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Responsibilities of the Deaf

A case has just been tried in the Division Court at Strathroy that is full of instruction to deaf-mutes, and should convey a warning that they will never forget. The circumstances are as follows: A man named Hiram Keyser living near that town, purchased a threshing machine some years ago from a Mr. Goodison. For this machine Keyser gave several notes which matured at different periods, and since he was not possessed of any property security was demanded. Keyser therefore went to his brother, Samuel, a deaf-mute, who owned a small farm left him by his father, and induced him to endorse these notes and to pledge his farm for their payment, the total amount of the debt being \$1100. When the notes became due Hiram Keyser could not meet them, consequently the holder of the notes entered suit against Samuel Keyser for the amount. The suit on the first note took place about five years ago before the county judge, and as it was proven that the defendant did not understand the purport of the document he signed, the plaintiff was non-suited. The suit on the second note was tried on Good Friday last, before a jury of "intelligent" farmers, when a verdict was brought in for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed. Since the circumstances in connection with this note were identical with those relating to the other one the decision was a remarkable one. At the beginning of the trial the counsel for the plaintiff told the jury that if it could be proven that the defendant could not read and understand the documents he was signing, his client would have to be non-suited. It was around this point the contest was waged. Mrs. Terrill, of this Institution, was present to give expert evidence both at the previous

trial and at the present one. The defendant had attended this Institution for two sessions some twenty years ago, and made such unsatisfactory progress that he was advised not to return. Mrs. Terrill related to the court the mental characteristics of the deaf and the method of instructing them, and explained fully their entire ignorance of the meaning of written language until after they have had many years of training. She submitted the defendant to an examination and showed that his vocabulary was limited to a few single words, chiefly the names of objects. She placed the documents which he had signed in his hands and asked him to tell what words he knew. The only word he could find whose meaning he understood was the word "from." The evidence on this point was clear and convincing. On behalf of the plaintiff some very absurd evidence was submitted. Two or three men swore that the defendant composed and wrote sentences containing the infinitive mood and several other intricacies of language without an error a feat which educators of the deaf know to be absolutely impossible. The Judge charged strongly in favor of the defendant, and complimented Mrs. Terrill very highly on the manner in which she had performed her duties as witness and interpreter. In fact nearly the whole responsibility of the defence rested on her shoulders, and it was due to no lack of skill on her part that the result was as it was. At the previous trial the then judge also complimented her very highly and his decision was based chiefly on her evidence. But in this second case, despite the judge's charge and the plain purport of the evidence, the jury decided for the plaintiff. An application has been made for a new trial on the ground that the verdict was a perverse one, and if it is granted, as it almost assuredly will be, it will take place on June 13th.

But whatever the final outcome of the case, the moral is obvious, and we wish once more to impress on deaf-mutes the importance of positively refusing to affix their names to any document whatever unless they fully understand its meaning. Keyser had not the slightest idea that he was signing away his farm and impoverishing himself and his wife when he yielded to his brother's representations and affixed his name to a document of which he knew only one word, and of the meaning of which he had no understanding whatever. He is not the first deaf-mute who has suffered in like manner and we suppose he will not be the last, but we hope that deaf-mutes everywhere will take warning from this example.

The Deaf-Mutes' Journal, of New-York, has the hearty sympathy of all its contemporaries in the great loss it sustained by the fire in the Trades' School building of the New York Institution. The type, presses, subscription books, in fact everything in the office was completely destroyed—a loss that of course is in many respects irreparable. The Journal, however, is not the paper to be discouraged by even so great a misfortune, for it comes to hand as usual, though a few days late looking little the worse for its hard usage. All dark clouds, moreover, have their silver lining, and no doubt when our contemporary gets its new suit of clothes and now presses its improved typographical appearance will go far to reconcile it to its loss, though there was nothing to complain of in the past in that regard. We tender our warmest sympathies to the Journal in its great loss, and extend our best wishes for the future—sympathy and good wishes that we will not mar by the customary and very stale references to the "phoenix rising from its ashes."

The American Gazette.

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the first number of *The American Gazette*, published in Boston and devoted to the interests of the deaf. Up to the present the deaf of New England have been without a recognized organ, so the *Gazette* can claim to do in reality what many papers unjustly claim to do to fill a "long-felt want," and to judge from the issue before us it will fill it most admirably. The three thousand deaf-mutes in New England should give this new paper a unanimous support, and thus make it one of the most prosperous journals of the kind in America. The editorial management of the paper will be in the hands of Mr. Henry C. White, which is a sufficient guarantee that in excellence of matter, in literary quality, and in a thorough knowledge of the characteristics and needs of the deaf the *Gazette* will be second to none. Mr. White has already won his spurs by his breezy, thoughtful and well-written contributions to the *New York Journal* under the nom de plume of "Free Lance," and we doubt not that he will be found fully equal to all the demands of his new venture. Associated with Mr. White as one of the publishers is Mr. Henry A. Acheson, a former pupil of this Institution, and one who took away a good and honorable record. Mr. Eugene Acheson is also connected with the enterprise. The editor and publishers are all men of well known ability, and possess the talents and energy to make the *Gazette* a complete success, which we hope it will be.

