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COLLEGE CHRONICLE.

Republicans Jubilant.

BONFIRE & RALLY.

Masquerading Party.

PRESIDENT GALLAUDET ON THE MILAN CONVENTION.

News Jottings, Etc.

(From our Washington Correspondent.)

At early dawn on Wednesday morning last, a mixed party of students might have been seen on Seventh street wending their way in the direction of the College. Some manifested unmistakable symptoms of unbounded good-will, while a number appeared to be laboring under some great bereavement. The explanation of this is that the party were a number of members of the two political clubs of the college who, before day-break, had left their warm beds and trudged two miles to the newspaper bulletins to find out who the newly elected President of the United States might be. As may be supposed, the hilarious members of the party were Republicans, while their despondent companions had thrown their hopes on the superb Hancock.

This early manifestation of enthusiasm was kept up all day by the Republicans, and as the day advanced the Democrats at length seemed to wake up, and take some interest in affairs. Towards evening preparations were in progress for giving vent to pent up feelings, and at about 7:30 p.m., a ruddy flame lit up the vicinity of the College. This was from a mighty bonfire which the enthusiastic Garfielders had lit on the Green between College and Faculty Rows, the barrels being raised to the height of nearly fifteen feet. Around this brilliant flame a ring was formed, and to the tune of crackling timbers the merry crowd danced a war dance in most grotesque fashion.

Meanwhile the Democrats had assembled in the Lyceum, and having discussed the inevitable result performed a very commendable act of courtesy. This was the voting to their rivals, banners, etc., which the Hancock club has prepared to celebrate their candidate's anticipated victory. As the Democrats filed out of the meeting room, they viewed the glowing embers of the fire and generously joined in their rivals' rejoicing.

On Thursday, the Republicans held a meeting and received the announcement of the action of the Democrats on the preceding evening. In return, a vote of thanks was tendered the Hancock club for their evidence of good-will. A resolution ordering a congratulatory telegram to be sent to Gen. Garfield was also passed, and the telegram was sent. This ended the campaign in the college and ended with the best of feelings among all.

There were, however, not a few

entered into by several of the students on the result of the elections. On account of a regulation prohibiting money bets among the students, they were compelled to substitute something else, and here is where the fun comes in. Having nothing else to offer, some of the upper class men entered into agreement. 1. Shave their mustaches, whiskers, etc., in case their candidate was defeated. Others staked their Sunday dessert, while two young fellows came near agreeing to shave their heads, should their favorite be beaten. The result is that the Republicans monopolize the mustaches and pies and enjoy the fruits of their victory.

This year we are likely to have a pleasant Thanksgiving if the programme which has been adopted should be carried out. This is to allow the students to do as they please on Thanksgiving evening, and had a

MASQUERADE PARTY in the chapel on Friday evening, Nov. 26th. The Faculty have given their consent to the arrangement, and have guaranteed that on the evening above mentioned, a supper will be ready for the maskers at 10 p.m. This having been settled, the Committee are working with a will and success is reasonably assured.

Last evening the students had an opportunity of witnessing one of Dr. Gallaudet's usually fine lectures, the subject on the occasion being

THE MILAN CONVENTION.

At seven o'clock, a pretty large audience composed of professors, students and a number of lady visitors had assembled in the chapel, and for an hour enjoyed a very interesting discourse.

