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MARKDALE, MAY 26, 1898

GENERAL NOTES

Manitoulin island has a population of fifteen thousand

It is stated that the United States expects 1 ill in the war with Spain is costing the government now one million five hundred thousand dollars a day.

Rev A E Kelly of Horning's Mills who recently lost his stable and horse by fire was last week presented by his congregation with a new buggy and well filled purse.

A woman giving her name as Sarah Stephen entered B B Osler's office in Toronto on Friday last and after pouring on the eminent lawyer's head a tirade of abusive language she picked up a chair and dealt him a blow and then retired.

Great Britain's grand old man Right Hon Wm Gladstone, ended a brilliant and useful life and crossed the bar for his reward on Thursday morning last, age 88 years. Mr Gladstone was a prodigious writer on religious and secular subjects and easily the first statesman of his day. The world's greatest nation mourns her loss.

During the heavy thunder storm which swept over Ontario last week the Baptist church at Ingersoll was struck by lightning and destroyed. The old Spectator building in Hamilton also fell a prey to the deverring element caused by the electric storm. Many fires in Ontario are reported burned and homes and cattle destroyed. The storm had its origin in Iowa and swept with terrific scathing force through several states. Many lives were lost. Scores of dwellings and farm buildings were blown down and forests destroyed.

Mrs Cadney of Rawdon was last week thrown from a rig and instantly killed. D E Allen of London was instantly killed by lightning while asleep in bed. Several other of Barristons leading merchants dropped dead with heart failure. James Cooper fell into the canal at Perth and was drowned. A cyclone occurred at the Cross Nest Falls and as a result one man is dead and three men missing. A serious fire occurred at Rat Portage. Two lives were lost. Alexander Smith a farmer living near Peterboro' was trampled to death by a ferocious bull. Old Prince Bismark is failing in health and has been confined to his bed for several days. The Prince condemns in unstinted terms the Spanish-American war and says it is due to systematic American provocation, which finally became unbearable. He stated to an Associated Press correspondent "The whole course of the American Administration has been insincere. I have always held that war is only defensible after all other remedies have failed. The result of the war cannot be wholesome either to America or Europe. The United States will be forced to adopt an intermeddling policy leading to unavoidable frictions. She has abandoned her traditional peace policy and in order to maintain her position she must become a military and naval power an expensive luxury which her geographic position rendered unnecessary. America's change of front means retrogression in the high sense of civilization. This is the main regretable fact about the war."

Thos Nulty who murdered his three sisters and brother in Quebec a few months ago paid the extreme penalty of the law on the gallows at Joliette on Friday last. Nulty confessed his horrible crime with contrition and said "I now accept death as a merited penalty and as an expiation." He said he wanted to get married and in order to make room in his father's house for his wife his passion led him to murder the four innocent persons whom he loved. Fully 1000 persons having gathered around the jail and disgraceful scenes such as would not have been tolerated in Ontario were enacted while the solemn ordeal was in progress and afterwards.

Ups and Downs

(Telegram)

The British tendency to do a heroic act in a commonplace way is more to be admired than the American tendency to do a commonplace act in a heroic way.

Niagara Falls, N Y, has decided to celebrate May 24 as a public holiday. Many thanks. But would Buffalo, N Y, please kill De Barry, and thus inaugurate an era of good feeling on the Niagara Frontier ?

Britain does not owe anything to the United States, and Britain does not owe anything to the allied powers of Europe. Britain does owe something to humanity, and she can best pay that debt by holding aloof from any European combination hostile to the United States.

Berkeley

Fishing seems to be the order of the day. Mr Tom Wright caught seven speckled beauties one day that weighed 5 pounds. Beat that.

Mr J A Allen of Proton Station spent Sunday with his sister Mrs J Virtue.

Mr Jim Wiggins left last Tuesday for Ignace, Ont. Success Jim.

Mr Adam Smith left for his home in Riply last week.

Mr John Pickett jr is spending his holidays with his brother in Toronto.

Mrs Maltby of Hillsburg is visiting her brother Mr T Robinson.

Vandeleur

The Rev Mr Fleming preached an able sermon in this church on Sunday last from the 5th chapter of Genesis the 25th verse.

Mr Clark of Chatsworth accompanied by his daughter Mrs Silcocks of Meaford spent 24th of May with his daughter Mrs G Pritchard.

Mr Geo Warling received the sad news that his uncle Mr Geo Warling in Meaford who died. He went down on Sunday to attend the funeral. Mr R G Warling of Osprey also went down.

Miss Sarah Johnston who is teaching school near Meaford was home for the 24th.

