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Flesherton.

Standard Correspondence.
The convention of the South Grey Teachers' Association met in this village on Thursday, the 25th Oct., in the new school house. The attendance, considering state of the roads, was large and the interest at the several sessions mark it as one of the most successful meetings the association has had.

Dr. McClelland, of Toronto, was present from the opening to the closing session, and by his presence and lectures, not only interested and stimulated the teachers, but gave them some of his own enthusiasm for the profession and which has raised him to the position he now holds of being next to the late Dr. Ryerson, the master builder of that system of national education of which we as Canadians are justly proud. Several excellent papers were read and discussed with keenness and acumen which showed that the teachers had not merely for a social gathering but to go and to gather for themselves all the knowledge and experience of the last six months and to profit as much as possible by the convention.

One of the most noticeable and interesting features of this gathering was an exhibition of the Holt system of teaching music, by C. J. Sproule, of Maxwell. He brought out a class of pupils with him ranging from 9 to 12 years and put them through a series of exercises in reading music at sight and singing, both in unison and in parts, which elicited the surprise and admiration of all present. The proficiency of his class was astonishing and the remark of Miss Anderson, of Durham, who was one of the appointed critics, fully and wittily expressed the situation. She said that either Mr. Sproule had a very wonderful class of children, or that he was a very wonderful teacher, or had got hold of the most wonderful system, or which was, perhaps, most nearly true, that this was a wonderful combination of system, teacher and pupils to produce such results.

The announcement that Dr. McClelland was to lecture in the evening in the Town Hall brought out a large audience, for the Dr. ranks here as the best lecturer that has ever visited Flesherton; indeed such is the feeling of interest in any subject he has to speak on that the sessions in the school house were crowded by visitors anxious to benefit by one of his talks to teachers. The Town Hall was crowded long before the time announced for the lecture and many had to go away unable to get seats. The Flesherton brass band and popular glee club were in attendance and a large class of pupils of the Flesherton school who sang a greeting song and chorus. The glee club made the audience feel happy and were encoered again and again.

M. Richardson, Esq., who had been appointed chairman, was invited to the platform by Mr. Ramage, President of the association. After a few well chosen remarks by Mr. Richardson who always fills the position of chairman in a very happy manner, called upon Mr. Campbell, the popular inspector for South Grey, who, in a few felicitous remarks, evidenced reserve of resources and ability for the platform which will doubtless be brought out some future day.

The lecturer, Dr. McClelland, was greeted with a heartiness which showed that he is a favorite here. The subject of his lecture, "English literature and its value in culture with illustrations." For an hour and a half the Dr. held his audience under the mighty spell of his eloquence. He designated the English language as being the most perfect vehicle for expression of every shade of human thought and feeling and having produced a literature the grandest, noblest and richest the world ever saw. His counsel to parents on the importance of procuring good literature for their children and of guarding them from the influences of impure and trashy books was timely and practical.

The lecture sparkled with wit and was enriched with gems from the best authors and will, no doubt, have made an impression for good upon the hearts and lives of many that shall be lasting while life endures. The Dr. took his seat amidst bursts of applause, after which Dr. Christie, in a few well chosen words, moved a sincere vote of thanks to Dr. McClelland for his inspiring and instructive lecture, which was seconded by Rev. Thomas Watson, Baptist minister, who clothed his thoughts in very appropriate words and heartily endorsed the mover's eulogy of the address. The motion being put was heartily responded to and tendered to the speaker by the chairman. The large gathering dispersed after singing the National Anthem.

The following are the officers elect

for South Grey Teachers Association for the ensuing year:—President, H. Glendenning, Markdale; 1st Vice President, Miss Inkster, McIntyre 2nd Vice-President, G. J. Sproule, Maxwell; Sec.-Treas., W. Irwin, Flesherton; Management—Messrs. McDonald, McArthur, Misses. Anderson, Drummond and Porter.

From the words found in Solomon's Song, chap. 4, verse 10, "My sister, my spouse," Rev. L. Perrin, B. A., of Kirkfield, preached an earnest, eloquent and very practical sermon in the Presbyterian church here Sabbath afternoon last. Mr. Perrin is quite a young man in the ministry, of more than ordinary ability, a close reasoner, dealing practically with the subject in hand, a keen observant eye and easily gains the wrapt attention of his hearers and preaches with deep earnestness and a burning desire for the good of immortal souls. Rev. A. H. Drumm, of Toronto, will occupy the same pulpit here for the first two Sabbaths in November.

The Methodist parsonage here is undergoing extensive and much needed repairs, the walls being brick clad with white brick, the roof being shingled anew, and other improvements internally which will render the building as neat, comfortable and commodious as any family might wish for and a credit to the society here.

A grand opening now presents itself in this village for a good barber. Owing to very severe affliction Mr. Booth in the tonsorial line here is compelled to give up business and has advertised his business for sale. Mr. Booth has done well and has enjoyed a growing business since he opened out here. The community regret very much to lose Mr. Booth as a citizen and sympathize deeply with him in his affliction.

Meaford Road.

Standard Correspondence.

The annual shooting match of the Vandeleur hunters came off on the 18th. W. Kells and W. McCollum were the captains. W. Kell's side came out 30 ahead. The slaughter of the small game was great. The largest score was made by A. Holly on Mac's side, being 930. A supper was provided for the occasion by Mrs. C. Pritchard, the losing side paying the shot.

Miss Walker has been engaged for six months to teach the school here, while the present teacher Miss Ford, is at the Normal school.

Berkeley.

Standard Correspondence.

SUDDEN DEATH.—We regret to have to announce the sudden death of Mr. M. Abbey, he had been ailing a few days but nothing serious was apprehended but on Saturday evening on coming in from the barn where he had been at work he was suddenly seized with a pain in his heart and before the neighbors could be summoned he was dead.

The burglar scare at Holland Centre has spread to Berkeley. One day last week a rough looking chap stopped at the Berkeley House for dinner and as he acted rather queer the good people of B. set him down for one of the "lifting crew," and some were beginning to look up their old shot guns, &c., however he did not return. The same individual caused a scare in Holland Centre also.

Protracted meetings are being held at Walker's church, and are well attended, and good is being done. They will continue this week.

[The above was forwarded over a week ago but did not reach this office until this week: E.C. Standard.]

Kimberley.

Standard Correspondence.

Our citizens are talking of building more sidewalks, which are badly needed, as the mud is deep, sticky and slippery.

Matrimony seems to be contagious about Kimberley: Wm. Fawcett has taken unto himself, last week a wife in the person of Miss Cornfield, and Archibald McLean has united with Mrs. Wickens for better for worse; and still there's more to follow.

Apples are an abundant crop in this district. Henry Hurd has pickled 200 barrels off his orchard, and as most of our farmers have orchards as large or nearly so, your readers can judge what a large quantity there is to spare.

G. L. Thompson, merchant, has his new store nearly ready for moving into. It will be a credit to the place as well as the proprietor.

Municipal matters are beginning to engage the attention of ratepayers. James Erskine, councillor; Wm. Fawcett ex-deputy and Peter McAul in, present deputy, are likely to be candidates for deputy reeve. Mr. Gilroy, of no opposition to our reeve, Mr. Gilroy. For councillors there is already a surplus in the field.

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