The Dr. opened his remarks by referring to the Paris Union of 1878, and then went on to explain the reason why Milan was selected. This seems to have been chosen that an opportunity might be given to see the schools conducted on the Pure Oral Method in operation, and of course that was expected to produce an effect. In fact, the whole machinery of the Convention seemed to have for its subject the advancement of the oral method over the combined system of instructing deaf-mutes. It would seem that the Italians have queer ideas of conducting conventions to judge of the methods they followed in choosing officers and the manner in which they regulated debates. Having a majority of the delegates, they were able to do pretty much as they pleased, and of course, were not very bashful in that respect. In the discussion of the question of articulation, the American delegates attempted to get in a few words in favor of using signs occasionally when necessary. However, they had but poor chance among such odds, and in consequence could not stand by and look on the passage of resolutions which they regarded as supremely ridiculous. Aside from the deliberations of the convention, the doctor paid a glowing tribute to the hospitality of the Italians, the liberality of the government, and the real merit of several of the schools. Every room was paid the delegates, the great hall of the Institute of Technology being thrown open for the meeting of the convention, while the King of Italy himself telegraphed his good wishes for the success of the deliberations. However, it would seem the convention was more Italian than International, at any rate, the resolutions passed were far from being satisfactory to all the delegates. The doctor gave an instance of inconsistency of the advocates of the oral method by referring to a paper introduced by a delegate from England. In this paper the gentleman advocated the oral method, but in one part gave it as his opinion that signs were necessary in some instances. This reference of the doctor caused much merriment. The doctor closed his discourse by two very pleasant incidents of his travel, which put all in good humor, and was an excellent close to a most interesting lecture. Upon his conclusion, a vote of thanks was presented to the President by the assembled audience.

Rain, Rain, Rain. The College Directory has been prepared. The Gymnasium will be opened next fall.

Prof. Hotchkiss and Mr. Saxton arrived safely last Wednesday morning.

Now boys, get your partners for the 20th Supper at reduced rates. The Lit. has voted to have a photograph of the N. D. M. Convention placed in the Lyceum.

Dr. Gallaudet read a paper on the College at the Milan Convention, and received a vote of thanks.

The Hancock Club expended twenty dollars during the Campaign. Most of it was sent to the Dem. Nat. Frand.

The voting in College on Election day by students over 21 years of age resulted as follows: Hancock 22, Garfield 19. Two Democrats and one Republican lost their votes by faulty spelling of candidate's name.

The Lawn Tennis Club, of Kendall Green have a match game with the outside club this afternoon. We suppose the Kendalls will win.

If the Foot Ball Eleven of the N. Y. Institution will come South, we will give them a tussle. Too cold to go north at present.

LESTER MONTROSE.

KENDALL GREEN, Nov. 6, 1880.

Pennsylvania Convention.

To The State Committee:—I am highly in favor with the plan for holding the state convention in this city, next year, which was formed by the students of Pennsylvania, but it is quite strange to me that the mutes of this city do not seem interested in this brilliant enterprise and it is my particular opinion that all of the graduates here would not dare to claim themselves as Local Committee until you announce the names of the mutes to act as such committee. I will recommend you to ask the gentlemen of highly respected character and prominence of this city—viz: Messrs. Thos. J. Trist, Jerome T. Elwell, Martin C. Fortescue, Wm. E. Guss, Thos. Green, John C. Lentz, William McKinney, John D. Zeigler and Moroney (as many as you prefer at your own choice,) if they will act as Local Committee, by mail or through the JOURNAL.

To The Graduates of the Phila. D. M. Inst.: I wish you all to read the Letter of "Defender" in the JOURNAL of the 4th inst., and would like you to write your encouraging suggestions and opinions on the expected convention to the JOURNAL at your earliest convenient time.

"A PENNA. GRADUATE."

PHILA., Nov. 6, 1880.

"COLUMBUS."

DOINGS AT THE OHIO DEAF-MUTE INSTITUTION LAST WEEK—AND OTHER TOPICS AS JOTTED DOWN.

(By our Regular Correspondent.)

There was scarcely any need for the people of these United States, going through the trouble last Tuesday of choosing between Hancock and Garfield, as the best man to administer the affairs of State from the 4th of March next. Hancock vs. Garfield, was up for discussion last Saturday before the "New Society," and after both sides had aired themselves as to the merits of the respective candidates, a vote was taken, and resulted in favor of one majority for the Ohio man. The country is safe!