Sound and Sensible Position.

Governor Altgeld, of Illinois, recently sent a message to the Legislature in which he says: "The amounts to be appropriated for the various State Institutions will be in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000, including nearly \$1,000,000 extraordinary appropriations. There will be a large increase in the tax levy to raise money to meet these appropriations. I want the institutions of the state to be properly provided for. I am not in favor of extravagant appropriations, but every dollar that is actually needed should be given to the Institutions. They must not be made to suffer because of any question as to political responsibility for an increase of the tax levy. I am ready to assume all responsibility on that score. The people in Illinois take just pride in the character of their benevolent institutions, and I am satisfied that no political party will be condemned for providing for the proper maintenance of these institutions, no matter how much the tax may be increased for that purpose."

It is always a pleasure to note a steady improvement whether in an individual or in an enterprise of any kind, therefore we are glad to express a hearty word of commendation for the last issue of the *Buff and Blue*. It is a splendid journal of thirty-six pages, and the numerous articles on a great variety of subjects of general and professional interest are uniformly well written. The choice diction that characterizes these articles, contributed as they are by several students of both sexes, proves that with a sufficiently long school and college course it is quite possible for deaf-mutes to become as thorough masters of the English language as for hearing people. This number of the *Buff and Blue* contains excellent cuts of its first and the third editorial staffs of the paper.

Custom is observed as a law.
No one is born without faults.

The Inevitable.

I like the man who faces what he must.
With step triumphant, and a heart of steel.
Who fights the daily battle with a foe
Whose hope falls yet whose infidelity
That God is God, that somehow, somehow
His plans work out for mortals, best of all.
Is shot when fortune, which the world
Calls from his grasp, better with love
Than living in dishonor, craves not,
Nor loses faith in man, but does his best,
Nor ever murmurs at his doubler's lot,
But with a smile and words of hope, says:
To every toiler, he alone is great.
Who by a life in toil conquers fate.

March 4

Death of Johnnie McGillivray

All our pupils deeply sympathize with Angus McGillivray in the sudden death of his little brother Johnnie. The death came upon him unexpectedly. He had thought that while he was busy with his studies, work or play that sickness and death had entered his home, that he would see his little brother no more in this world. The few lines sent by a kind friend tell the sad story.

"It was with feelings of great sympathy and deep regret that this community learned of the sudden death of Johnnie McGillivray, which sad event took place at his home on Monday morning. He had been out all day on foot, apparently in good health, but on Sunday the news went around that he had been attacked by diphtheria as a result of exposure to cold and wet. Dr. Cameron was summoned from Arnprior, the little sufferer only lingered till Monday, when the spark of life went out. He was a very smart, obliging fellow about twelve years of age, and was much liked by all who knew him. To Mr. and Mrs. McGillivray we tender our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of sadness and bereavement, and we would also send these few lines in memory of their little son Johnnie.

We stood in silence beside thee,
And looked on thy beautiful face,
And the thoughts that we felt within
In speech couldn't find a place.
Gone! and yet the time is short
Since we saw you play in the street
Skipping about in your childish sport
With playmates you loved to meet.

Yes! little Johnnie, beloved child,
Short was the notice given
For thee to leave this transient scene
And live above in heaven!
For there thou'rt a flower, transferred
From earth to bloom above
A little star on earth gone out
To shine in realms of love.

But oh! we miss thy little form,
So manly-like and fair,
A picture of sweet innocence
Love's dwelling place was there
No guile was thine, ah, not that thou
A pattern didst us show
What we should be, if we, like thee
Would joys eternal know."

Accident to John Sickles at Strathroy.

A deaf-mute named John Sickles came very near losing his life at the Town City Thresher works on Monday morning. Sickles works in the carpenter shop of the institution and on the morning in question, owing to an error in his judgment, met with the accident that nearly caused his death. Isaac Wilkinson, also employed in the shop, had occasion to throw on a belt on the revolving shafting and placed a ladder on the shafting at the right of the pulley on which he proposed to put the belt. He then went to the other end of the belt to throw that end on when Sickles, who was working at the joiner near by motioned to him that he would handle the end of the belt near the ladder. Sickles then moved the ladder to the left of the pulley, leaning it against a pillar, to the left of which was another pulley on the revolving shafting. He then mounted the ladder, put the belt on successfully and was coming down when it was proposed the ladder tilted a little and he saved himself from falling by throwing his hand, the sleeve of his coat catching in the set screws where two pieces of shafting were joined, the result being that he was jerked off the ladder, his upper part of his clothes torn off, his shoulder dislocated and he fell on his iron bed of the joiner, striking on his head and rolling off on the floor, when he lay unconscious. A doctor was hastily telephoned for and the injured man was taken to Mrs. Darow's on Cambridge street, where he boarded. Drs. Johnson and Vail attended him, pulled his shoulder back into place, sowed up his scalp and report that he will be around in two or three weeks. It was a close call for Mr. Sickles. He has a family living in Port Huron.—*Sarnia Post*.

