we like it very much on account of its being so useful. I have learned about some wise and noble men. I am sure you are very kind to our teachers and officers. I hope to bless you. I wish you health and prosperity. Yours truly,  
A. G. S.

### BIRTH.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 1st 1893. The wife of Mr. A. P. Van... daughter



LIFE IN SIX ACTS.

BABY.

Sighing, crying night and day, Winking, blinking, full of play.

BOY.

Football, schooling, getting tall, Growing, rowing, playing ball.

YOUTH.

Fussing, musing over a tie, Larking, sparking on the fly.

MANHOOD.

Cooling, wooing future wife, (Fishing, blushing, tired of life).

MIDDLE AGE.

Slaying, craving, hoarding, wealth, Driving, striving, broken health.

OLD AGE.

Aching, falling day by day, The undertaker ends the play.

-National Educator

CHICAGO CHIPS.

From our own Correspondent.

I notice by your valuable journal of March 1st that the mutes are talking of postponing their re-union to the summer of 1894, on account of the World's Fair. Yes, they ought to, as they can not afford to pay the expenses to Bello villo and Chicago this summer.

I have been to the Columbian Exposition Grounds several times, admission fifty (50) cents at the gate, and at many of the foreign buildings 25 to 75 cents will be charged to see the exhibits. The average expense of seeing the exhibits will be \$3.00 to \$5.00 per day. There are to be accommodations for 40,000 people to eat at once—all prices.

Many leading mutes have taken rooms with their friends in Chicago, to save heavy hotel bills. R. M. T.

Chicago, March 4th, 1893

BRANTFORD BUDGET.

From our own Correspondent.

A number of deaf-mutes made up a jolly sleighing party last week, and drove to Ouelph to see friends there. They met Miss Watt, Mr. Charles Golds, and others, and had a pleasant time chatting over old times. On the way home to Brantford the next day, the sleigh upset, but beyond a little shaking up, no damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith, Itay, Mrs. Feast and Mr. Bateman drove to Hamilton on Saturday evening of last week.

Mr. Smith's stock of fancy fowls was increased lately by the addition of a pair of lovely white ducks, a present from his mother-in-law.

Our latest deaf-mute arrival is Thos. McLaren, formerly of St. Marys. He obtained work in the Massey-Harris factory, where there are four deaf-mutes employed. The mutes here are making good wages, and saving their wages, as some of them intend having a camping party in some delightful spot next summer.

Wm. Stenabaugh, who was seriously injured last year, and was laid up in the hospital for many months, is a happy man now, as he can walk about the house without the aid of crutches, and last Sunday he managed to get as far as Mr. A. V. Smith's residence with the aid of a cane. He looks forward to playing foot-ball again and we all wish he may be able to do so.

The friends of THE CANADIAN MUTE in this vicinity join in congratulations and hope the paper will be published for many years to come.

A. V. S.—BRANTFORD.

P.S.—The demise of Mr. A. E. Smith's bull-dog is very much regretted by the mutes, as the animal was a general favorite—at a distance.

HALIFAX NOTES.

From our own Correspondent.

We have got our exhibit sent off to the World's Fair, and have already received congratulations on the excellent work turned out. Some of the maps and chalk drawings were very good.

One of our teachers, Mr. Dodds, has invested in a photographic camera lately. He has taken some nice groups of the pupils and is becoming quite an expert in the art.

Mr. Harvoy, our friend of the Art School who remembered us so kindly at Christmas, paid us a farewell visit the other day. We are sorry to lose such a friend but we extend to him our best wishes for long life and happiness.

Mr. Fearon received a letter from Mrs. Hutton in Edinburgh a few days ago. She says that Spring is just beginning to show itself. We can hardly imagine the flowers budding forth and the birds

singing while we are surrounded with snow and ice. We are hoping the snow will soon disappear and give us a glimpse of mother earth again.

We are beginning to talk a great deal about a new Institution. Our numbers are increasing and our rooms are pretty full.

One of our former schoolmates, George Mackenzie, has been very successful in his examination at the Business College in the city which he is attending. We hope his success will long continue.

Mr. Fearon and Mr. Dodds went out for a snow shoe tramp the other day the first they had since they came to this country. They both complained of stiffness next day. A few of the big boys would like a tramp but unfortunately they cannot get snow shoes.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent.

Miss Carrie Mason, who is attending the Parkdale High School, had a severe fall on the slippery ice the other day, and sprained her arm, but at the present time is improving rapidly.

There will probably be another deaf-mute wedding coming off early in the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Mundlo's son has gone to the hospital to be treated for some trouble in his legs. He has been unable to work for quite a while on account of it.