At the Teachers' meeting, on the evening of the 1st inst., the committee, previously appointed to consider the feasibility of continuing the Roll of Honor among the pupils of the institution, and to present some comprehensive plan under which to conduct it, reported a plan. It is to include all the classes of the Academic and Grammar departments, and the first nine of the Primary classes—in all seventy-four names. The pupils compete for 212, being the number of days from Nov. 1st, to June 1st, 1881. This mark can only obtain by non-infringement of the rules in the study-room, classroom, shops, chapel, dining-hall, playground, dormitory, and within the prescribed period. For the violation of any of the rules a demerit is given to the offender, which is simply by taking a day off from the number of credits (212) he began with. The officers and teachers are each supplied with a blank, upon which to record those under their charge. At the end of each month comparisons will be made, and the standing of each candidate determined upon the records kept, and the result announced through the Chronicle.

Mr. D. N. Wade, living near the institution, and who takes much interest in its silent children, has recently returned from a trip to Europe. He has on former occasions entertained the pupils with lectures on Russia, Cremona (his father-in-law being the late Dr. LeMoine), and other topics. Upon Sunday evening next, he will discourse upon the "U. S. Life Saving Service" in the chapel of the institution, illustrating his remarks with drawings upon the blackboard.

We happened over to the library of the institution last Tuesday evening, and were not a little surprised upon entering to find its atmosphere filled with the odors of choice blooming flowers tastefully arranged about the room, and a large number of Institution folks gathered therein. We went about to bring forth our No. 2. Faber, expecting to make use of it in chronicling a union of two loving hearts, when upon inquiring, we were

was occasioned by the presence of Mrs. Perkins, of Akron, Ohio, who was about to entertain those present with some choice collections of songs. Sorry we were unable to appreciate her treat in some faint way.

The Orderlies for November are Messrs. Bardes and Bard, and Messrs. Myers and Henry. Messrs. Robinson and Schild are continued in their positions of monitor and sexton respectively, while Mr. Wm. C. Clark becomes letter-carrier.

Mr. R. H. Atwood has been appointed to have charge of the A. and B. divisions of the boys' study for the remainder of the year, thus relieving the non-resident teachers from evening duty at the institution.

A new washing machine, of an improved pattern, and costing \$200, has been added to the laundry. The purchase was made in Cincinnati by the steward, during the Exposition.

The Cincinnati Enquirer of Sunday last, contains an interesting article on "Wiener Wurst," and in speaking of those who make its sale a calling, says: "The oldest man in the business in the city is named Schromminger. He lives on Race street and is as deaf as a post, but he manages to get rid of a good deal of Wiener Wurst."

Since the first inst., work in the bookbinder has been at a stand still, and as a consequence, the pupils and the mutes outside of the institution employed therein, have been thrown out of work. The cause of this is owing to the failure of the contractor who supplies the State with paper, to furnish the amount required. It is expected, however, that by the 15th of this month, work will be resumed.

A number of the older boys were permitted to go up to the city Tuesday evening, to witness the election returns as they came in and displayed upon canvass by means of electric lights at the several newspaper offices. On time! By this we mean the prompt appearance of the Chronicle on each Saturday, something that was not always the case when the office was under the control of the State Supervisor of Printing. For this punctuality, credit is due to the foreman of the office, Mr. Ed. Scott, whose whole soul is enlisted in the work. There is also a marked improvement in the boys' work, and Mr. Scott informed us yesterday that they take hold with more energy than formerly. The only drawback to the office is the lack of more type and a new press; with these provided, there is no reason why the office should not be more remunerative than now. In fact, it could pay expenses by doing job work for outside parties, besides doing the printing, such as circulars, programmes, etc., for the institution, all of which has to be done at present in the city. It would also give those of the pupils working in the office, a better

opportunity to become versed in the "Art preservative." We hope the Trustees of the institution will extend all the needed aid to the office, and thus help it along to become a first-class concern.