Building.

You are little builder
Working every day
Back by brick, back by brick
Of character you lay
Every word you utter
Excels the foundation
Whether the foundation
Either false or true

Here a brick of love,
There a brick of truth
While the work progresses
Children's turns to you
As the walls are rising
See that they are plumb
Steadily put together,
For the time to come

When by their own merits,
They must stand or fall,
For the master builder
Justice takes to all
Building for the present
For the future, too
Character that some day
God himself shall view

Ed. of the Standard on Our Little ones

Letters from Former Pupils.

OLGA MEYER, April 8, 1895.

MR. MATTHEWSON, DEAR SIR: Permit me to address this letter to you wishing to inform you that I am enjoying excellent health and am getting along splendidly on the farm, and I do sincerely hope you are all favored with the same blessings. Oh, what a blessing that I heard of you, and I heartily praise you for your good order in the Institution, and for the prosperity you all enjoyed during the year of 1894. I was astonished to receive the report of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, at Belleville, from William A. Charlton, M. P. P. for South Norfolk, and I enjoyed reading it. It was so neatly printed, and the Deaf-Mute Convention was also splendidly taken. Of course I always feel proud when I hear that the Inspector is delighted with your school being neat and in good order. It shows that the Government is very kind and try to make all deaf-mutes know much about God. I hope that the Institution will continue to increase in prosperity. When all ex-pupils lived in the comfortable Institution at Belleville they were kindly treated, well fed, well educated, and had many joyful times. When I left school I went to work for my own living and to make myself a business man. Deaf-mutes that do not work at all, who make frequent changes from one business to another will not succeed. If they are idle, they will get into trouble and be sorry when they are old. I truly believe nearly all deaf-mutes love to work and I may say they work like beavers. That is the reason why deaf-mutes have always won the foot ball championship. I am proud that they won the Corby Silver Cup last year, and I hope the Institution will hold that valuable gift when other years come. My father presented me a gold watch worth \$62.00, and I am pleased with it. It is because I don't use liquors, or don't smoke or chew. Welcome Spring has come and I hope all your pupils will pass many pleasant days. I fear that your tongue will be tired of reading this, so I think I will draw to a close in wishing all at the Institution, and also yourself, every success in the future. With kind regards to all,

I remain, yours respectfully,
OLGA A. MEYER.

MR. MATTHEWSON, MY DEAR FRIEND: I have not written to you for a long time, but thank you for the papers you have sent me from time to time. We are still living in Chicago, but we always remember our Canadian friends. I would like to see all of my Toronto friends again and hope to do so some time soon. There are several Canadian nuns in Chicago and I have the pleasure of meeting them occasionally. Mrs. Scott, late of Oshawa, is a very dear friend of mine, who unfortunately slipped on the ice last winter and sprained her hand and it has bothered her ever since. Mr. William White, an old school mate, of your Institution, is at work again and is doing very well. Miss Bessie Ball, of Detroit, another old pupil, is doing nicely in that city. The new pastor for the Chicago deaf-mutes, the Rev. Mr. Hanson, gives us good advice in his sermons, he and his wife are very nice people and the deaf like them. Mr. Jefferson visited the Delevan School, a short time ago, and found the pupils there all bright and happy. The building is a good one, situated on a hill besides a lake. We often think of our dear friends in Ontario. With kind wishes,
Your old pupil,
LIZZIE JEFFERSON.

Chicago, April, 1895.

LONDON NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

Willie Gould, who has been out of employment for some time, has at last got a job on a farm. He starts work on the first of May. We all hope he will like the change.

There has been a wedding on the tapes for a long time, two of the nuns here, but we learned to our surprise some days ago, that we should not have the pleasure of eating any of their wedding cake, as the wedding has been indefinitely postponed. Why?

Mr. John Noyes was in town last week with a load of eggs, butter and maple syrup. We tasted some of John's own making and pronounced it just the thing. Mr. Noyes has one of the finest maple sugar camps in the county. You need not accept this as an invitation to call and investigate, though.

Mr. Dark and wife have removed to a home of their own, opposite the paternal residence. When they are settled they will be glad to see their old friends.