Arthur Bowen has been paying his sister, Mrs. Harry Mason, a short visit. He is an independent farmer. Any young lady desirous of entering the matrimonial bonds will be lucky, indeed, if she wins his heart.

Mrs. Cottrell, nee Nelho Flight, paid Mr. and Mrs. Wilson a visit lately. Very few of the mutes ever see her now. It seems as if she has entirely withdrawn from the deaf-mute's world. She has two little children.

On Sunday, the 4th, shortly after the services began, Mr. Nasmith walked into the room, he having arrived home from Europe only the previous day or two. After the services he made a few remarks, expressing his pleasure at meeting us all again. He looked in the very best of spirits. There was a large audience that afternoon.

A social will be given in the Young St. Y. M. C. A., on Friday, the 17th. A good time is expected, and Mr. Nasmith will be asked to give a lecture on his trip to Europe.

Mr. Thos. McGlashan of Hamilton has been in the city the last few days selling court plaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser have been requested to remove into and occupy a large and handsome house during the owners' absence in Chicago, for two or three years. The house is 103 Roncesvalles Ave., near their present abode. As there is a large yard, Philip will no doubt go extensively into poultry farming, at which he is an expert.

OTTAWA DASHES.

From our own Correspondent.

Mr. Charles McLaren, of Kalgan is at present visiting his relatives and friends in Kenmore, and attended the Bible class in Ottawa at the regular fortnightly meeting.

Miss Waters has been indisposed for over a week, and could not attend her class.

Bro. Young, of Montreal, was in the city for two weeks holding a retreat for the R. C. D. & D., and was followed a week later by Father Masnie, who concluded the retreat.

During a party at Mrs. Alex McLaren's, while her sons George and Charles were engaged in playing, Geo had the misfortune to slip and dislocate his hip joint. It took the united effort of three men besides the doctor to put the bone in position again but we are happy to say he is all right now after having been idle for one month.

Miss Atwood, on the evening of the 9th of Feb., gave an entertainment at the residence of her brother-in-law to her friends, among whom were the Misses Waters and Gow and Messrs McClelland and Darvey.

It is rumored among the deaf that D. Bayne will start farming on his own account this spring, his father having lately purchased a farm for him.

An unknown deaf-mute made an unsuccessful attempt to cut his head off with a razor, near Carthage, Ill. lately. He cut a horrid gash, but missed the jugular vein. He is a fortune teller.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Girls' Side of the Institution

(BY LILL ROBINSON.)

A great many girls are expecting boxes from home on Easter.

Miss Anne Mathison has returned from a pleasant visit to Brockville.

Edith Major got a box from home not long ago, and is enjoying eating the goodies now.

One of the girls declares she saw a robin one morning, and wonders where it will build its nest.

There is not much sickness just now. The weather is very damp, but Miss Walker is on the look-out.

All the girls are busy counting the days and weeks till we go home. It is not very long, only 15 weeks.

The little verse you see in my column was written by Mary Lynch, our poetess. She has written poetry but does not want it published.

The girls have not been down to the city for quite a while. The walking has been so bad we thought we would wait till it gets better.

Mrs. Wm. Nurse sent up quite a lot of lovely apples for Aggie McFarland. Aggie was much pleased and gave her girl friends a treat.

Annie Wilkins has been laid up for some time. She's around now doing her duties. During her sickness the teachers missed her cheery face.

The girls enjoyed the farce that was given in the chapel on the evening of the 4th instant. R. Hanson can get up something funny when he wishes to.

Maggie Robinson goes home on Saturday whenever allowed to, and returns on Sunday afternoon or Monday morning. She had her photograph taken lately.

Some of the girls have undertaken to practice swinging clubs again. Most of them are in the Physical Culture Class. The practice in the evenings and Lotta Henry takes the lead.

Some girls whose fathers own maple groves, are talking about maple sugar, and hope their fathers will have a lot. I hope they will, and then there will be a good deal in the market.

We think the skating and iceboating is all over now, as the weather is getting mild and the snow is so soft. The little ones are not allowed to go out now for fear they would get their feet wet and catch cold.

Little Mena Hunter got a sleigh-ride lately. One of the teachers took her down to the city and brought her back again in time for supper. She says she enjoyed it. Many other little ones said they wished they were in her boots.

Into our midst comes gentle Spring; (O) welcome her back again; For flowers and buds she'll bring, Tho' they'll come through mist and rain.

Spring is almost here. But the snow, we wish it would all go away soon. We are in a hurry to see the flowers and leaves out of the mire.