We wonder what has become of the Advance. It has failed to put in an appearance here for three or four weeks past.

The Kansas Star is a good paper, and we like it; but we would admire it more, when in copying any of our articles from the JOURNAL, it would give us credit for the same.

To "Minnie Myrtle," we will say for the present we propose to keep mum on "Religion at National Conventions," and it is doubtful whether we shall ever take the subject up again, as we wrote all that we desired to in our last article on the matter.

After all, we are called upon to chronicle a wedding, this time it being Mr. Donnell, of the Pension Bureau in Washington, D. C., to Miss Gilman, a daughter of the late General Alvin C. Gilman, U. S. A. The event occurred at Nashville, Tenn., October 19th, and the happy pair started at once for the North on their honeymoon, stopping at Louisville, Ky., Cincinnati, and at the residence of Mr. R. P. McGregor, in one of the suburbs of the latter city, where they remained a week. On Tuesday last, we were agreeably surprised by a visit from them here. The bride is withal a fine and intelligent lady, having been educated at the Hartford, Columbian and Tennessee Institutions, and we congratulate Mr. Donnell upon his choice. While here, several of Mr. Donnell's old friends called upon him to extend their congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Donnell left on the eight o'clock evening train for Washington, D. C., where in the future they will make their home.

A voice from Minnesota heralds the news that there is music in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll. Its cause being the arrival of an heir.

It is reported that soon after Mr. and Mrs. McGregor moved to their present location, a burglar entered their house during the night and made away with a suit of clothing. Fortunately, valuables in another room of the house were saved by the timely barking of a dog therein, as the thief was about to enter, who deemed it best to beat a hasty retreat.

We delayed this letter expecting to give an account of the pedestrian match that was to take place this afternoon, but for some cause it is again postponed, very likely until next Saturday.

COLUMBUS.

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Letter from Dr. Gallaudet to Rev. A. W. Mann.

CHATEAU BELLEVUE, NEAR GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, OCTOBER 17, 1880.

MY DEAR MR. MANN:—You have often been in my thoughts and the "Old World." I trust that you and your family are well, and that you are encouraged in your work. I wonder whether you are more generally remembered on the 12th Sunday after Trinity this year than last. I hope so. I would like to send you a good long letter, but I cannot find the time. I believe some extracts from my letters are published in the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL. I hope, therefore, you are able to keep the run of my movements. Miss Walter, my wife and I have had a wonderful successful journey, and have seen a great deal. I shall have great pleasure in talking over matters with you, should God permit us to meet again in this world. I have improved several opportunities to give information about our work. I am looking forward to learning something about church work among deaf-mutes, when we get to Paris and London. We are staying at the Chateau Bellevue, three or four miles from Geneva, on the southern shore of Lake Geneva. I went to the city this morning and spent the day enjoying the scenery of Emmenthal, Church, (American) both, in the morning and in the afternoon. Rev. Mr. Craik, son of Dr. Craik, of Louisville, Ky., is the Chaplain. I have had the privilege of services either American or English, every Sunday since I left home. Please write me about November 5th, care Messrs. J. M. Morgan & Co., Bankers, London. My wife and I send love to all. Please remember me affectionately to Mr. Simpson and all my friends at the West.

Yours Faithfully,

THOMAS GALLAUDET.

On A Vacation.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—I returned home after a long vacation, during which I canvassed for money for the benefit of the Granite State Deaf-Mute Mission. I met several deaf-mutes who were happy to see me.

Mrs. Maude Lauriston Reyes, (nee Miss Hubbard, of Rochester, N. Y.) living in Claremont, N. H., has two grown up sons and one daughter (bearing children). The latter is an overseer of one of the mills in this city. I also visited Miss Taylor. Her father was a town officer for a number of years. They live in Danbury, N. H. Also Willie Cross, of Grafton, N. H. He is a steady shoemaker.