Mr W Holley has moved back to Vandeleur. He now occupies the Section house.

Maxwell.

The Rev Mr Davie from Singhampton occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church a week ago last Sabbath morning.

The Rev T Logate changed pulpits with the Rev Mr Roach of Singhampton on Sunday morning of last week.

Mr Wm Bemrose left this week for up the lakes where he intends to spend the summer. Success Wm.

The Osprey cheese factory reopened on Monday.

Master George Thompson of Port Law gave us a call on Sunday.

There was a business meeting in connection with the Sabbath school a week ago last Tuesday.

We are sorry to mention that Mr Jas Brownridge is very ill. May he soon recover.

The Ladies Aid of Maxwell held their meeting this week at Mrs Briggs, 4th line.

The S.S are talking of having a picnic in the near future.

Walters Falls

Mr McCullough of Innisfil township, who has been visiting his sister Mrs Power at the parsonage for a few days, left for home on Monday morning.

Those from our village who attended the temperance convention in Owen Sound last Wednesday were Rev J Power; Miss Wallace, Mr and Mrs R Clarke, Messrs T Barker, T Crowd, W A Dayman and R J Watson.

We hear of a certain young man in our suburbs who takes a stool along when he goes to see his fair lady but he should be careful and not leave it outside the church as it gives the whole affair away, especially when the names are on the stool.

The boys organized a base ball club on Saturday with the following officers: President, Dr J S McCulloch; vice pres, Frank Olmstead; sec Jas J R Wickham; captain, Fred Wickham; managing com, Messrs F Lumley, Erwin Hammill and T L Walter. They have rented the exhibition grounds and will meet for practice every night in the week, Sundays excepted.

Miss Mable Smith of Potsdale Pennsylvania U S is visiting her grand-father, Mr Henry Smith and other friends in this village.

Dr J S and Mrs McCullough and family left for Georgetown on Monday to visit friends for a few days.

Mr and Mrs R J Watson and family were visiting friends in Owen Sound on Wednesday of last week.

Rev J Power preached a very appropriate sermon to the Sabbath school children on Sunday evening. The school attended service in a body.

Kimberley

Mr Jas Stuart of the subject started yesterday for Powassan (where he has a farm near the Station) for pleasure or biz or perhaps a shard of each.

The barn of Mr Robert Shaw on lot 14 on the fourth was burned yesterday afternoon 23rd. The barn contained about 50 bushels of wheat and other grain. This is a heavy loss to Mr Shaw as there was no insurance. The cause is unknown as there was no fire in the house at the time it was burned. House not far from barn.

Mr Geo Walters of Priceville was here from Saturday till Monday.

Our roller mill may be seen from a long distance by the new roof which makes it look 100 per cent better.

Rev Kimberley expects that every man will do his duty hereafter by paying the ministers of the denomination where you attend and give to the needy, the widows and fatherless children. This place has been visited with many showers and warm weather. So do not forget our Father which art in Heaven for the blessings etc.

Our Queen Victoria is 79 years old today, and Augustus Burritt of the Mansion house here has the British flag up to the top of his lofty pole in honor of the good Queen of Canada.

Mr Armstrong our school teacher is not so much in love for kicking the ball as Mr Pentland the former teacher. The boys don't yell so long and loud at present as they did here in other times. Oh well the babies may sleep and the old folk will not be annoyed by bad boys, eh? Love thy neighbor and his children too.

Mr Rob Stuart had a little scratch on his nasal organ by being tipped out of his rig at Wodehouse on 20th inst. His own true wife was with him at the time and she is O K or all right.

Rocklyn

Miss M H Morrison of Elmvale and Miss L Sparling of Redwing are guests at the home of Mr Geo Yeadell.

Last week the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered at Temple Hill Presbyterian church by Rev J F McLaren, B D. Twenty new members were received on the Friday previous. Victoria Methodist church membership has been increased by a similar number as the result of the recent evangelistic services.

Prof Brush, veterinary dentist and horse trainer, stopped here for a few days and exhibited his trained horse "Phil Sheridan" to the amusement of a large number. He also did a large business in the veterinary line and taught a large number his method of training horses.

That grim destroyer, Death, passed over this section last week and claimed two persons as its victims. Mrs James Cook died at her home rather unexpectedly on Wednesday 20th inst of heart disease. The funeral took place on Friday to Ebenezer church and was largely attended. She leaves a husband and a family of grown up sons and daughters most of whom are married.