Misses M. C. Lynch and Eliza McIntyre spent Easter week visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Noyes of Denfield. They visited in turn Mrs. Noyes, Sr., and Mrs. J. W. Gee. The week's amusements wound up with a party, at the residence of Mr. Jno. Noyes. Mrs. Noyes and Mrs. Swain, of Chicago, made most efficient hostesses, and a very pleasant time was spent in playing games, devised by Mrs. Swain, some of which were very laughable. Refreshments were served at 11.30, then followed chats and stories of school life. The party broke up about 12.30, after a hearty vote of thanks from all present. Those who attended were, Miss M. Lynch, Miss E. McIntyre, Mrs. L. Swain, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gee, Mr. Andrew Noyes, Mr. Thos. Noyes, Mr. Sidney Gee, Miss Elsie Gee, and others too numerous to mention.

Mrs. Swain who has been visiting her mother for some time will shortly return to Chicago. She will be much missed, as, during her brief stay amongst us she has won all hearts by her kind and genial manners.

Denfield is quite a nice little deaf-mute colony, as there are about eight married couples in easy calling distance of each other. There are a lot of deaf boys, but no girls. The girls who crowd some places should move to Denfield.

DETROIT NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

As I have nothing in particular to do this evening, I don't know of any better way to employ my time than by writing you a few lines. There will only be four more issues this session.

The deaf in Detroit are getting along as usual and I think do remarkably well for persons situated as they are. At present the gentlemen are trying to form a club, and the writer sincerely hopes they will be successful. It will be so much more pleasant for them if they have some place where they can meet in the evenings. Almost all large cities, where there are a number of deaf, have a Society or Club, so let us hope that some time in the near future the deaf of Detroit will have a Club or Society that will be proud of.

On April 6th, Rev. Mr. Mann came to Detroit and gave us a very interesting lecture about Westminster Abbey. Although it was Saturday night the attendance was quite large. During the evening he spoke to them about reading more. He said a good many made a great mistake in thinking their education was finished when they left the Institution, that such was not the case, that they should go on learning and studying every day no matter how old they might be, there would always be something new to learn, and that if they read more they would have something to talk about more interesting than gossiping. Your writer has found it true, and one reason why some of the deaf gossip, is because they have nothing else to talk about. While if they were to employ their spare moments in reading and trying to improve their mind, they would find more pleasant and interesting things to talk about. Our education begins when we enter the world and only ends when we leave it.

On Sunday 7th we had service in the morning and afternoon. Miss Ball and Mr. Seper, of Windsor, were present at the lecture and are both looking well.

In your last issue I read an account of the tea given to the deaf of Toronto by Mr. and Mrs. Nasmith, and am glad to know that the deaf there have such good friends and trust those friends may be

pared to them for many years to come.

Will try and write something more interesting before the last issue is published, but before I close this I would like to ask the boys how the pudding they had for dinner April 1st tasted. It was awful good, wasn't it?

HAMILTON HINTS.

From our own Correspondent

Several nuns of this locality are beginning to realize the fact that single blessedness is not up to the mark, and that it can be improved on by joining the ranks of the benedicts.

Charlie Mortimer was the victim of an April fool joke in the factory. He was offered a piece of, what looked like, maple sugar. After accepting it with thanks, he put it in his mouth and commenced munching it, and immediately threw it out with disgust, it being a piece of now bee's wax. The result can be imagined.

I quite agree with your London Scribe, whoever the individual may be, that nuns in general are apt to get mad when we attempt to write something about them for your paper. However their ire makes no difference with me, I will report anything of interest to the majority of your readers, rather than consider the whims of the minority.

Mr. and Mrs. Crozier were in the city lately on their honeymoon tour, and took a trip over the new Electric Railway to Ormsby. During the trip Mrs. Crozier faints and caused quite a stir among the passengers. Tight shoes were the cause. When all ladies learn to cease being so heartlessly tyrannical to their poor martyred feet, which appeal to them for their God-given rights of natural exercise, as much as women now-a-days are kicking vigorously for Woman's rights.

In the last issue of your paper I read in "Hantsford Budget" that I failed to make my appearance before the nuns there. Indeed, I was not fully aware that they were expecting me, till your paper informed me. I regret disappointing them, however, if they so desire, I will be most happy to meet them whenever convenient to themselves.

Dear readers, as food is to the body, so is the WORD of GOD to your soul. How many of you feed your souls daily, as much as your bodies? I am afraid many would give a sorry answer. God wants us to search the scriptures, (1st John 5: 39) and to study them, (2 Tim 2: 15) and to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly, (Col. 3: 15). How many of you are obeying His command? We can never come to the knowledge of the truth unless we study His Word, for the heart is deceitful above all things, (Jer. 17: 9). Jesus is the life, the truth and the way. -St. John 11: 6. Jesus only.

Mr. Taylor, an old graduate of Belleville, is occasionally noticed on the street by the nuns. He is so changed in appearance, that he is hardly recognizable, and what is more he never recognizes the nuns when passing. J. R. B.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

From our own Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. McClelland have taken up housekeeping on Union street, and have as a boarder Miss Aumont. Alfred Gray paid them a visit in their new quarters on Saturday afternoon and staid over night with them.