Mary Lynch and I had a call from Miss V. Burns lately. She brought up a young lady with her, Miss J. Elliott. Miss Burns brought two comic books for us to read. She knows what we like, and we hope it will not be long before they come again.

Mrs. Terrill showed us her daughter Edith's crazy quilt. We were glad to see it as many of us are making quilts and like to see crazy stitches whenever we can get the chance. Mrs. T. has been lending us some books. She lent us one called "The Girls' Own." We like that book best.

One morning one of the girls thought she would play a trick on the housemaid, so she fixed up her bed as though she were in it. When the housemaid saw it she said the girl would have to stay and not go down to breakfast, but after a while she thought she would wake her. When she was about to do so, what do you think she saw? Only pillows!

Doctor Bits in a Nutshell.

- Raw egg for a cut. Hot water for sprains. Hot lemonade for colds. Turpentine for lockjaw. Hot milk as a stimulant. Salt water for falling hair. Raw oysters for hoarseness. Tar on sugar for weak lungs. Quicklime in water for poison. Milk puddings and stewed fruit for bilious dyspepsia.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Boys' Side of the Institution

(BY WILLIAM RICKS.)

We will have an examination soon, and we must study hard if we wish to be successful.

We will soon have to put on our winter caps as it is spring, and the weather is getting warmer.

Two of Robert King's friends from Bird's Creek came to see him on the 4th inst. He was very much pleased to see them again.

We had a dialogue on the 10th inst. We were very much pleased to see it was very nice, and funny. Five of the boys took part in it.

Vernon Woodward is said to be the most industrious boy in the school. While the others are skating or iceboating, he sticks to his seat like wax.

James Chambers, one of our pupils, had a boil on his eye lid. Our Sanitarior said that he should go to bed and his eyes got well. He is getting better now.

The snow around here is beginning to melt away. We are very glad that it is doing so. There is much water on the ground. We must not walk in the snow but we can walk on the side walk.

Two friends of Jonathan Henderson came here to see him on the 4th inst. They went to Belleville to attend the O. B. C. for one month. Jonathan said he would like to go to the college to see his friends.

One of the boys received a letter from William A. Thackaberry of Larkton Place, saying that he was enjoying good health, and that he had a big job there. We all wish him success. He and his brothers are building a new stone dam.

Mr. Ashley, one of our teachers, came to school on Monday, the 6th inst. without his eyeglasses. He left always and had to borrow a pair. Willie Langdon, the assistant carpenter, lent him his in the morning, and Mr. Coleman lent him his in the afternoon.

(BY DAVID LUDY.)

There are seven boys and two girls working in the printing office.

We have not had a hockey team this winter. We were talking of having one but did not have time to practice.

Robert Hanson keeps a great many flowers in the third story of the "Wald Hall," where he sleeps. Robert is a florist.

The days are getting longer now and we don't have to light the gas when we get up as we did during the short days of winter.

"Old Father Winter" is dead now and we are looking for the coming spring as we are fond of rambling, playing ball, base-ball, etc.

Robert Hanson, who works in W. Mill's tailor-shop in the city, has made a new suit of clothes to be exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago.

I received a letter from a brother, saying that his health is splendid and that Mr. and Mrs. Sutton and John Mc Isaac came up to see him on the 22nd inst.

The waiters were changed on the 4th inst. They are always changed once a four weeks. James Chambers, John Patrick, and Michael Noonan are the head waiters.

The boys who have ice-boats are busy because they have not been out for a long time. We have not often had ice-boating and skating on the ice this winter, on account of the snow. We generally skated on the open ice.

Two worlds, the higher and the lower, separated by the thinnest of partitions. The lower world is that of the deaf. Endless doubt and unrest here, wondering, admiring, adoring, above OLIVER WARDEN'S HALL Over The Teacups.

Swinging "Dumb Bells"

The following conversation was heard recently. LIZZIE. Do you know anything about swinging dumb bells? CHARLES. Well, yes, I think I danced four times last night with a mute lady.

Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

Table with columns for OFFICERS, ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, and LITERARY SOCIETY, listing names and locations like Belleville, Toronto, and Hamilton.

THE CANADIAN MUTE.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 1893.

It is a moment of a time. It is a day when we have nothing to do but trust. Ours Editor

Send us the News.

We constantly receive letters and cards from our pupils of this school of course, but they do not see the names of persons mentioned in THE CANADIAN MUTE. We cannot give news that we do not receive. It is impossible for us to know where everybody is, and what he is doing. If our friends want their names published, they must send them to a correspondent. Send a brief account of matters concerning the deaf and it will be published, if deemed of sufficient interest. A postcard will answer the purpose of communication.

Institution Reports.

