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BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO
CANADA.



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Farmer and Gardener.

The object of the Province in founding and maintaining this Institute is to afford educational advantages to all the youth of the Province, who are, on account of deafness, either partial or total, unable to receive instruction in the common schools.
All deaf mutes between the ages of seven and twenty, not being deficient in intellect, and free from contagious diseases, who are bona fide residents of the Province of Ontario, will be admitted as pupils. The regular term of instruction is seven years, with a vacation of nearly three months during the summer of each year.
Parents, guardians or friends, who are able to pay, will be charged the sum of \$80 per year for board, tuition, books and medical attendance will be furnished free.
Deaf mutes whose parents, guardians or friends are unable to pay the amount, provided for on board will be admitted free. Clothing must be furnished by parents or friends.
At the present time the trades of Printing, Carpentering and Shoemaking are taught to the female pupils are instructed in general domestic work, Tailoring, Dressmaking, Sewing, Milling, the use of the sewing machine, and such ornamental and fancy work as may be desirable.
It is hoped that all having charge of deaf mute children will avail themselves of the liberal terms offered by the Government for their education and improvement.
The Regular Annual School Term begins on the second Wednesday in September, and closes the third Wednesday in June of each year. Any information as to the terms of admission for pupils, etc., will be given upon application to me by letter or otherwise.

R. MATHISON,
Superintendent.
BELLEVILLE, ONT.

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The Boy of the House.

He was a boy of the house, you know,
A jolly and rollicking lad,
He was never tired, and never sick,
And nothing could make him sad.
If he started to play at sunrise
Not a rest would he take at noon,
No day was so long from beginning to end
But his bedtime came too soon.
Did some one urge that he make less noise,
He would say with a saucy grin,
"Why, one boy alone doesn't make much stir—
I'm sorry I isn't a twin!"
"There's two of twins—O, it must be fun
To go double at everything;
To holler by two, and to run by two,
To whistle by two, and to sing!"
His laugh was something to make you glad,
No trifle was it, of joy,
A conscience he had, perhaps, in his breast,
But it never troubled the boy.
You met him out in the garden path,
With the terrier at his heels;
You knew by the about he hailed you with
How happy a youngster feels.
The maiden auntie was half distraught
At his tricks as the days went by,
"The most mischievous child in the world!"
She said, with a shrug and a sigh.
His father owned that her words were true,
And his mother declared each day
Was putting wrinkles into her face,
And was turning her brown hair gray.
His grown up sister referred to him
As a trouble, a trial, a grief,
"The way he ignored all rules," she said,
Was something beyond belief!"
But it never troubled the boy of the house,
He revelled in clatter and din,
And had only one regret in the world—
That he hadn't been born a twin.
There's nobody making a noise today,
There's nobody stamping the floor,
There's an awful silence, upstairs and down,
There's a crape on the wide hall door.
The terrier's whining out in the sun—
"Where's my comrade?" he seems to say,
Turn your plaintive eyes away, little dog,
There's no frolic for you to-day.
The freckle-faced girl from the house next door
Is cobbling her young heart out;
Don't cry, little girl, you'll soon forget
To miss the laugh and the about.
The grown-up sister is blushing his face,
And calling him "darling" and "sweet";
The maiden aunt is holding the shoes
That he wore on his restless feet.
How strangely quiet the little form,
With the hands on the bosom crossed;
Not a fold, not a flower out of place,
Not a short curl ruffled and tossed!
So solemn and still the big house seems—
No laughter, no racket, no din,
No starting shriek, no voice piping out:
"I'm sorry I isn't a twin."
There's a man and a woman, pale with grief,
As the warhorse innocently creep;
Of the loneliness touches everything—
The Boy of the house is asleep.
—John Everett.



An April Fool.

BY HERBERT W. ROBERTS, A FORMER PUPIL.
(From the Montreal Daily Witness.)
"Good morning. I've got something splendid to tell you to-day," I said to my chum, Charlie Morgan, as we joined each other on our way to school.
His face was all interest in a second.
"You'll have to keep it secret," I went on.
"Trust me for that."
"Well, you know Billy Smith has always fooled us on the first of April, and now I propose that we fool him for a change."
"And I heartily second the motion," said Charlie, "only you'll have to lay bare the plan."
Billy Smith was known throughout the neighborhood as one of the most provoking and mischievous of boys. He was in addition a bully, a sneak, and a coward, so that it was no wonder we had little love for him, and I knew that