Until Sunday of last week Oliver Leopard enjoyed the best of health but he was suddenly afflicted with inflammation of the bowels and not securing medical aid at once he resorted to draughts of cold water which relieved his pain for a short time only to cause him to rapidly grow worse. Dr Dannard attended him and gave him his best attention but at a critical period he was deprived of his medicine for twelve hours while the Christian Scientists tried to effect a cure by faith and prayer but their prayers were as ineffectual as the prophets of Baal and at last, discomfited, they sent again for medical aid but the patient was too far gone to be restored by human aid, after being deprived of what probably would have imparted new life and strength and checked the disease so the vital spark of life soon died out and another soul was ushered into the great beyond. He was about 40 years of age, leaves a wife and family of nine small children. The body was sent to Dundalk for burial.

Traverston

Wonderful changes in the garb of nature these last few days. Orchards are laden with bloom and grass and grain are fairly springing up.

Mr James McNally and sons have put in 160 acres of crop with but three teams.

The "boys" plowed 18 acres in a short day at Mr Will Edwards' plowing bee last Thursday, mostly new ground, too, but they say the soil is No 1 and hardly a stone.

Master Willie McNally who fell from the rooftop two weeks ago breaking one arm and spraining the other, is lively as ever again. It takes more than an ordinary tumble to lay Willie out.

Miss Kate Stewart of Dornoch visited her sister, Mrs John McNally, the first of the week.

The whole vicinity is smitten with sorrow and over a previously bright and happy home, lies a dark, dark shadow. Mr A Goodfellow is dead. Short and sharp was the summons of the grim reaper. He was taken ill on Sunday afternoon May 8th, and the family physician, Dr Ego, was called who pronounced it a case of appendicitis He made strenuous efforts to save him. Drs Jamieson and Park from Durham were summoned and held a consultation at which they decided to perform an operation, which was skilfully done last Friday morning. But they found the internal organs so deranged that they held out, but slight hope. He rallied, however, after it was over, settled his earthly affairs, expressed his willingness and readiness to go, if God called him. On Saturday he gradually grew weaker and passed peacefully away at 11:00 p m surrounded by his aged father, his stricken wife and children and other relatives and friends. Dr Ego remained to the last. Deceased was born in the Co of Waterloo forty-six years ago next 12th June. He was a bright and promising boy and developed into a shrewd, clever business man, with highly social and intellectual qualities. Three and a half years ago he came to Traverston and during that time has built up a splendid trade and won the respect and confidence of a wide circuit of country. His lease of the mill property was to expire on June 1st, so he had all the logs cut, the lumber sold and ready to ship. He had a house erected in Hanover this spring and intended moving the family there, after which he purposed to go gold seeking in the Peace River District, but it has been otherwise decreed. By his push and ability he had acquired considerable property, besides he also carried $1000 life insurance. The remains were taken to Durham on Tuesday morning followed by a large procession for so early an hour—4 o'clock—and taken by train to Gorrie, which is Mrs Goodfellow's old home. Relatives of both from Teeswater, Chesley and Gorrie escorted the casket to its final resting place. The deceased belonged to the Society of Brethren and was a deep thinker. In politics he leaned to the Conservative cause but was not a devotee of partyism. Deep sympathy is felt for the deeply bereaved wife and six children, the eldest being a bright boy of twelve years, the youngest a babe of eight months.

Hustler.

MARRIED

HUTCHINSON—TAYLOR—At the home of the bride's parents by the Rev M Goldbeer, on Wednesday the 18th inst, T A Hutchinson to Louisa Taylor, both of Euphrasia township.

DIED

DAVIS—In Artemesia the 22nd May, Thomas Davis, aged 78 years.

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SACREDNESS OF THE BETROTHAL.

Only Alcohol Wrecks More Lives Than Broken Engagements.

In the Ladies' Home Journal Edward W. Bok writes on "The Answer of a Girl's Life," discussing the allegation made against the American girl that she thinks lightly of the importance of her betrothal. "The betrothal," Mr. Bok asserts, "should be just as sacred as the marriage. It is the gravest of the two steps which bind two people together, because it is the initiative. Only the most extraordinary circumstances justify a breaking of the betrothal. Only one other agency in life—alcohol—is responsible for more broken hearts and wrecked lives than broken engagements. It is highly necessary that our girls should have a perfectly clear idea of what a betrothal means, or should mean, if it is a betrothal in the sight of God. A hasty impulse, the temporary swaying of a tumultuous, youthful passion, the confusion of admiration for affection, the mistaking of respect or love; these are not safe grounds for betrothals. It is never to the credit of a girl, in the eyes of men, that she has been engaged two or three times. Girls should remember that. Too often they think that men feel otherwise, or, perhaps, do not care. But men do: that is, the men worth marrying. A man looks upon an oft-engaged girl as he does upon a peach with much of the bloom rubbed off. Besides, men generally conclude that there is something wrong with such a girl. The right kind of a girl will know herself but once. An unhappy betrothal can be just as keen a sorrow as an unhappy marriage. It has darkened the life of more than one woman."