My wife did not come home with me. She is expected Saturday. On hearing that her only daughter was sick with abscess she went to Dunbar, N. H., where her daughter lives, to take care of her. I hope she is better by the present time. She is the wife of Mr. Rodney Abbott, a robust farmer. He was formerly an overseer in one of the mills of that city. H. L. LIVINGSTONE. MANCHESTER, N. H., Nov. 4.

"ALL HALLOW EVE."

Party in Brooklyn.

WHO WAS THERE.

Whittlings, Etc.

It has become the custom of the mutes of this vicinity upon the occurrence of a holiday to hold a sociable of some kind the evening before, consequently "all hallow eve" found a number of them gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Lockwood for the purpose of having a good time. This they did, the principal amusement being "diving for apples." This was done by placing a large tub filled with water in the middle of the room in which was placed a great many (fine red apples, each bearing a number corresponding to that of a prize.

The diving by the masculines was all that could be expected, but the ladies—why they didn't dive at all, few of them in biting at the stern of an apple barely wet their pretty noses.

About 12 o'clock, the company sat down to supper to which ample justice was done, after which all returned to the parlor, where lively games of various kinds served to pass the time pleasantly until daylight.

Among the many present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jahring, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Weinberger, Mrs. Hattie Bailey, W. L. Waters (soft soap); Miss Jennie Leach, the charming Staten Island belle; Miss Matilda Leibell, the champion diving bell (e) of New York City; Mr. F. Banana Senior of Talmadgeville, N. Y.; Miss Clara Ilya, Mr. George L. Reynolds, (Sugar) that "Artful Dodger" John Wilkinson, Gummy J. A. Clark, and last though by means least, the exquisite Philip Tobin, who with hair curled in the latest style, and regardless of expense was gotten up in a most stunning style.

WHITTINGS.

In the last number of the JOURNAL there appeared an item stating that "the Brooklyn society had been broken up." Allow me to say that the person who wrote that twaddle was either bereft of his senses or did not know what he was writing about. The facts of the case were these: A few months ago several mutes consulted together and determined to form a club. With that object in view they asked others if they would join, and in most cases received an affirmative answer. With the exception of a little blowing, nothing more was heard of the movement until the appearance of the item complained of. No organization was effected, therefore it could not be broken up. Another thing which has created considerable talk is the nonsense which emit from and about the so-called Brooklyn Mute Champion (?) pedestrian, etc., etc. How that great man came by the title which he uses the records sayeth not. He may claim it because others will not walk against him, not because they are afraid of being beaten, but for the simple reason they are not so verdant as his highness "The Champion."

We, Us & Co., can address his mute friend in care of the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL.

In response to the advertisement which appeared in one of the papers of this city, and according to custom, a large number of mutes visited the fair of the American Institute one evening a short time ago. In return for the kind invitation, the Manhattan Literary Association, in behalf of its members, tendered the managers of the fair a vote of thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jahring celebrate their "tin wedding" the evening before Thanksgiving.

The party season in this vicinity which opened so auspiciously on "all hallow eve" promises to be unusually brilliant. Already invitations are out for one which will shortly take place; this will be followed by another in December and the banquet which the M. L. A. propose tendering Rev. Dr. Gallaudet upon his return from Europe will wind up the old year.

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MUTE MARRIAGE.

One of the most interesting weddings that has ever taken place in this country occurred on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, ten miles west of Oxford. The contracting parties were Mr. Jos. J. Lobrano, of New Orleans, and Miss Flora Slate of this county, both of whom are mutes. The ceremony was read by Rev. Jas. Porter and interpreted by Mr. Chas. Neilson. After the silent lovers were joined together, the guests were invited to partake of a repast that represented all the sweets of the culinary art. The happy pair will leave immediately for New Orleans, and will take with them in their silent journey through life, the best wishes of the *Falcons* and a host of relatives and friends. —Oxford Falcon.