any scheme which would result in his discomfiture would meet with staunch support from all our school.
"I haven't thought out a plan clearly yet," I said, "but let's see who can think of one quickest."
"Hush, there he is," and Charlie pointed to an approaching figure.
"No, that is not he. It's only Ben Morrison; let's get him into the conspiracy, and Ted Lawson, too. No one will suspect good little Ted of being up to a piece of mischief."
Our friends had soon joined us and it was not long before we had them ready to join in any plan we should adopt. But it was long indeed before anything feasible would suggest itself. At last I lit upon an idea which the others voted for at once and which promised to be very amusing in its fulfilment.
And this was it: I was to get some decayed apples from the cellar of my home and bring them to school along with a hard felt cap the first thing in the morning. Charlie, Ben and Ted were also to be at school early. We should put the apples, soft as mud, into a heap on the grass and carefully cover them with my hard hat. Operations would then be suspended until Bill appeared. Meantime, however, Charlie and Ben were to go into the school while Ted should lurk about the road until Billy came in sight and then should proceed to school slightly ahead of him. At that moment I, who had remained near the hat, was to begin wildly gesticulating and shouting for help to keep what I hid got under my hat. Of course they would all run up in answer, but Billy was to be the one allowed to help in the arduous task of keeping safely what I had got under my hat.
On the morning of April 1, as previous ly arranged, I went to school as early as possible and found all three of my associates waiting to prepare the 'game.' They burst into laughter at my appearance with a pile of decayed apples and a borrowed hard hat.
Soon we had deposited the apples in a convenient spot with the hat carefully placed over them. Then Charlie and Ben retired to the house while I hung about near the hat and Ted went some distance down the road.
Presently I observed someone coming into view. It was Billy, our future victim. Then I saw 'od quickening his steps to meet him. The two seemed to accost each other and then advanced toward the school.
I made for the hat and bending over it, yelled with all my might, "Help, boys, help to keep them!"
Charlie Morgan and Ben Morrison came tearing out of the house, and Ted rushed up with Bill close at his heels. Soon they were all around, trying to persuade me to lift my hat. This I refused until I saw Billy was in the right place for the fun to begin. A lot of the other boys had now come up and the teacher himself was present.
"I will give twenty five cents to any one who will catch them safely," said I, pronouncing the word 'safely' very emphatically.
A little chap from the junior school promptly came forward and said he would do the job. But I waved him back on the score that he wasn't half big enough.
Billy then bobbed out and said he was game to catch anything. I looked at him with a show of pretended reluctance.
"I tell you nothing will escape my grasp," he said, "if you will only draw up your hat like a shot when I give the signal."
"Very well," I said, "take your stand."
He planted himself almost directly over the hat; then shouted "now!"
Up went my hat and down came his hands with lightning-like rapidity.
Spitter! spatter! sputter! went the squashy pieces of the rotten apples in every direction, but more especially into his face and over his clothes.
Shrieks of laughter issued from the mouths of the watching boys; even the teacher, a stern and somewhat gloomy

man, laughed. But Billy had turned tail and was flying homeward with a face of crimson hue.
I am sure Billy never forgot our rough and rude April fooling of him, for henceforth complaints against his bullying became few and far between instead of being an everyday occurrence.
The incident was our chief topic of conversation during many recreation hours to come, and even now it is still nearly as fresh in our memories as it was in our youthful days.
Presents to the Queen.
A quaint little ceremony, known as a rent service, was observed in the Queen's remembrance room at law courts, says the London Mail.
The ceremony was a replica of what has taken place annually for at least six hundred years, and it consisted of the payment to her Majesty the Queen of two hatchets, six horseshoes and sixty-one horseshoe nails, in consideration of certain property owned by the corporation of the city of London.
The property consists of a large common in Milford lane, St. Clement Danes, and an estate in Shropshire, known as the "Moors." The custom of rendering these curious dues to the crown dates back to the days of King John, and probably before.
Yesterday afternoon the Queen's remembrancer, Mr. G. F. Pollock, was seated at the head of a table to receive the dues on behalf of the Queen. On another table were six large horseshoes, twice as large as present-day horseshoes; a new keen-edged ax, a bright and blunt billhook, and a chopping block placed between two bundles of fagots. Half a dozen ladies and three gentlemen seated on chairs arranged in the form of a horseshoe watched the proceedings on behalf of the general public.
The "service" opened with a short explanation by the Queen's remembrancer. The tenant of the "Moors" was then asked to come forward and render his dues to the Queen. The tenant, in the person of Mr. H. Homewood Crawford, the city solicitor, approached the table, bowed most gravely, and then took up the ax and a bundle of fagots. With one blow he cut the fagots in half, and the pieces leaped in all directions. "Good," said the Queen's remembrancer—thus testifying to the excellent quality of the ax. The city solicitor next took up the billhook, but it was so blunt that several cuts had to be made before the fagots parted. "Not so good but quite good enough," remarked the Queen's remembrancer, and the ax and the billhook were formally handed over in payment for the privilege of owning the "Moors."
The tenant of the forge was next commanded to render his due. Again the city solicitor gathered up the horseshoes, and carefully replaced them one by one. "Six," he said. "A good number," replied the Queen's remembrancer. The nails were then slowly counted. "Sixty and one—sixty-one," said the city solicitor. "A good number," again answered the remembrancer, with evident satisfaction; and the horseshoes and the nails became the property of her Majesty the Queen. The city solicitor again solemnly bowed, and the Queen's remembrancer gravely announced that the horseshoes and the nails and the axe would be "rendered to the Queen in due course if she desires to have them." The seriousness of the remark caused every one to smile.
The horseshoes and the nails to fit them, it should be explained, have been trotted out for this unique show many, many times, but the axes are renewed every year. They are given away to some leading citizen, providing her Majesty does not want them.
Diagrams began work regularly at five in the morning. He wrote an average of four pages at each sitting, and never revised a morning's work.



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MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1900.

Separation of the Sexes.

The question of separating the sexes in the public schools in the United States is engaging the attention of some educators, and some of our contemporaries advocate the same innovation for schools for the deaf. Our own opinion is that such a change would be a great mistake. We believe that the commingling of the sexes exerts a beneficial influence on each. In family life it is the universal experience that where there are both boys and girls in a family many excellent traits of character are developed in both sexes which otherwise would have remained dormant; and the same is true of the schools. One of the marks of heathenism and of ignorance among races and nations is the keeping apart of the sexes; while on the contrary it is one of the glories of our christian civilization that women are placed on a plane of equality with men and that the sexes associate together freely, to the mutual advantage of both. There may be in the schools some bad boys who are not desirable companions for girls, but neither are they for other boys; while there will also be found a proportionate number of girls who are equally undesirable; but whatever small advantages there may be in the separation of the sexes on this ground we are quite certain that the compensating advantages of co-education are incomparably greater. It is better for boys and girls both that the sexual distinctions should be rendered as inconspicuous as possible, but we do not know of any better way of emphasizing them than by the innovation suggested above. This is an era of progress and advancement, and we would be sorry to see any retrograde steps taken.