Mr. Wiggott was under the Doctor's orders for sore throat last week and confined to his room for a couple of days.

Mrs. Nairn and daughter contemplate moving from their present abode, on Gloucester street, to one on Slater street on the first of May.

Miss Gray, of Metcalfe, has returned from London, where she was visiting her married sister and reports herself well pleased with her visit.

It is reported that R. O'Brien will spend the following summer assisting Alfred Gray with his farm work.

Mr. Gray started to tap the maple trees on the farm he has rented, and says he will have 400 trees running and expects to be kept very busy, as those he has already tapped are running nicely. He has concluded to work his own farm on shares with his brother William for the present year.

Mrs. and Miss Hannah Macfarlane, mother and sister of Miss Macfarlane of the Mackay Institution, were among the ladies on the floor of the Senate at the opening ceremonies of the Dominion Parliament and received complimentary notices in the Ottawa papers when describing the events of the occasion.

We have been told that J. R. Byrne will spend the following summer amid the rural scenes of Carleton County.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Girls' Side of the Institution.

By ESTH. GARDNER.

-We girls are glad to see some lady teachers come and join in skipping and playing with us often.

-The pupils set hard at work preparing for the written examinations next Monday, and each one wants to be at the head of the class.

-On the 23rd ult., Miss Annie Butler's mother left Belleville for home in Sine, after having staid to the city visiting her cousin for a few weeks.

-The snow around this Institution is so scarce that I can write no more for this paper, but hope that in the next issue there may be plenty of snow.

-We are going home on the 12th of June. Hurrah! Hurrah!! Hurrah!!! for our holidays to come, and then we can have lots of fun at home with our sisters, brothers and friends.

-The snow and ice are all gone, and the bay is just lovely now. The flowers are blooming, and trees budding. The girls are allowed to go out of doors to play or to walk every evening after supper now.

-On the 18th ult., as the weather was beautiful, the Supt. permitted us to have a half holiday. We enjoyed ourselves very much, and one of the teachers, Miss Gilson, took some girls out of the grounds for a walk that afternoon.

-On the 22nd ult., when it was 60 more days before going home, one of the girls, Miss Hutchinson, in the highest class asked her teacher to lend her 60 cents, and he gave it to her, but she told him that she didn't want it as she meant 50 days.

-On the 10th ult., some young men from Albert College came up to visit the Institution and they seemed to be much pleased with their visit. Among them there was one of Miss Madel Hodgson's friends. She was very glad to have him visit her class-room.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent.

A more than ordinarily interesting Gospel service was held on Sunday, 24th ult., when the Lord's Supper was partaken of by about thirty deaf-mutes. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Stevens, assisted by Messrs. Nasmith and Bridgen. The meeting was one of the largest we have seen for some time.

Mr. Chas. Elliott has been spending a few weeks at Oakville, decorating the interior of the new Presbyterian Church of that place. Chas. is a decorator of no mean ability, and we expect to see him make a name for himself. He came home a few days ago having successfully completed his work.

Good Friday was spent very quietly by our class in the city. As far as we can learn all staid at home except our indomitable John Flynn, who spent the day with friends in the country.

Quite a number of our friends have been sick lately, but all are progressing favorably towards recovery.

Thos. Bradshaw is working at Massey-Harris Co's again. Tom should be good enough at repairs and other farm implements to take in a wife. May mower success continue to be his lot, especially as he is already such a favorite with the ladies.

The following deaf-mutes are now full-fledged bicyclists: Charles Elliott, Millard, Thos. Bradshaw, Neil McGillivray, Edward Peckard and Henry Moore. With such array of talent as this we expect to see all previous records eclipsed before the racing season is over.

Our amateur farmers are busy putting in their spring seed. An abundant crop may be looked for.

"Why did you pass yesterday without looking at me?" said a beautiful woman to Tallyrand. "Because, madam, if I had looked I could not have passed."

The person who tries to please every one is always in "hot water." The person who has no enemies is despised of all men. You can't please every one, and the more you try, the more enemies you will have. Conduct your affairs in a fair, honest, upright manner, and you will always succeed. If you please yourself in all things, you have accomplished a great deal. Don't try to "keep on the good side of every one," for if you do you will surely fail.—Selected.

Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

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Table for INSTITUTION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION: Hon. President H. Mathison, President Wm. Nurse, etc.

Table for FOOT-BALL AND HOCKEY CLUB: Captain First Eleven J. Chambers, Second Eleven D. Luddy, etc.

Table for DUFFERIN LITERARY SOCIETY: Hon. President H. Mathison, President Wm. Nurse, etc.

THE CANADIAN MUTE.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1895.

While we climb from day to day, There is many a little way, We can help each other upward, if we will, For the paths are rough and steep, And the right one hard to keep, So let's try to help each other up the hill.