DEAF-MUTE COLLEGE FOR FEMALES.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—It is with much pleasure that I notice the courteous and favorable remarks of your correspondents and the deaf-mute press on the suggestion, and afterwards resolution, offered by myself at the N. D. M. Convention on the subject of petitioning of Congress for the establishment of a deaf-mute College for young ladies. Having lost my papers, and owing to the late hour of my bringing up the question, I did not make my position fully understood, neither give the issues of my paper; but will do so now, though in a condensed form.

I first made the suggestion with the understanding that if it met the approval of the Convention it would make a resolution of it. The Convention, instead of making any practical action on the suggestion, merely approved the idea of such an Institution. The resolution thereupon offered was to this effect: That the President be empowered to select a committee to draw up a petition, and to have the said petition extensively circulated among and signed by the deaf-mutes of the U. S., and to be presented to Congress by some influential member.

In my opinion one can get ten or twenty thousand signatures, and with such an appeal to Congress would not fail to lead it. Out of the forty thousand mutes in the United States, at least five hundred would have interested themselves in the subject, and each of these "five hundred" could easily have induced twenty-five or more friends to sign the petition, whether they were materially interested in it or not. I have consulted two members of Congress on the subject, both of whom seemed to think that it was more possible than many of the political bills that have been jockeyed through Congress.

I am personally acquainted with Senators Byard, Logan and Sawyer, and several members of the lower house, all of whom I know to be true friends of the deaf, and if such a petition was presented through one of them he would doubtless use his influence in securing its passage.

In the early stages of this College, many members of Congress thought it inexpedient to foster such an Institution, but these astute Statesmen have been convinced that deaf-mutes are capable of pursuing a collegiate course and becoming useful citizens; consequently there is very little opposition now made to the annual appropriation. The successful demonstration of the value of the College has no doubt paved the way for a similar institution for the other sex, and the general verdict among those who have given the subject their extra effort the establishment of such an institution will be an established fact. Dr. Gallaudet, perhaps the most influential supporter the mutes of this country have, has assured me that he approves the idea of such an institution, and he would not doubt lend a helping hand if called upon in the right spirit. He feels that the demand was not great enough, or he would unquestionably have made a move in that direction. If the agitators on this subject can only secure his influence, together with that of the Principals of the State Institutions and the deaf-mute press, half the battle will be over; and should they succeed, a great victory will have been won and great good accomplished. While "Uncle Sam" has most generously spent his money on the free institutions already established, he fosters no school for his silent daughters, and the great principle contended for, is that inasmuch as he has begun to educate, it is both unwise and unjust to discriminate against a class of persons so capable of reaping the benefits offered by a collegiate education, and to whom it is so essential as to deaf-mute females.

Though an ardent advocate of women's rights (I hesitate to the ballot), I do not believe it would be wise to educate both sexes under the same roof as has been proposed by some of your correspondents, yet I would rather see this plan adopted than to discriminate against a class who are equally deserving of educational honors.

In England, all the great colleges are opening their doors to females with some satisfactory results, and this example is being imitated in by several colleges in the United States, but there is no prospect of its being carried to such an extent here as in England, for most of the people oppose it. This movement in England is more interesting than in this country, not only because of the recency of its origin and the rapidity with which it strengthened, but because of the extent to which it has enlisted the sympathies and support of the enlightened classes, and the slight resistance which it has seemed to encounter in quarters where traditional prejudices are commonly presumed to be strongest. The agitation of their scheme was one of the remarkable quickening of the public conscience in regard to education in general, which commenced some thirty years since, and has been among the most striking of the social and political phenomena of recent times. The demand of these agitators was at first resisted on technical grounds; but since the establishment of Queen's College and the admission of young ladies to the Universities, the fact has been evi-

ed that they are not a whit inferior in intellectual faculties to the men. From a cursory view of the extraordinary progress made not only in England, but in this country, the conclusion seems to be irresistible that the barriers, which have so long prevented the United States from establishing national colleges for young ladies are destined to fall away, and that, perhaps, it may be given to the present generation to see the time when female colleges will rank among the noblest monuments of free and enlightened America.