The heart of Mr. Martin, the new Premier of British Columbia, seems to be in the right place, and he evidently

has a warm corner in it for the deaf and dumb of British Columbia. In a speech at Vancouver, a short time ago, among other things that would engage his attention, in the near future, he said, was the establishment of an Institution for the deaf and dumb children of the Pacific Coast Province. There are quite a number of deaf and dumb children in the west who have not had the advantages of a training in school. The former Government liberally arranged for the care and tuition of three children from British Columbia at the Institution in Winnipeg where they now are. If a school for the deaf were located in Vancouver, or some other central place, it would be a blessing to a number of afflicted ones. We hope Mr. Martin will be spared to see the opening of an Institution in British Columbia.

The report of the Minister of Education for Ontario, just received, is a volume of great interest for all engaged in educational work. The total school population of Ontario - that is, all persons between 5 and 21 years of age inclusive, was 691,300. The number of pupils between those ages registered was 476,584. The average attendance was 273,451, or 57 per cent of the total number registered. The percentage of average attendance has shown a steady increase of from 41 per cent in 1867 to 57 per cent last year. Of the 2475 teachers employed 2650 were males and 6,809 females, a decrease of 31 and an increase of 123 respectively. The average salary for males was \$396 and for females \$293. The total expenditure for all public school purposes was \$4,392,714, or \$9.19 per pupil. There are 406 public libraries in the Province, of which 120 are free libraries.

We learned with deep regret of the death in Toronto on Friday last of Mrs. Theo. C. Taylor, formerly Mrs. Spaight, who was matron of the Institution of the Blind for some years and matron and housekeeper of this Institution for seven years. She was a lady of cultivated tastes and superior attainments and enjoyed the warm admiration and sincere esteem of all connected with the Institution. She will be remembered most kindly by the old pupils of the Institution, of whom she was and ever has been a true friend, and for whose comfort and welfare she was most solicitous. Her daughter, Miss Gussie Spaight, is a teacher in the Winnipeg Institution for the deaf. We extend our deepest sympathy, in which we are sure all the deaf will join us, to the relatives of the deceased, and especially to her sadly bereaved daughter.

The Toronto Globe of Saturday, the 24th ult., contained an excellent cut of Superintendent Mathison, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch and an appreciative estimate of his work as superintendent of this Institution, to which he has devoted the best years of his life, and than whom the Globe says, "no man has ever more generously and unsparingly placed marked talents at the disposal of a great cause." The article concludes with liberal extracts from our last annual report in which were summed up the progress made in the twenty years, during which Mr. Mathison has been at the head of the Institution, and in which his ideals and aspirations for the future are clearly indicated.

The per capita cost of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Mt. Airy, based on the average attendance of 500 pupils, up to the 30th of September last was \$245.70 for each pupil.

Over a Week the long heralded new paper for the deaf has made its appearance and we have to thank the publishers for a number of sample copies. It is an eight page paper, handsomely printed and brimful of news of the deaf from all parts of the world. A unique feature of this issue is a page containing small but very good cuts of all the schools for the deaf in the States. The paper is certainly a credit to Mr. Koenig, the managing editor and we wish it every success.

Our deaf friends in the United States have been called upon to suffer heavy losses during the present school year. First was the burning of the Arkansas Institution, followed later on by the destruction of the Western Pennsylvania school, and this was followed a few weeks ago by the burning of the Gallaudet Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf.

A bill has been introduced in one of the State legislatures to provide for the insertion of the manual alphabet in all text books used in the public schools of the State. We have repeatedly recommended that this be done in Ontario but so far without avail. We have strong hopes, however, that it will be done in the not distant future.

We have received a copy of the Calcutta Daily News, containing a report of the annual general meeting of the Calcutta Deaf and Dumb School. The attendance for the past year was 27 and the school is in a fairly prosperous condition, but it does seem strange that so little is being done for the thousands of deaf children in India.

Here is a pupil's item from the Texas Ranger: "To the Canada Deaf School. Do you all think that the British will succeed in beating the Boers soon? Hurrah, for the Boers will defeat them soon! Think that the British will beat the Boers? Of course we do, and that before our Yankee friends get through with the wretched natives of the Philippines. If you do not believe it, ask Mr. Begg. The above item is only one of the kind we have seen in other school papers lately and we have read reports of teacher's lectures to pupils on this subject exhibiting such narrow views and ignorance of history that surprised us. We might say much more on this matter, but will just add, we think our friends across the line are not kind. At the time of the Spanish American war our hopes were all under the Star Spangled Banner. There was not a single Spanish sympathizer in our Institution, because we knew that the American flag like the Union Jack carries liberty and justice wherever it floats.

Rose Leaves Instead of Rice.

The opening of the door to permit the departure of a bride and groom has heretofore been the signal for a general pelting with rice - a Chinese custom conveying wishes for good health and prosperity. But this custom has been so abused with vulgarity, often producing injurious results, that it is being discarded at the weddings of careful people, and showering the bride with rose-leaves or loose flowers has been instituted. These flowers are then again picked up and kept as souvenirs by the guests. Mrs. Burton Kingsland in the March Ladies' Home Journal.