We have received a deluge of reports from the different schools of the continent. Our limited space precludes the possibility of doing more than giving a brief notice of each. From the very antipodes we get a highly interesting report. It is the 31st annual report of the New South Wales Institution for the deaf and blind, and in addition to much valuable information contains a description of the buildings, classrooms, etc. Good work is being done here.

The North Dakota School sends us its 10th annual report of the trustees and principal with Mr. Spear's comments. There was an attendance of 41 pupils. This is a comparatively new school, but is advancing rapidly under the able management.

The biennial report of the Kansas School is full of interesting matter. We have had space in future issues for extracts from Supt. Walker's remarks. The attendance during the two years ending June 30, 1892, was 285. The Kansas School ranks among the best.

The progressive school sends us its 15th annual report, which shows an attendance of 220 pupils; a year's income of \$57,000.51; and an expenditure of \$200.82.

The Indiana school sends us the 4th annual report. There were 98 deaf and dumb pupils in attendance during the year, and the expenses were \$1,500.

The New York Institution is under the supervision of Z. F. Westerkelt. The report shows an attendance of 100 pupils and the total cost of \$100,000. It is a good school.

Miss Terrill, who has devoted her whole life for five years to the education of the deaf, is an excellent piece of work. Her skill and patience are well known. Many of the embellishments are without taste. Mrs. Terrill is a good school.

HOME NEWS

How happy the wet kids and lassies are to see the snow begin to disappear.

Mr. Beaton, teacher of one of the fifth classes, has been quite ill, and unable to attend to his work.

Miss Curlette continues to encourage a taste for reading by distributing interesting papers among the pupils.

Milder weather brings an increased number of visitors to our school. Scarcely a day passes without one or more persons making a round of the classes.

The circulation of the CANADIAN MUTE averaged during the last year over 1200 copies each issue. During the last three weeks we have added over 100 new names to our list.

During the noon recess we usually find the persons we are looking for, in Mr. Ashley's class room. Not only is Mr. A. himself there, but as many of the boys as can crowd in.

Willie Gould, a pupil of the first class, was considerably surprised a few days ago to see in the London Liberator a statement that his uncle had been injured on the G. T. R., at that city.

Mr. Coleman, teacher of the senior class, met with an accident one evening lately. He slipped on the icy walk, and falling dislocated his left thumb. He soon discovered that the left hand is of some use occasionally.

There is a project on foot to construct an electric railway in Belleville. If the scheme is accomplished, there may be a branch line from the city to the cemetery. If so, it would be a great convenience for teachers residing in the city, and others here.

The boys have noticed several signs of coming spring, but when one of them appeared with an old straw hat on his head, they were sure that Jack Frost would soon resign his sceptre. It was the best sign they had yet seen and it made them jolly.

The boys who are accustomed to assemble in a certain class-room for conversation at noon time, must have some regard for the eternal fitness of things, and not make so much noise with feet, hands, and voice. Those who can hear are much confused.

The shore brigade did a good job in opening a path from the skating rink to the Trenton road, through a continuous snow drift from four to five feet deep. It was an excellent exercise for those not connected with the shops, and a good cure for biliousness.

The Government Inspector, Dr. Chamberlain, was here on an official visit on the 2nd inst. He made a thorough inspection of every part of the Institution. We hope he found everything satisfactory. No preparation was made for his visit, he found us as we always are.

This is applicable here and every where. "Order in school, in the halls, in the dining-room, in the playing room, in the art room. Order every place - all day and all night is the order of our house, and unless you are in order, you are out of order, and should be ordered out."

While we write, the snow around the side fences is piled high above the fence tops. In a week or two when "old Sol" gets warm and transforms the whole into liquid, what a time the small boys will have building dams and sailing their miniature boats down the stream, as they flow to the bay.

Many cheery notes have been sent us from subscribers in renewing their subscriptions to our little paper. There are so many that we cannot find room for them in our columns, but we thank all those friends who have sent us words of appreciation, and will endeavor to meet their combined approval.

Several of our friends living in the eastern part of the province are very desirous of having each issue of THE CANADIAN MUTE printed in French. We had not thought of printing the paper in the French language, until the receipt of letters asking us to do so. We have the matter under consideration.

The exodus continues. News reaches us that Jacob Hester's parents are about to move to Michigan. It is therefore probable that Jacob will be found enrolled as a pupil at the Flint School next term. He has been in our shoe shop for a few months, so Mr. Lynch the foreman at Flint, must keep a seat for him.

We are glad that our hospital is empty, and the pupils enjoying good health. A few suffer from slight indispositions, such as colds, etc.; but we must not complain. Where so many children are gathered together the surprise is, not that a few are sick, but that the general health is so good at this season.