Kindness.

To be kind is not so difficult as some seem to fancy. The habit of kindness may easily be cultivated and is always profitable. A writer in Cassel's Journal relates an incident which well illustrates this point:

Some years ago a friend of mine owned a handsome retriever dog. The animal received more kicks than caresses from his master, and I was continually remonstrating with my friend on his cruelty to his dog, but his only answer was the usual one, "The more you kick him the more he will love you." I was very kind to his dog, and my kindness was well rewarded. One afternoon my friend and I tried to prevent his dog getting in the boat, but I eventually prevailed on him to let the dog accompany us. On the return journey a fog came on and the swell from a passing steamer swamped us, with the result that our boat upset, and we were struggling in the water. We could not swim and the steamer's crew could not see us, although they could hear our cries for help. As I was sinking the dog grabbed me and pulled me to the upturned boat; but I could not get him to try to save his master, who was drowned.

A Doll-Making Town.

Almost the entire population of Montreuil, France, is engaged in the manufacture of dolls' heads. The "biscuit" from which the heads are made is composed of lime and earth, mixed and trampled until it becomes a species of kaolin, which is better stooped several days, the longer the better, washed, filtered and strained again and again until it is dazzlingly pure and white. The semi-liquid is then poured in moulds, of which there are seventeen sizes, and when dry are turned out of the moulds and delivered to the women who insert the eyes and affix the ears, etc., after which they are baked forty eight hours in an oven which contains 2,500 heads. The heads, after cooling, are polished with sandpaper and the flesh tints laid on, after which skilful artists color the features and put in the lashes and eyebrows, and when the heads have been baked seven hours longer they are ready to be attached to the bodies, making the dolly which forms so delightful a part of Christmas to every young femininity.

Paddy Pottawatomy.

Edwin Forrest once produced a play called "Metamora." Supers were engaged to personate Indian warriors and among them was a bright Irish lad who had a deep admiration for the great tragedian.

At a point in the play where Metamora asks "Am I not the great chief of the Pottawatomies?" the supers are supposed to grunt "Ugh, ugh!" The stage manager had carefully drilled them on what the were supposed to do, but on the night of the performance the young Irishman was so transported by Forrest's acting as to quite forget that he was impersonating an Indian.

When Forrest turned to the assembled warriors and thundered forth, "Am I not the great chief of the Pottawatomies?" the Irish lad's enthusiasm broke through all restraint. He leaped into the air with a wild shout and brandishing his tomahawk around his head shouted, "Bogorra, ye are!"

How an Egg Should Be Boiled.

There is no better way to boil an egg than not to put it on the fire at all. Instead of this the boiling water should be poured upon the eggs and they then should be covered and set aside for ten minutes. Cooks who try this recipe complain of its uncertainty. If the eggs are done "just right," they are perfection, the white a thick custard and the yolk smooth and rich. But sometimes, at the end of the ten minutes, they are scarcely "set" at all, and sometimes they are too hard. The reason for this occasional failure is that a proper amount of water has not been allowed. This varies according to the contents of the saucepan. There should be a half pint of water—and it should have boiled hard for several moments before using—for each egg.

Mark Twain's Reply.

At a New England society dinner some years ago Mark Twain, had just finished a pleasant address when Mr. Evarts arose, shoved both of his hands down in his trousers' pockets, as was his habit, and laughingly remarked: "Doesn't he strike this company as a little unusual that a professional humorist should be funny?" Mark Twain waited until the laughter excited by his sally had subsided and then growled out: "Doesn't it strike this company as a little unusual that a lawyer should have his hands in his own pockets?"—Los Angeles Express.

Adding to the World's Good.

It is not alone those high in place or great in the world's esteem who have the opportunity of living a purposeful life and of accomplishing a part in the world's work. Whoever does a useful thing, and does it well and cheerfully, is contributing to the world's happiness and betterment. Whoever does no more than keep himself truly happy, is adding to the world's good.

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HOW DIFFERENT NATIONS EAT.

The Numerous Idiosyncrasies of Various People While at the Table.

The English are admitted by all unprejudiced foreigners to be the most refined eaters in the world. To see a well-bred Englishman go through the various stages of his dinner is to have a lesson in the art of graceful eating.

Very different is the behavior of the Russian, who does not disdain to use nature's weapons when he considers the latter more convenient than knife and fork.