Planting operations in our garden are now going on briskly. The reason is three weeks later than last year.

Little Harry and Herbert Grooms spent a few hours with their parents at home last week. Their father called for them on Saturday and brought them back on Sunday afternoon. They had a long drive of over 20 miles.

The carpenter and his staff have been repairing the side-walls around the Institution, much of it had to be entirely replaced. The wear and tear on the boys' side is especially heavy, and the two inch pine-planks do not last very long.

The young shade trees planted two or three years ago are thriving nicely, and as they nearly all look root well they are too thick in some places, so the surplus have been removed and planted around the hospital which is now the most attractive place in the rear of the Institute.

Now that fine weather has set in we may look for a stream of visitors nearly every day until the close of the term. The walk along the bay shore from the city to the Institute is pleasant enough to alone compensate for the distance, beautiful maple trees shading the sidewalk the whole way.

The chicken pox is on the girls' side now. They were congratulating themselves on their immunity from the disease and hoped to prove that they do not quite get everything that happens to be floating around. We are glad that there is plenty of time for the disease to run its course before the home going.

The matron and supervisor have been busy stock-taking. Every pupil's clothing has to be gone over and its fitness judged to stand the wear of another seven weeks. Judging from the orders that are flowing into the shoe shop, boots and shoes form a considerable item in the requirements; nor is it strange that the foot covering of our boys and girls needs frequent renewing, -out of school and shops they are constantly on the run.

It will be just as well for the pupils to understand that the rules of the Institution are made to be obeyed, and that no personal destination will be made in carrying them out. A boy or girl may be at the tail end of everything, or may lead the highest class in scholastic attainments; be a crack foot-ball player, or have a phenomenal base-ball curve, it will make no difference, their stay here will be only as long as they conform to the rules.

The foot-ball is flying around here and our five or six teams are each spoiling for a match with outsiders of their own age and weight. The first eleven are of course, as usual, bound to tackle any or every team that comes. We have not yet heard from the officers of the Belleville Foot-ball League to call us to the meeting to arrange the usual schedule of games. Lacrosse and bicycling seem to be absorbing attention in the city. We understand that Albert Collego proposes to put a team in the field this spring and compete for the cup. The Alberts always make a good team when they have any and they succeed in making it interesting for others.

The 18th ult. was one of the nicest days we have had this season and the pupils were released from the work-room at 3 p. m. These little relaxations are always enjoyed, especially so by the pupils who belong to the industrial departments.

Mr. Stewart has just taken his turn at chapel duty. All who have been through the same experience will sympathize with him. For a novice in the sign language to stand up in a crowded chapel and lead the service is not a light task and needs a cool nerve. Mr. Stewart acquitted himself very well indeed, and now he has once faced the ordeal the duty will soon become a pleasure.

The Athletic Association held a meeting for organization on the 26th ult. All the old officers were re-elected. Captain Chambers, of the first foot ball eleven, tendered his resignation, he thought it but right that some of his fellow players, who had so gallantly supported him, should share in the honor of leading the team for a season. His resignation, however, was not accepted and he was requested by the whole team to continue his leadership.

The letters in our bag were in a sad state a few days ago, every letter or paper that came was strongly impregnated with iodiform. The task of distributing them was a very disagreeable one, every hand that touched the contents became infused with the odour. Our mails are always welcome but for once no one was anxious for a letter. We think that the sweetest love letter that ever was penned would have been too strongly perfumed to preserve if it had come in that lot.

Mr. Middlemas, our engineer, is a bee fancier and keeps a number of colonies in his garden. A few days ago, a swarm of them left the paternal hive, and following their new queen sought out a new home. They alighted in the Institution garden, and Mr. Wills thought that all were fish that came in to his net and that they properly belonged to him. Mr. Middlemas, however, followed up his property, swept them into a new hive and carried them home again. The operation was viewed by a number of the boys, but they kept at a respectful distance.

We are sorry to lose one of our pupils. His parents desired his presence at home so he had to leave. He is quite a young man although at school for the first time. Since school opened he has been struggling perseveringly to gain an education the value of which he seemed to fully recognize. Perhaps if he had been younger and circumstances different, his removal would have been more strongly objected to, as it would have been a bar to his promotion next year. We have a number of over-age pupils very few of whom can be promoted from class to class in the usual way. They are too old to compete with bright young minds and would quickly become discouraged if put together with younger pupils, so they are gathered into one class and the best possible is done for them.

Arthur Clarke, of Aurora, was in Lakeshield last week, and during his stay there he was the guest of an old schoolmate. Afterwards Mr. Clarke visited Peterborough, where he purchased a bicycle, and continued on his way to Usbridge where he was surprised to find himself arrested on suspicion of stealing a purse of money containing \$60 from the house he had been staying at in Lakeshield. He returned to Lakeshield, but pending his trial, the money was found hidden away in the house. Mr. Clarke was at once freed from suspicion and set at liberty. It was a most unfortunate thing, and his old school-mates will be glad to hear that his character is quite cleared. We have no doubt that the parties who caused his arrest will make ample amends for the annoyance and discomfort they have caused him.