One of the "new pupils," a little girl thirteen years of age, but dwarfish in size, evidently believes in early rising. On several occasions lately she has been up at 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, and has gone around the room trying to arouse the other sleeping inmates. Perhaps the moonlight made her think it was daylight.

Our coal shed is now showing an empty space. Over 600 tons were put in it last summer, and it has since dwindled down to a small pile, just enough left to take us to the warm weather. Shovel-full by shovel-full, it has been pitched into the maws of our three furnaces, giving us warmth and comfort during the cold weather.

Capt. J. Porto, so well and favorably known to residents of the Bay section, and many others, as commander of the fleet little steamer Varuna, died at his home in Trenton on the morning of the 1st inst. He will be greatly missed, as he had been a familiar figure on the Bay for more than thirty years, and was an obliging and popular officer.

We are pleased to record an increased interest in reading by the pupils. Recently two of the boys, not finding sufficient literature at their disposal in the reading room subscribed for the London Ont. Daily Liberator. They now devote nearly all their leisure time reading the well filled columns of this interesting paper. It will do them good.

Mr. Burns, our instructor of printing, has hanging in the office twelve large chromo pictures known as the "Berean Leaf Cluster" representing prominent events in the life of Christ. They are well adapted for Sunday School work, as illustrations of lessons and aids for young scholars. Mr. Burns takes a deep interest in such work, and has been a teacher in Sunday Schools for many years.

We are indebted to the Wisconsin Times for this complimentary notice, which is the more highly prized because the Times is not disposed to talk soft velvet promiscuously. The CANADIAN MUTE has just entered its second volume. The MUTE has since the very first been one of the brightest of the little family. If it keeps on improving in the second as in the first year of its life, we'll either have to annex Canada or else allow her to carry off the journalistic honors.

Mr. Hyatt of the famous Sand Bank's summer resort near Picton, accompanied by Mr. Jamieson of Belleville, visited the Institution on the 7th inst. Mr. Hyatt was a former pupil of our Mr. Ashley in times long gone by, when Mr. A. taught in the public schools. They were very glad indeed to meet Mr. Hyatt who was highly pleased with his visit here, and was very much interested. He is popular with the public, as he is the soul of good nature and gentleness.

A very amusing entertainment was given to the pupils on the evening of Saturday 11th. Robt. Hanson was the master of ceremonies, and he had prepared a most ludicrous exhibition of various characters, which kept the pupils shaking with laughter for an hour. To attempt to describe it all would take too much space, suffice to say that the pupils heartily enjoyed it. One part however was specially deserving of mention and that was Jean Bazana's exhibition of his strength of arms. He performed feats which would test the powers of the strongest men, and we have never seen any pupil here who could equal it.

One of our lady teachers had a rather amusing but disagreeable experience in the large dry goods store of the Ritchie & Co. recently. She was standing by the counter examining some articles, and drew a seat near her to sit on. Not being ready to use it just then, she did not notice that some one had removed it. When she did sit down she went further than she expected, and struck the floor with a thud that made the building shake and produced a scintillation of bright stars on the ceiling. The clerk who was waiting on her, jumped over the counter to discover where she had gone so suddenly. A number of customers joined her in the laugh that followed.

PERSONALITIES.

Robert Bell, a semi-mute, is a reporter on the Baltimore News.

Miss Grace Emery, daughter of Prof. Emery of Chicago Day School, will be married on Feb. 21st.

In answer to several inquiries, we may say that Richard Willis lives at 2509 5th St., N. E. Minneapolis, U. S.

Supt. Watson, of the Washington School, has charge of the high class until a successor to Mr. J. C. Watson is appointed.

A load of Miss Bella McKillop's friends, from Rodney and Bismarck, drove to her home last week, and spent a very pleasant evening.

Con. Staley, a native of Canada, and a fine looking fellow, who has friends in Buffalo, Cleveland and other places, has a job in Bay City, Mich., as a painter.

Bamber Brown, of Ancaster, had a narrow escape from being hurt by the upsetting of a load of hay into a deep ditch on the side of the road near his home.

Mr. Smith, the versatile editor of the Companion, owns twelve hens and one rooster, and gets one egg a day. He is not sure whether the investment is "panning out" well.

"Patsy" expects to leave Detroit about 1st of May, and she does not tell us where she is going. Hopesho will locate somewhere near enough to be heard from occasionally.

Mr. Gorman, a Canadian mute, is now employed in a planing-mill at Detroit. He is loud in his praise for the Detroit Deaf-Mute Association and also is to become a full member before long.