The Toronto Daily Star aims to furnish the public, not with a cheap or inferior paper, but with a newspaper that will equal the best papers in Canada. The Star has many special features that interest the reader. The Cable Service is not equalled by any other afternoon paper in Ontario, while special war news from South Africa is frequently published fifteen hours ahead of any other paper. No other afternoon paper in Ontario has ever attempted such a thorough and up-to-date Special Cable and Telegraph Service. It can be had by Belleville subscribers at \$2.00 a year.

FOR THE CANADIAN MUTE

Rule Infrequent

Where Mrs. C. sunny found
Holl down their little
Among her hoary moments
Are gathered I around her

The bravest and the boldest
The lowly and the proud
Of civility the subject
The children of the good

From every clime and era
From palace cottage and
Where'er throughout creation
Beats Anglo-Saxon heart

They're tolling up the hillsides
They're sounding o'er the sea
They're panting 'neath the sun
They're chilled with tropics

To wipe away the vestige
Of bondage from the land
For progress and for peace
They there have taken stand

Beware, ye kindred nations
Brazil's cause is yours
You, besetted civilizations
But let while here we tarry

Where'er her crimson banner
Is hung abroad, is power
Protection for the stranger
Unto the stars release

No hatred of Europe
Shall haunt her onward way
She's hostage to Jehovah
For people's health her way
Belleville, March, 1899

Trades for the Deaf.

Some people seem to think that we are educating children for the professions but we are not. Instead, we are trying to give to a defective class the ability to make a living in competition with normal people, and we sometimes realize that we have a hard task. It is not a task that confronts the educators of the world to day, but it is a hard, stubborn task and though we may dislike to face the facts that destroy some pet illusion, the demands of the present are such that we must. Most of our children will depend upon manual dexterity or upon manual labor, to earn for themselves a living. They will not make a living at all unless we can give the pupils the ability to make a living, in some trade, they will make money, and make it easier for them to find common labor. Our energies, therefore, should be bent to practical things. Our object should be to increase the earning power of the individual, so that he may not exhaust his energies in the struggle for existence. It is right that every child should have the opportunity to learn as much as he can. But the demands of modern society are such that the ability to make a living is second only to honesty and uprightness. The ideals of college professors can not honor ideals. They live with another class of people. They practically begin their work when they are ready to leave off. We begin with many children whose minds are not better developed than the three year old child's that prattles at its mother's knee. But regardless of the material with which we have to work, we must look for results to justify the labor and the expense. This result must be found in the ability to go through the world as independent and self-supporting citizens. Give willingness and bodily strength, anybody can make a living at manual labor, and an education does not mean pacitate one from the meanest work. Our modern life requires that some one dig ditches. But ditch digging is a thing to be avoided, if one can with less exertion, or in less time, earn the same amount of money at something else, and if we can help another beyond the necessity for engaging in the most laborious and least productive of pursuits, we should do so. The professions are beyond most of the deaf, if not on account of the insurmountable barrier of their deafness. Our hope, then, must be in the trades, and our efforts must be directed along that line. To be effective, the trades must be taught as trades, and not merely for training in manual dexterity. Manual training is an excellent thing as a sort of preliminary, but eventually the work must become such as our pupils may be expected to find after life. Habits of industry and complete initiation into the mysteries of the mechanical processes and the underlying principles of a trade are essential. We must make workmen, or our mission has failed. -The Silent Hoosier.

Thos. A. Middleton, of Horning-Mills, and his relatives have the sympathy of their friends in the loss of John Middleton, a brother of Thomas. John was fatally injured at an explosion of a gold drop mine near Phoenix, British Columbia, the last of February.

Would You?

Would you yourself for a drink, boys, in the poisoned cup?
Would you lean wine, boys, like your childhood up?
Would you yourselves with chains, boys, the fetters fast?
Would you your prison doors, boys, escape at last?
Would you with your youth and health, boys, your life on earth, boys, your hopes of heaven?
Would you with your own hands, your grave, only rest yourself in?
Would you a wretched wretch, boys, sorrow, and sin?
Would you a noble and your country's hope, boys, the boys must defend?
Would you a great abstinence laud, boys, your strength against ruin?
Would you a rock to your pledges, boys, till the foe is overcome?

PUPILS' LOCALS.

Contributed by Pupils of Mr. Denys' Class.

Law 'caw'
The black crow.
A poor consolation
Spring, where art thou?
If this weather continues,
Will you go home on snow-shoes.
St. Patrick was a Frenchman.
Cassius had a son who was dumb.
Turkey heat cakes and maple syrup.
The Palms, Calvary and Resurrection.
Customary little tricks on April the first.
Miss Bella Mathison is visiting in Toronto.
The Paris Exposition opens on the 15th inst.
The boys are beginning to discuss baseball.
The Queen will start for Ireland on the 15th inst.
There is a Ladysmith post-office in Pontiac, Quebec.
We read in the papers that the war will soon be over.
Jack Frost, like Baden-Powell, does not surrender in a hurry.
The greatest smoker is Vesuvius, it puffs away day and night.
Dr. Chamberlain made us a visit lately. We were all pleased to see him.
We are anxious to have the paper examination. We think we will pass well.
We had a visit from the Grand Jury on the 20th ult. They seemed much interested.
When will the little streamlets leap and glitter and sing to the emerald wayside again?
Some boys are very glad that it is spring. They are anxious to ride on their bicycles.
Joseph Dubois is very proud of the silver medal presented to him by Mr. Burrel, of the B. H. C.
Miss Annie Mathison has gone to Winnipeg. We wished her a pleasant journey and safe return.
We are sorry for Mr. Coleman's daughter, Carrie, who is very ill in the hospital at Philadelphia.
John Bartley got a letter from his step-brother two weeks ago, saying that he was going to Toronto for work.
English is spoken by 118,000,000; Russian 85 million; German 80; French 75; Spanish 44; Japanese 40; Italian 34.
Miss Rose Ann Moore's friend, Miss Maggie Almon, died lately. Rose was very sad to hear it. She will miss her very much.
A single maple tree yields from two to six pounds of sugar in a season. It takes four gallons of sap to make one pound of sugar.
Arthur suggests that we get a big hose and melt the snow with water so the grass will grow. He is impatient for rain to melt the snow.
The three Sager girls' papa with Minnie and Phoebe came to see them two weeks ago and they were very glad to see them again. They look well.
Some deaf girls witnessed the hockey match in town between the Albert College team and our boys. Miss Tompney and Miss Gibson chaperoned them.
Robert Randall received a letter from his sister a few days ago, saying that