Manitoba has always been recognized as a great wheat country, but not much is known to the outside world as to its advantages as a health resort. We wish to give a little evidence of a substantial kind in the latter direction, even if we do run the risk of being quoted by the immigration agents. The aggregate weight of the officers of this school three years ago was 879 lbs., while to-day it is 910, making an increase of 31 lbs. There has been a gain in every case ranging from 5 lbs to 35 lbs. The cause did you say? Plenty of exercise, hard work, a clear conscience and a most healthful climate. -Manitoba Silent Echo.

PERSONALITIES.

Miss Etta Featherston, daughter of Jackson and Martha Featherston, has gone to Kingston, to her uncle Robert E. Sparks, to go to the Kindergarten School for the Summer.

John Mitchell received a very handsome Bible from his mother on his last birthday. He was much pleased to receive it and promised to read it carefully every day.

James Watson and wife are well known in Washington and Oregon for having made a success of that Institution of learning. They deserve great praise for the way in which they are doing the work of charity and labor of love towards this class of unfortunates. -National Exponent.

Miss A. M. Mosher, a teacher in the Halifax, N. S., Institution for the Deaf, has been visiting us for a few days. She is an intelligent deaf-mute lady and is anxious to learn everything she can in regard to how the deaf are educated. In pursuance of her plan since leaving home a few weeks ago, she has visited the Institutions at Portland, Montreal and here. We hope her visit will be a pleasant and profitable one.

Dr. A. L. E. Crozier, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf, at Mount Airy, was married yesterday to Miss June Yale, the accomplished and handsome niece of Miss Yale, Principal of the Northampton School for the Deaf. The interesting ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Burlington, Vermont, only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present. Hosts of friends all over America wish the newly wedded couple a long, happy and prosperous journey through life. If troubles cross their path at any time, it is to be hoped they will only be little ones. Mr. Crozier is well and favorably known in this vicinity as his old home is within five miles of this Institution.

What is the difference between lip-reading and the sign language? The deaf-mute reading the lips, hears not the voice of the speaker, but merely reads the signs of his lips. When reading the fingers of the manualist or watching his arms, he hears no voice, but merely reads the signs of the same, and as the grammar of both the oral and the manual graduate remains intrinsically faulty, and as the latter method is by far the easiest, quickest and least painful, it is plain enough to know the place the former method should occupy in deaf-mute education. -Iowa Hawkeye.

All teachers of the deaf and dumb, in all countries and under all systems, have been forced to acknowledge, with pain and humiliation, that after their best efforts have been bestowed, they are able to show a few exceptional cases only, of deaf mutes from birth, who have attained the ability to read books with ease, pleasure and profit, which well educated persons associate with the idea of reading. Of course, some instructors conduct their pupils much farther in language, as in general knowledge, than others can do, still we all find, at the end of the term, the mass of our pupils far below the summit at which we aim and which few of them become able to scale. -Dr. H. P. Peet.

Upon returning home the other day Dr. Gallaudet saw a large crow on his porch. He picked up a stone and threw it at the crow to scare it away but unlike his brother-crows around the green, this crow was not at all timid. He finally took flight however and flew near the house of Principal Denison of Kendall School. Mr. Denison attracted by its tameness attempted to capture it and succeeded. Investigation proved the crow was blind, and the fact that he allowed one to approach him was strong circumstantial evidence that he was likewise deaf, and if some of those "authorities" on the deaf are to be believed he was most likely dumb. If other "authorities" not very far from here, are to be credited, he might be taught to read the lips so readily as to obtain a government position, be elected to the United States Senate, edit a daily paper in Germany without any one being aware of his infirmity. Scientific investigation brings out the opinion that, being aware of his infirmities, he had applied to the Dr. for admission to the college. Upon being summarily dismissed without a hearing in behalf of the good Dr., it must be said, he was not aware of the crow's infirmities; he applied to Principal Denison of the Kendall School for admission there. -Buff and Blue.

An Arab Saying.

Remember, three things come not back; The arrow sent upon its track - It will not return, it will not stay its speed; it flies to wound or slay.

The spoken word, so soon forgot; Fly thee; yet it has perished not; In other hearts 'tis living still, And doing work for good or ill.

And the lost opportunity That cometh back no more to thee, In vain thou weep'st, in vain dost pray, Those three will nevermore return. -The Home.

A Party.

For a party brim full of fun, with the measure tramped down and running over, there is nothing to equal a party at the Deaf and Dumb Institution.