It is a deplorable fact that the young ladies who, instead of advancing some plans for the establishment of a college are censuring the students of this college for a crime—yes, an awful crime—that they are not guilty of. It was the prudent action of the college authorities and not the students who asked for and obtained the appropriation for the gymnasium, about which so much noise has been made, and if any one needs censure it is not the students. If the deaf-mute ladies want a college, let them drop this gymnasium question, follow the advice of "Judge De Coursey" and D. W. George, and their efforts may ultimately be crowned with success. We assure them if they will only grapple with the subject and handle it prudently, we will put our "shoulders to the wheel, and move the wagon from the mire," if possible.

I commend this article with the intention for making known two new plans for discussion on the college subject, but as I see from this week's JOURNAL, which has just arrived, that Miss Angie Fuller has, in part, expressed one of my plans and as this article is already too long I will wait until next week, when I will have more to say.

C. W. GARDWAY.

South Carolina.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—Nine new pupils, seven mute and two blind, were registered on the opening of our term; forty-five pupils are in attendance at present, and it is certain that the number will be increased to sixty before Christmas. The cotton harvest, which began much earlier this year than usual, hindered the other pupils from coming before.

There is an uneducated mute, aged twenty-two years, living only three miles from this Institution. The father's avarice is responsible for his son's pitiable ignorance. As the latter is of age, the former promised Mr. Walker that he would send him to school last October, but failed to do so. Some days ago the son was seen at work, hauling cotton to gin. Is not this a forcible argument for the passage of a compulsory education law by our Legislature?

Mr. (Mr. Maubach) is working earnestly. Her class consists of seven little children, and she uses Bell's Visible Speech. Miss Ballard is a native of Mass., but has been living in the South for the past several years. A splendid piano, costing \$1600, was purchased for the Blind Department last summer. One of our brightest boys, aged 13 years, who loved home and freedom better than knowledge, took it into his head to run home, about twenty miles distant from here. Early in the morning he arose, and climbed over the window. His disappearance was not noticed until at breakfast. One of the larger boys who is an experienced fox-hunter, having investigated the tracks on the roads, declared that the boy had gone up the road towards his home. Immediately our Superintendent drove up in a buggy after him. Although the horse was made to trot as fast as he could, the boy reached his home some minutes before our Superintendent.

Mr. Andrew Smoak, a mute living at Branchville, S. C., killed a few days ago, an enormous wild turkey, which weighed seventeen and one-half pounds. The turkey was wounded, and when Andrew approached it, attacked him desperately, leaving his success and escape a matter of doubt. At last Andrew put an end to its life by wringing its neck. The next day he invited his brothers and sisters to a big turkey dinner, which they all enjoyed hugely. Mr. Smoak said wild turkeys were numerous in the swamps around his father's plantation.

One night, some time ago, the Spartanburg Co. Band played on the top of the Institution building. Farmers living six miles around could hear the music, and some of the sable occupants of log-cabins were frightened, believing that the last day had come, and that the angel Gabriel was blowing his trumpet.

Two of our graduates will be joined in matrimony on the 16th inst.

I learned through Mr. Walker that W. B. Lathrop was living with his sister on a farm near Atlanta.

I would inform Mr. Jennings, of Smithville, Ga., that James Smith is living in Anderson Co., S. C., and also would say to him and Mr. Copeland, of America, that we hope they will not change their mind about coming over to visit us on Christmas as they did last year.

Messrs. Geo. and Frank Walker, the successful book-agents, from Tenn., stopped one day here on their way to the King's Mountain.

CENTENNIAL.

How time changes! In the good Old Testament days it was considered a miracle for an ass to speak, and now nothing short of a miracle will keep one quiet.