William A. Thackaberry writes that he is working on his brother's farm which is nicely situated by a lake. He wishes to be remembered to all of those who were at the Institution when he was.

Archie McLaren, of Brooklyn, N. Y., expects to visit his old home in Canada next July. Archie would be a welcome visitor here, if he could come during school time. Has he forgotten how to play foot-ball?

When in Chicago recently Dr. E. M. Gallaudet was besieged by his deaf-mute friends, who were anxious to do whatever was possible to testify their honor and respect for one who has done so much for their class of people.

Dr. Peet was entertained at an elaborate dinner given by Mr. H. G. Haight of New York, on the evening of Feb. 11th. A number of prominent persons connected with the education of the deaf were present. Mr. Haight was one of Dr. Peet's first pupils.

Mr. George McDonald, of Uptergrove, Ont., promises to write us a letter for publication after a little while. He says he is waiting for Spring to come, and intimates that something will happen about that time which will be interesting to a great many of his friends and bring happiness to himself.

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.

Annie Lancaster, Port Granby, writes. "I always have a warm spot in my heart for the Belleville Institution. There are no deaf mutes living near my home and sometimes I feel it a little lonely, but the receipt of the CANADIAN MUTE cheers me up, as I learn from its columns where some of my former schoolmates are and how they are succeeding. I do not wish to miss any of the papers."

The Watertown correspondent of the Liberator thus refers to persons known to some of our readers:—"Mr. Jardine, who has been here the last two years, has gone to Canada to spend a few weeks among friends. Mr. Charles Cooper is spending the winter at home, which is lonely without his estimable wife. He occasionally takes short trips for a day or two among his mute friends."

Wm. Wilson, of Harkaway, P. O., County Grey, Ontario, writes us that he wants to marry a good girl who can cook and keep house generally. This is a chance for some good, hard-working, deaf-mute young woman. Mr. Wilson is a steady man of middle age, was educated at a New York Institution in the fifties, has a farm well stocked with horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, hens, etc. He wants a young woman who can read and write well. Triller need not apply.

Skating and ice-boating seem to be on the wane. Though the rink is kept clear, yet it is seldom used now. The pupils' thoughts are turning to summer sports. "All things have their day."

**'Cause They D'nd't Think.**

Once a trap was baited  
With a piece of cheese.  
Ticked so a little mouse,  
Almost made him sneeze.  
Old rat said, 'There's a danger,  
Be careful where you go  
'Nouseuse!' said the other,  
'I don't think you know'

So he walked in boldly,  
Nobody in sight;  
First he took a nibble,  
Then he took a bite.  
Close the trap together  
Snapped as quick as wink,  
Catching mouse fast there—  
Cause he didn't think

Once there was a robin  
Lived outside the door,  
Who wanted to come inside  
A hop upon the floor.  
'Oh,' said the mother,  
'You must stay with me,  
Little birdies are safest  
Sitting on a tree.'

'I don't care,' said robin,  
And gave his tail a flog,  
'I don't think the old folks  
Know quite everything'  
Down he flew, and kitty seized him  
Before he'd time to blink  
'Oh!' he cried, 'I'm sorry,  
But—I didn't think'

And now, my little hearers,  
You who hear this song,  
Don't you see what trouble  
Comes with thinking wrong?  
And when you're warned of ruin,  
Pause upon the brink,  
And don't go over head long,  
'Cause you didn't think—Selected

**Consanguinous Marriages.**

Supt. Noyes, in his report recently published, when referring to the cause of deafness, says:—It may be of interest to know that in eighteen families having each one deaf child, the parents were own cousins; in three families, having each two deaf children, the parents were first cousins; in one family having four deaf children, the parents were first cousins; in three families having each one deaf child the parents were second cousins. Again, in one family where the parents were second cousins there are two deaf children, and in nine families having each one deaf child the parents were third cousins. These data certainly indicate that there is a tendency to deafness in the offspring where consanguinity exists in the parents. Taking all things into consideration there seems to be as much, if not more, liability of deaf children as a result of consanguinous marriages than there is where both the parents are deaf and dumb. The graduates of this school have, in the great majority of cases, married persons who were deaf. Only in a few instances have the deaf married hearing persons, and as a rule happiness and prosperity prevail more where they are equally yoked together, than where one party is deaf and the other hearing. As a result of marriages among the graduates of this school, one hundred and seven children have been born, and only two show any indications of deafness. One of these two entered school recently, and the other is receiving primary instruction at home. In adventitious cases of deafness there seems to be no special tendency to inherit deafness.