The large dining room of the Institute last night was like a hive of bees, with its two hundred and fifty scholars, besides teachers and a few guests who had been invited not only to witness but to take part in the Easter party given to the children. The uninitiated wonder what these children do to amuse themselves. Well, they play games, just as you and I did when we were children, and they play them well, which is perhaps more than could be said of you and I. They play drop the handkerchief, spinning the plate and all these old games which make their elders feel young again, and in which they cannot help participating. And then to see the little girls in groups of three and four taking steps and keeping time without music, is wondrous to behold, and when beheld who will say that dancing is not the natural poetry of motion?

The girls, little and big, are besetted in their gayest colors and look very pretty in their neat garments, whilst the boys rise to the occasion and are as neat and clean as soap and water can make them; for the Easter party is an era in the lives of these children, who have comparatively few occasions to enjoy a "jolly time." The Principal and teachers show to great advantage in their management of the games, which they enter into with a zest, even to the extent of initiating visitors into the mysteries of the winking games and if you have never had your best girl winked away from you in the "wink of an eye," you want to attend the Easter party at the D. & D. Institute, where you will see how suddenly she will disappear through the captivating "wink" of the other chap. -Belleville Intelligencer, April 16.

An Unpleasant Experience.

GRADUATE OF THE INSTITUTION ARRESTED AND JAILED ON A CHARGE OF THEFT.

An interesting story of an adventure of a graduate, of the D. and D. Institute, named Clarke comes from Peterboro. The circumstances of the case are as follows. Clarke is a deaf and dumb boy of good education, being a graduate from the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Belleville. He had adopted the calling of a peddler, and sold sticking plaster and other wares of a similar nature. Being a hard-working and indefatigable canvasser, he made money at the business and generally carried a well lined pocket book. In the course of his travels he came to the village of Lakeshield early last week, and in canvassing it came across an old schoolmate in the person of young Isbister, the deaf and dumb son of the village blacksmith. Clarke was at once invited to make the Isbister homestead his home while in Lakeshield and he took advantage of the offer. On Wednesday he left Lakeshield and worked along to Lindsay and the villages in Victoria county. Thursday, Mr. Isbister discovered a purse which he was positive of having left in a coat-pocket, was missing. As the wallet contained between \$60 and \$70, the loss was a serious one, and it being known that Clarke had purchased a bicycle in Lindsay the suspicions were justifiable. He was traced from village to village by Constable Cochran, of Peterboro, who finally came up with him at Usbridge and took him back to Peterboro. On Saturday he appeared before the Magistrate and was remanded until to-day. In the meantime however the wallet was found at the blacksmith's home and was at once released. Mr. Isbister expressed regrets at his suspicions, which led to the arrest, and Clarke accepted the apology.

The Old Trundle Bed.

Oh, the old trundle bed where I slept when a boy... The glory and peace of that chamber of mine...

Two Dorotheys.

A little maid with downcast eyes, And tilted hands and serious face... A dove-like maid with brow demure...

Don't Whine.

In the conflict of life, on its great battlefield, You will have to climb many a rugged incline...

In a Street Car.

But a feeble, bent old lady, With a faded, wrinkled face, Who along the car peered dimly...

Little Things.

One step and then another, And the longest walk is ended; One hitch and then another...

Don't Be Cowards.

"I won't tell a lie. I won't be such a coward," said a fine little fellow, when he had broken a little statuette...

A Faithful Dog.

The following touching incident will be read with special interest by those who possess that faithful and devoted friend—a dog—as part of the family circle.

Sympathy With Children.

In a certain one of Dr. Talmage's sermons he put in some good pedagogical doctrine. While it was addressed to the parents, it applies equally well to teachers...

He Won the Prize.

The late Bishop Selwyn delighted to tell the following racy incident in his varied experience: While bishop of Litchfield he was walking one day in the Black Country...

Never defy a fool.

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES are held as follows: Every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. in the Y. M. C. A. Building at corner Queen Street West and Dovercourt Road.

Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION WEST—3:25 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 5:10 p.m. EAST—1:05 a.m., 9:05 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 6:10 p.m., 12:45 a.m., 5:10 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

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Classes:

SCHOOL HOURS: From 7 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. DRAWING CLASS from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of each week.

Articulation Classes:

From 2 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 Lecture at 12:30 p.m. Immediately after which the Bible Class will assemble.

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

Industrial Departments:

PRINTING OFFICE, BOOK AND CARPENTRY SHOPS from 7:30 to 12:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. for pupils who attend school.

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.

The Printing Office, Shop and Sewing Rooms 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 12:30 on Sunday afternoons.

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.

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.

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. IN THE ABSENCE OF LETTERS FRIENDS OF PUPILS MAY INQUIRE ABOUT THEM AND WRITE.

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, 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 their cures and appliances for the cure of deafness. In 999 cases out of 1000 they are frauds and only want money for which they give no return.

H. MATHISON, Superintendent