she went to Chatham on the 15th ult., and she works as a milliner. She will stay there until July then go to Paris. Robert will be glad to see her again.
-The dear old double windows, what a comfort they were to us when cold blow the wind and fast whirled the snow, and how faithfully they rattled their protest. But like friends of whom one has no more need, they must soon disappear though not without pain.
-Norman insists he cannot write nicely. When remonstrated with he suggested the doctor be called to cut off his and Daniel's arms. Then he could change the arms, and saw Daniel's arms on him and his on Daniel. Then he would write nicely and Daniel would not.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Miss M. Borthwick gave a tea party to her intimate friends and, as usual, when that young lady entertains her friends, a very enjoyable evening was spent.
Miss Mitchell, of Montreal, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wiggitt for a couple of weeks, and in whose honor Miss Macfarlane gave a party to her intimate friends. We are informed that it was a very pleasant party.
Quite a number of Ottawa's fair ladies turned out to witness the parade and departure of Strathcona's horse. We see by the local papers that the gallant lads have begun their conquests by capturing some of the fair ladies of Ottawa. Well, we can spare some, but not all, those reserved will please take notice that there are some good shots left behind and those not reserved will be accorded a hearty send off.
There are at present between three and four hundred soldiers, intended for garrison duty at Halifax, quartered in Ottawa, which appears to be becoming a military centre.
Oh! 'Araminta' we are not going to cry monopoly or anything of the sort, but you must have queer notions of east and west when you say the east have got more than their share. Has it never occur to you that Ottawa is over 150 miles east of Belleville, and it is not the furthest eastern point by another good 50 miles, and in those 200 miles there are many who cannot attend Toronto, Brantford or Grimsby Park either. But in the future as in the past we will bow to the wishes of the majority, of course we have our own opinion of what we consider best in the interests of the Association, both as to officers and place of meeting, and we are not afraid of expressing and advocating these views, but from the moment the Association by vote decides against us we will drop opposition, bow to the will of the majority and do our best for the general good without a single kick, even though we may have to stay at home owing to the lack of the necessary 10 cents to carry us there. Now, Mr. Editor, as this is the closing year of the century how would it do to make the coming Convention Dominion instead of Provincial in character. Doubtless the officers and teachers of the various institutions for the deaf throughout the Dominion would be glad to meet in some central locality, compare methods, and see the finished results of their work in the graduates of their different schools who will attend the Convention. It is all very well for the leaders of the different methods to carry on a wordy war through the papers as to the merits of their respective systems, but give me the system that has stood the test not in the school room but in the stern struggle for bread and butter and social intercourse for 10 or 20 years, and I think the results of school room methods can be no where better judged than at a deaf mute convention. Of course it would cost considerable for those in the distant provinces, but we are sure the different provincial governments would gladly assist such of their officers and teachers as would wish to attend.
Dan McCabo grew tired of absence of ladies in his employer's house and went forth to seek fresh pastures.
At present Geo. Brethour is assisting D. Bayne with his farm work.
The Rev. G. T. Bayne, of Ashton, had the misfortune to fall and break his leg, and is at present in St. Luke's Hospital undergoing treatment. His brother Robert also fell about the same time and severely injured the back of his head, an artery being cut and three stitches was necessary to sew up the wound. We are glad to state they are both progressing favorably now. This has been the