In marriages among the deaf it is only when both the parents are hereditarily deaf that any special tendency to deafness appears in their offspring. These cases are very rare indeed, and there are reasons for believing in proportion to the whole number, these instances are decreasing rather than increasing in the country at large.

**Receipt for Making Every Day Happy.**

When you rise in the morning, form a resolution to make the day a happy one to a fellow creature. It is easily done; a left-off garment to the man who needs it; a kind word to the sorrowful, an encouraging expression to the striving; trifles in themselves light as air will do at least for twenty-four hours; and if you are young, depend upon it, it will tell when you are old; and if you are old rest assured it will send you gently and happily down the stream of human time to eternity. By the most simple arithmetical sum look at the result; you send one person, only one, happily through the day; that is three-hundred and sixty-five in the course of a year; and supposing you live forty years only after you commence that course of medicine, you have made 14,000 human beings happy, at all events for a time. Now, worthy reader, is this not simple? It is too short for a sermon, too homely for ethics, and too easily accomplished for you to say, 'I would if I could.'—Sidney Smith.

**Peculiarities of the Deaf.**

While deaf-mutes may have some peculiarities arising from the absence of hearing, the too prevalent impression of the thoughtless that they are essentially almost a different race from the balance of mankind is ludicrously erroneous. No more clearly can this fact be brought home than for a father or mother to imagine one of their now talkative children stricken with some of the above mentioned diseases, and arising from the sick-bed in time perfectly well and sound with the exception that the auditory nerve is destroyed. No change has been wrought in the nature of the child, and there need be no great change in its disposition if it has parents who are wise enough to treat it with exactly the same rules of discipline as are used with the other children of the family. There lies the "peculiarity" of deaf-mutes, and it is usually, "home made." That it is natural and, one might say, parental to allow more privileges and bestow more caresses upon the afflicted child than upon the others of the family, we freely admit; but we are also compelled to warn parents that the yielding to this impulse is doing as much, yea, even more, injury to the deaf child than it would be to select one of a family of children equal in all respects and bestow or lavish attention upon it to the neglect of others. In that case, you would have a "spoiled" child, that in all probability would bring sorrow to its parents as it grew to manhood. In the case of the deaf child who is pampered the same seed is sown and, in too many cases, alas, the same fruit is garnered. The deaf, then, are not, as a rule, different from others, except as they are made so by parents, friends, and the public.—Kansas Institution Report.

**Uses of an Institution Paper.**

Besides being a means of communication between the pupils of the Institution and their parents and friends, and as a means of teaching the boys a knowledge of the art of printing, probably the greatest use which it can be put to is that of inducing the pupils to form the habit of reading. The pupils will read their own paper in spite of all that can be done to prevent them, and they will not, as a rule, be induced to read anything else in spite of all that can be done to make them. Again, where it was formerly regarded by them as a very disagreeable task to write a journal of every day transactions or compositions and stories, they need no prompting when it is understood that such will cheerfully be printed in their paper. They like to see their names in print. This is altogether a kind of pardonable vanity on their part, which should rather be encouraged than checked. It is often the means of rousing in them a latent ambition to a free use of the pen in expressing themselves in written language. It also induces them to pay greater attention to their studies and to be more observing. Therefore let us have more of such matter as goes under the head of "Pupils' Column." It is the best part of the paper in one point of view, no matter if it is the least worthy of being printed.—N.Y. Advocate.

**Not 'Dummies.'**

The term 'dummy' was no doubt originally bestowed on an uneducated deaf and dumb person to signify that he could not speak. The word soon came to express not only speechlessness but also the wider idea of inferior mental power and incapacity to undertake the responsibilities and perform the functions of citizenship. With this added meaning, alas, it only too well expressed the forlorn condition of the uneducated deaf-mute; and it was an easy step in the evolution of language to apply the word 'dummy' to a dolt or thick-witted person who had not lost the power of speech at all.

As a matter of fact the educated deaf, as a class, are as bright and intelligent as people who can hear. They own property, transact business, pay taxes and perform all the functions of citizenship, and the term 'dummy' as applied to them is a misnomer and an insulting epithet.—Oregon Sign.

**Grand Trunk Railway.**

TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION:  
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MADOC AND PETERBORO BRANCH—5.45 a.m.; 11.30 a.m.; 6.30 p.m.

**GENERAL INFORMATION.**

**Classes**

SCHOOL HOURS—From 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1.30 to 3 p. m.  
DRAWING CLASS from 3.20 to 5 p. m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of each week.  
GIRLS' FANCY WORK CLASS on Monday and Wednesday afternoons of each week from 3.20 to 5.  
SING CLASS for Junior Teachers on the afternoons of Monday and Wednesday of each week from 3.10 to 4.  
EVENING STUDY from 7 to 8.30 p. m. for senior pupils and from 7 to 8 for junior pupils.