worst winter for ice and slippery roads I ever remember.
We understand Mr. Holland, who has been in Montreal for the past month, will return to Ottawa this week.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own correspondent
Mr. John A. Sibirter, of Hamilton, was in the city over Sunday lately, renewing old acquaintances. Your scribe understands that he came down on some very important business.
Mrs. H. Moore, who has not been in the best of health of late, is, we are pleased to say, able to be about again.
Finding things rather dull in the city Mr. D. S. Luddy has left our midst for Perth. We understand he has secured a position in the C. P. R. shops of that place, where he was formerly employed. Although sorry to lose his familiar face from amongst us we are glad to hear of his success.
Happening to be around the Union Station on the 17th ult., your scribe had the pleasure of meeting Mr. D. R. Coleman, who was on his way to Philadelphia, where his daughter, Miss Carrie, is dangerously ill. We hope she will soon regain her former health.
Miss Eva Elliott is able to be about again after a short illness.
Three of our progressive young men are contemplating going into the farming business in the far west. May success crown their venture.
'Are you going to the convention?' is the question asked of one another these days. As far as your scribe can learn, nearly all of us will attend.
We are glad to have Mr. C. E. Pickard back in our midst. He is at present singing type for the Johnston Printing Co., on Adelaide Street.
The very latest report says that Mr. Wilson Brown is improving. We all hope he will regain the use of his paralyzed limbs.
Our young men have formed an amusement club, which meets every Tuesday and Friday evenings in Broadway Hall on Spadina Ave., when games of various kinds are indulged in. The meetings are well attended and every body seems to enjoy himself.
St. Patrick's Day passed off quietly here. The sporting of the Shamrock was the only particular thing noticeable among us.
Mr. W. E. Gray was compelled to take a few days' rest recently owing to an accident he met with while working at one of the machines in Boeckh Bros' brush factory by which one of his fingers was badly crushed.
Mr. A. S. Waggoner, of Hamilton, was in the city for a few hours on the 24th ult. Owing to stock-taking in the shoe factory where he is employed he was forced to take a couple of weeks' holidays. He was on his way to Ottawa, where he intended spending the well earned holidays.
At the kind invitation of Mr. Bridgen we all assembled at his residence on Rose Ave. on Saturday evening, the 24th, when we were treated to some magic lantern views, conducted by Mr. A. W. Mason and Mr. Bridgen. The rest of the evening was spent in stories, etc., after which refreshments were served. A vote of thanks, which was unanimously carried, was tendered to the popular host and all concerned, after which the assemblage broke up, all agreeing that it was the treat of the season.
It is our sad duty this week to chronicle the death of Mrs. Taylor, (formerly Mrs. Spaight) for many years matron of your school, who departed this life on the 23rd ult., after a lingering illness. She leaves a husband, and daughter, Miss Gussie Spaight of the teaching staff of the Winnipeg Institution. We deeply sympathize with them in this the hour of their sad bereavement.
At Mr. Bridgen's residence on Saturday evening, when there was about fifty of us present, the following resolution of condolence was passed: "It is with profound regret that we, in meeting assembled, have heard of the death of Mrs. Taylor, who for a number of years, was matron of the Belleville Institution. We always found a warm friend in the deceased. Though gone, she will not be forgotten. We wish to tender to the family our warmest sympathy, and we sincerely pray the Almighty, who does all things well, to comfort and cheer them in this their hour of great sorrow."

BIRTH.

MORRISON. At Collingwood, on the 21st of March, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan A. Morrison.

From an Old Pupil.

BOISHEAVEN, March, 1900.
DEAR EDITOR,—In renewing my subscription to the CANADIAN MUTE, I seize the opportunity to make a few remarks concerning my visit to friends in Ontario. I enjoyed myself greatly and was very reluctant to leave Toronto. But it was no use staying in the city when I can get wages here in Manitoba three times as high as I could get in Ontario. I was very much pleased to see how friendly all the mutes in Toronto are. Most of them appear to be doing very well. I wish them all happiness and prosperity. So the convention of the Ontario deaf-mute association is to be held at the Institution at Belleville. I wish it a grand success and hope all who may be there will have a happy time. On arrival in Manitoba I did not find as much snow as there was in Ontario. I have been told that the weather here has been very nice nearly all winter. Well I prefer Manitoba to Ontario, but I wish there were a few of my old mute friends living here. I stopped off at Winnipeg and called at the Institution, where I spent a few pleasant hours. They were all well. I was very much pleased to see Miss Spaight and Mr. Cook whom I had known very well when at school at Belleville. I had the pleasure of seeing all the pupils at supper in the dining room, which event brought to mind pleasant recollections of my former school days. As I did not wish to remain long in the city I could not find time to call on Dr. George Mathison, much to my regret. I saw Thomas McLaren, Tom Hill, and Albert Munro, all class-mates of mine at Belleville. They are all well. With best wishes for all, I remain
Respectfully yours, EDMOND SPEER.

LONDON NOTES.

From our own Correspondent
Miss Mabel Steel, of Delaware, was lately on a visit to her friends here and she likes London very much.
Mr. Dark's brother was married in St. Thomas on March 14th. Mr. and Mrs. Dark of our city were guests at the wedding.
There are from 50 to 75 girls working for Messrs. Burdick & Co., waist manufacturers, on Carling st., among them is Miss L. Bryce, and Miss McIntyre hopes to get a place in the same shop soon. Miss Bryce was lately on a visit to her home in Byron where we regret to hear her step-father is very ill with cancer.
Mr. Richard Leatheron expects to begin work with Stirtou, Dyer & Co., cigar manufacturers, on April 2nd. Work has been slack lately.
Among the visitors to our city lately was Mr. Neil McCallum. It is reported that he is engaged with his brother on a farm about fifteen miles east of this city, near Gladstone.
Miss Lilly McIntyre was away for a time on a visit to friends and relatives in St. Thomas.
At a fancy dress carnival lately held on the Aberdeen rink, our deaf friends were out in full force. Miss McIntyre, as Queen Victoria, and Mr. Bryce, sister-in-law of Wm. Bryce, were among the prize winners. Nelson Wood, W. Bryce and W. H. Gould were also there in costume, the latter's skating received much praise.
March 12th was Miss Edna Gould's birthday and about 40 young people formed a surprise party and visited her home. They all spent a merry evening.

STRATFORD NOTES.

Miss Charlotte Rice and Miss Maggie Fuller were visiting at Miss Claudia Moore's place for a week lately.
Mr. Wm. Quilau is working for his brother Mike, same as last year. He draws milk to the creamery in Stratford every Monday and Friday mornings.
Mr. Robert Hoy and family are well, Mrs. Hoy having recovered from the grip. Mr. Hoy sold a cow one day and a calf another day, realizing a good price for both.
The Stratford Shoe Co. having failed, and as the prevailing prices to piece hands in other factories are very low and being reduced still further every few years, J. R. Byrne has come to the conclusion that farming is the most independent occupation and wishes to hire with a good farmer, with a view of learning the art of agriculture and eventually becoming a boss farmer. Mr. Byrne will be pleased to hear from any muter farmer in good circumstances. Address Box 485, Stratford, Ontario.



swollen heads caused by their victory last week, and it was over thus, let them gain a game or two and they imagine themselves invincible. For the first half-time our lads acted as if there was no doubt about the issue of the match and they would win whatever happened. As a result the Alberts scored four goals in short order without a tally on our side. The nonchalance of the deaf players was most noticeable against the vim and dash of their opponents. During the latter part of the game our boys did a little better and succeeded in scoring twice, but the Alberts scored two also, making the score 6 to 2 at the close. The Alberts deserved the victory but the Institution people still think that if our boys had played in their usual form they would either have scored a win or made the game a very close one. One unpleasant thing for the spectators was the frequent stoppages of the players for the most trivial infractions of the rules, which spoiled the game for the onlookers.

HOME NEWS

LOCAL REPORTER

PERSONALITIES.

-Mr. Chas. Gustin, of Forest, has sold his farm and will remove to Flint, Mich. The Rev. Mr. Watch talked with the Methodist pupils on Friday afternoon of last week.

-Mrs. Roblin, Mrs. Douglass and Master Harley Douglass called to see us last Wednesday.

-Frank Geo has gone to Manitoba to grow up with the country and we know he will succeed.

-Miss A. Butler, her sister and a lady friend from a distance were visitors to the Institution last week.

-Mr. Charles Holton was the guest of Messrs. McKillop and Madden last Sunday and took tea with them.

-Duncan A. Morrison, of Collingwood, is prospering and has steady employment at the hog factory in that town.

-John F. Fisher has a steady situation as an all round printer in the *Sentinel* office, Tottenham, Ont.

-Miss Belle Mathison accompanied Miss Mathison as far as Toronto and she will visit friends there for a time.

-Miss S. Anne Shearer, who has been visiting friends in Mount Forest for the past few weeks, returned home on the 23rd of March.

-One Sunday last month, Mr. and Mrs. Gustin paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Wark and were agreeably surprised to see the many improvements in their home.

-Dr. Ross and Dr. Johnson of Toronto visited the institution for the deaf and dumb yesterday and expressed the greatest pleasure at what they saw.—*Belleville Sun*, 21st March.

-Dr. Chamberlain, Inspector, spent a day with us last week in the discharge of his official duties. He came unexpectedly but he was none the less welcome on that account.

-We are sorry that we overlooked to announce in our last that a little baby boy had arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kelly, of Glen Meyer. Feb. 25th was the date of his arrival. Congratulations.

-Miss Mathison left on the 21st inst. for Winnipeg, where she will remain for a couple of months and then proceed to the Pacific coast for a few weeks. We all wish her a pleasant trip, a good time and a safe return.

-Dr. Ross and Dr. Johnson, of Toronto, were visitors at the Institution last week under the escort of Dr. Goldsmith, of Belleville. They were all very much interested in the methods adopted for instructing the deaf.

-Little Ruth Penrose learned the Lord's Prayer and wrote it correctly. As a reward she was given a penny. She at once handed it over to a teacher with the request that a flag be bought for her. Even the babies are patriotic.

-Jos. Dubois of our team received a medal to commemorate the part he took with the Belleville team in the championship matches for the *Intermediato Ontario Hockey Association* trophy. It is a beautiful souvenir and Jos. is justly proud of it. His name is engraved on the back also the date and name of the manager of the team, Mr. Burrell.

-Duncan A. Morrison was the first pupil enrolled at this Institution when it was opened thirty years ago. He is married, has a charming wife and a happy home in Collingwood. In a letter received a few days ago he says, "We got our baby boy this morning at one o'clock, the 21st of this month. He is a fine big boy and he and his mother are doing well."

-We learn with much regret the sad news of the death in Florence, Italy, of Miss Margaret Blair Langmuir, sister of Mr. J. W. Langmuir, formerly Inspector of Public Institutions, and of Mr. W. Langmuir, of this Institution. Miss Langmuir had been an invalid for twelve years and has lived in Italy for about twenty years. The interment took place in Florence. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

-Mr. Edmond Speers, of Boisjourn, spent a few days in the city and at our school, while en route home from an extended visit in Ontario. Asked as to the success of his invention, Mr. Speers said he had endeavored to have it perfected, but it was found that while all the parts worked well, there was still something needed to make it perfect. He is not discouraged however, and hopes to make a success of it yet.—*Silent Echo*.

During Miss Walker's absence Miss Dempsey was acting matron and a good little matron she was.

Our hay crop last summer was pretty fair but it has been found insufficient to feed our cattle until the next crop comes in and several loads have been supplied.

Mr. McMillan received a bunch of shanuck from old Ireland in time for St. Patrick's Day. The real Irishmen among his friends came in for very little pieces of the precious plant.

The weeks are rolling on fast, the end of another session is looming up and so are the final examinations. With our present good health prevailing to the end we hope to make a brilliant finish.

Our barber shop will not do much hair cutting for a while. Cropped heads came into fashion with a rush and now the boy who wants his hair cut with the scissors is an exception, but we have plenty of other work for them.

The next convention of the Ontario Deaf Mute Association will be held at the Institution in Belleville in June next, immediately upon the close of the session. There are many old boys in Manitoba who would be glad of an opportunity to be present, but as it is, it is not likely that many if any will be able to go.—*Silent Echo*.

The circular letter calling together the convention will be issued very shortly, and will be mailed to all deaf in Ontario of whom we have trace. If any one is overlooked it will be because we do not know where to find them. In the past some of our friends did not receive the circulars and thought it an intentional slight but it is never so.