**Articulation Classes**

From 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1.30 to 3 p. m.

**Religious Exercises**

EVERY SUNDAY—Primary pupils at 9 a. m.; senior pupils at 11 a. m. General Lectures at 2.30 p. m. immediately after which the Bible Class will assemble.  
EACH SCHOOL DAY the pupils are to assemble in the Chapel at 8.15 a. m. and the Teacher-in-charge for the week, will open by prayer and afterwards dismiss them so that they may reach their respective school rooms not later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the pupils will again assemble and after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.  
BROTHER VISITING CLERGYMEN.—Rev. Canon Burke, Right Rev. Monsignor Farrelley, V. G., Rev. J. L. George, (Presbyterian), Rev. E. N. Baker, (Methodist), Rev. H. Marshall, (Baptist), Rev. M. W. Maclean, (Presbyterian), Rev. Father O'Brien

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

**Industrial Departments**

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND CARPENTER SHOPS from 7.30 to 8.30 a. m. and from 3.30 to 5.30 p. m. for pupils who attend school; for those who do not from 7.30 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1.30 to 5.30 p. m. each working day except Saturday, when the office and shops will be closed at noon.

THE SEWING CLASS HOURS are from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock, noon, and from 1.30 to 5 p. m. for those who do not attend school, and from 3.30 to 5 p. m. for those who do. No sewing on Saturday afternoons.

The Printing Office, Shops and Sewing Room to be left each day when work ceases in a clean and tidy condition.

Pupils are not to be excused from the various Classes or Industrial Departments except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.

Teachers, Officers and others are not to allow matters foreign to the work in hand to interfere with the performance of their several duties.

**Visitors**

Persons who are interested, desirous of visiting the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays, except to the regular chapel exercises at 2.30 on Sunday afternoons. The best time for visitors on ordinary school days is as soon after 1.30 in the afternoon as possible, as the classes are dismissed at 3.0 o'clock.

**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. It only makes discomfort for all concerned, particularly for the parent. The child will be tenderly cared for, and if left in our charge without delay will be quite happy with the others in a few days, in some cases in a few hours.

**Visitation**

It is not beneficial to the pupils for friends to visit them frequently. If parents must come, however, they will be made welcome to the class-rooms and allowed every opportunity of seeing the general work of the school. We cannot furnish lodging or meals, or entertain guests at the Institution. Good accommodation may be had in the city at the Hoffman House, Queen's, Anglo-American and Dominion Hotels at moderate rates.

**Clothing and Management**

Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent. No correspondence will be allowed between parents and employees under any circumstances without special permission upon each occasion.

**Sickness and Correspondence**

In case of the serious illness of pupils letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or guardians. IF THE ASSUMPTION OF LETTERS FROM FRIENDS OF PUPILS MAY BE QUITE SURE THEY ARE WELL.

All pupils who are capable of doing so, will be required to write home every three weeks; letters will be written by the teachers for the little ones who cannot write, stating, as nearly as possible, their wishes.

No medical preparations that have been used at home or prescribed by family physicians will be allowed to be taken by pupils except with the consent and direction of the Physician of the Institution.

Parents and friends of deaf children are warned against Quack Doctors who advertise medicines and appliances for the cure of Deafness. In 99 cases out of 100 they are frauds and only want money for which they give no return. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of adventitious deafness and be guided by their counsel and advice.

D. MATHISON,  
Superintendent.

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I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE EARLY person who receives this paper, the names and post-office addresses of the parents of deaf children not attending school, and known to them, so that I may forward the particulars concerning this Institution, and where and by what means their children can be instructed and furnished with education. D. MATHISON, Superintendent.

**TORONTO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION**

RELIGIOUS SERVICES are held at 11 a. m. Every Sunday morning at 11 a. m. at the Y. M. C. A. Building at corner Queen's, West and Dovercourt Road. Leaders: Messrs. Houghton and Slater. In the afternoon at 2.30 in the Y. M. C. A. Building at corner Queen's Avenue and College Street. Leaders: Messrs. Nash and Bridges.

The Literary Society meets on the first and Wednesday evenings of each month at the Y. M. C. A. Building, corner of Queen St. West and Dovercourt Road, at 8 p. m. President: C. H. Hogg; Vice-Pres: A. W. Mason, Secretary: C. Slater; Treas: W. J. Terrell. The association with P. Fraser, form the Executive Committee. All resident and visiting deaf-mutes are invited to attend the meetings. The Secretary's address is 19 Garden Avenue.

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