Mr. Mathison ordered one each of the senior and junior hockey team photos for himself, but the boys forestalled him by each team making him a present of one, which little thoughtfulness pleased him. Mr. Mathison is ever ready to cater to the pupils' pleasure whenever it is possible to do so, and the boys know it and desired to show a little appreciation of it.

Albert College hockeyists sent up a cordial invitation to our boys to play them another match but our team declined as a meeting of our Literary Society was to come off that night. It had been postponed once before because of hockey matches, and the boys wanted to see it through. Our rink has been poor for some time and the boys have given up the game for this season.

During the past week considerable changes in the re-arrangement of our carpenter shop has been going on. The section at the west end, formerly used for the storage of lumber, is being cleared out and a new floor put down, it will then be partitioned off from the rest of the shops and probably be used in a few months for the further extension of our industrial department.

It is a good thing that we do not have to depend on gas for lighting purposes, what we have had to use lately has been very poor indeed and we are all glad to have electric light connection. On Sunday evenings we have been using gas, but last Sunday it was so poor, the electric power was turned on, otherwise the pupils would have eaten their supper in semi-darkness and have retired early to bed.

The Grand Jury made their official visit, as required by law, to the Institution on the 20th inst. They visited as many of the class rooms as time permitted, also the shops, dormitories, &c., throughout the Institution. They expressed freely their pleasure and satisfaction with all they saw, both in regard to the excellent work being done in the classes and also of the provision made for the physical welfare and comfort to the pupils.

Parents had better be prepared for a call for the spring requirements of their children in the way of clothing, etc. Stock taking begins very shortly and notes taken of everything required. We will take every care of what is sent, but parents had better mark every article with indelible ink before leaving home. Close oversight has been taken of the clothes they brought from home, but school wear and tear is hard on the best of clothing under the most careful management.

The Dufferin Literary Society.

A meeting of the Literary Society was held in the chapel on Saturday evening March 24th. All the members were present except Mr. McKillop. The President was in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Messrs. Shilton, Loughheed and Wallace were appointed as judges. The first subject for debate was "Resolved, that Intemperance is more harmful than Ignorance." Mr. Armstrong supported the affirmative and Mr. Jaffray supported the negative. The debate was warm and interesting. The judges gave their decision in favor of the negative. A second debate followed, the subject being "Resolved, that the horse is more useful than the cow." Mr. Barnett supported the affirmative and Mr. Doyle supported the negative. The debate was well contested. The former who supported the horse was declared winner. Mr. Nurse gave a recitation on the Merchant of Venice, one of the famous plays of Shakespeare. It was very interesting and exciting. The meeting then adjourned at 9 1/2 p.m. JOHN SHILTON, Secretary.

John and Mary Munroe two of our pupils from Pembroke received the sad news of their father's death which occurred on Wednesday of last week. They have the sympathy of their school mates in this their great trouble and bereavement.

Much sympathy is expressed for Miss Hannah, one of our attendants. She was suddenly called away from her duties by the sad news that a fire had taken place in her home and her mother had been suffocated. Sorrow-stricken she left at once.

On the 17th ult. Prof. Coleman received a telegram informing him that his daughter, Miss Carrie, was seriously ill in Philadelphia. He at once left for that city, arriving Sunday evening. He found her very low indeed, but receiving the best of care at the hospital from physicians and nurses. For some days she hovered between life and death, but medical skill prevailed and she began to mend. Mr. Coleman intended returning the last of the following week but the doctors advised him to remain till Monday, which he did. We are glad to know that she was then considered out of danger and has since continued to improve.

Miss Walker, our matron, returned to her duties at the Institution on the 28th ult., after several weeks' much needed rest at her parental home in Hamilton. We are pleased to know that she has benefited very much by her rest and is now enjoying a degree of health and strength greater than for many years past. She received an enthusiastic welcome back from the officers, teachers and pupils. Some days before her return a number of the girls thought they would like to write to Miss Walker, and on the Saturday and Sunday over sixty letters were written and dispatched. The postman on that round in Hamilton had an overflowing sack on Monday and Miss Walker and her parents were amused and delighted with this evidence of the thoughtfulness and affection on the part of the pupils. Miss Walker did not essay to answer the letters by post but took the first opportunity after her return of expressing to the writers her hearty appreciation of their kindly remembrance.

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THE CANADIAN MUTE

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1900.

This morning is very fair, blue eyes and sunbeams hair, the world up with a smile, the birds sing all the while, the sun is bright, with darkened eyes, her lamps high in the skies, the world close to her breast, she smiles and gives it rest. J. M. L.

Hockey.

OUR BOYS WIN AND LOSE

On Saturday evening, the 17th ult., the senior team met the Belleville Victorias on the city rink. The game was a very spirited one all through, but the teams were evenly matched but our boys came out ahead in scoring and demonstrated that they could play hockey when they try, although handicapped by deafness. After a well contested game the score at the close was 5 to 1 in favor of our boys, who were very happy over their victory. At the close of the match, Mr. Burrell, manager of the Belleville senior team, was so pleased he invited our players to an oyster supper with him, an honor which pleased our boys immensely and for which they returned their thanks.

On the following Tuesday our team met the Albert College representatives and this time our deaf players were handed down smartly. When the Alberts appeared on the rink it was seen that with two exceptions they were the same players we had defeated the previous Sunday evening, most of the Victorias being students of the college. Our boys took a great interest in this match and a large number of the boys and some of the senior girls were allowed to go down to witness the game, hoping to see the boys score their win, but it was a disappointment for every one of them. All expected to see our boys put in their best efforts for the season but they did just the reverse seldom have we seen our lads play with less vim and good judgment. Our boys were evidently suffering from