The Frenchman will use a piece of bread in nearly all cases where he should use a knife. The German, on the other hand, plunges his knife into his mouth in a way that is terrifying.

The Swede cuts up all his food into tiny pieces first of all, and then, having laid aside his knife, proceeds to take up piece by piece with his fork.

The Italian uses a spoon quite as often as fork. He will employ the former for vegetables, and sometimes even for fish. The latter use of the spoon is somewhat curious.

The Japanese dinner uses chop-sticks, a form of implement somewhat difficult to manipulate without considerable practice, while the Chinaman tears his food with his long nails in a manner thoroughly repulsive.

The Greek swallows his meat in huge mouthfuls, and would probably devour a steak weighing half a pound in half a minute. Taking a very sharp knife, he divides the meat in to four or five sections, each of which he flings into his mouth in rapid succession. It is not to be wondered at that the Greeks suffer much from indigestion.

When all is said and done, the English method in the art of refined eating.—Tit-Bits.

Art and Aunt Jemima Pickles.

As regards artificial aid to make the plants look their prettiest, it is perhaps sufficient to say that what in this respect is healthful for human beings will suit the plants. But do not forget that the plant cannot take a walk on a pleasant day. Some fresh air should frequently be admitted to them from the window. In nature all plants and trees have their seasons of growth and of rest, a principle that must be observed in house plant culture. When, therefore, any plant, after a period of growth and bloom, shows signs of losening growth; water also should be somewhat withheld. In a state of rest fewer plants of a growth most kinds can get along with less sunlight also, and this we may take advantage of by putting some kinds of fuchsias, oleanders, hydrangeas and scarlet geraniums in a light cellar, where growth is suspended. Almost without exception it is best as the end of the growing season approaches, say in late winter, to shake the old soil from the roots and repot the plants into fresh earth.—Vick's Magazine.

Ablaze on His Wheel.

Frank Taxton of Glenville while returning on his bicycle from this village one day recently met with a peculiar accident. Through some unaccountable manner two boxes of parlor matches, which he carried in his coat pocket, became ignited while he was rapidly coasting down the Cobbleman hill. He did not see that the flames were leaping up his sides. Owing to the impetus of the wheel he could not stop, and there was a good-sized blaze in progress when he reached the bottom. A few rods further on was Sackett's pond. Taxton swerved the wheel to the right, passing through the gateway and splashing into the pond—fire, wheel and all. The water did its work well. Barring a scorched side and arm and a ruined suit of clothes, he is none the worse for his adventure.—White Plains (N.Y.) Argus.

The Horrible and Grotesque.

Not a few of the scenes a clergyman is called upon to witness are both grotesque and horrible. An old man had been ill for months, but hung to life with that wonderful pertinacity which is so common with old people. He was, of course, a great burden to his two daughters, who had to nurse him and at the same time earn their own bread. One day, on being asked how the old man was, one of the daughters, even while she stood by the bed, announced: "He's just the same, so is such a time a-dying. I wish 'd 'try up a bit, it's a hard for me and my sister, with our other work to do." It was terrible unnatural to see natural feeling all but destroyed by poverty, but there was something truly awful in the scene when the old man gasped over from his bed: "I am a making 'aste, ain't I? I've got no call for to live."—Cornhill Magazine.

Children's Answers.

Children's answers are always a fruitful source of amusement. A girl 15 or 16 years old, who had received what was supposed to be a good education, was describing to me her recent visit to the Tower of London. Among the many wonders she had seen was a sword given by Henry VIII. by Max Muller, an amusing though not altogether unnatural substitute for the Emperor Maximilian. If children are allowed to think for themselves their answers are amusingly original. What do you think makes the sea salt?" was a question put to a school class. A brilliant idea struck the boy. "Please, sir, the herrings." It makes one thirsty to even think of the saltness of the bloaters with which the boy was acquainted.—Cornhill Magazine.

Ashes With Stable Manure.

It may seem strange to advise applying wood ashes unleached to stable manure just before it is ploughed under. Yet this is often a good thing to do. While exposed to the air, especially if the manure be wet, so as to leach the ashes, there will be some loss of ammonia. But so fast as the manure and ashes are turned under this waste of ammonia ceases. The ashes cause the manure to ferment rapidly, and in contact with the soil none of the ammonia will be lost. In fact, much of it will combine with the potash in the ashes, forming a nitrate of potash, which is the most effective manure known.—American Cultivator.

Weight of the Average Baby.

The average baby boy weighs seven pounds and the dear little new girl a trifle over six pounds. When they have attained the full development of manhood they should weigh 20 times as much as at birth. That will make the average voter balance 140 pounds and his gentle sister 125 pounds. Mr. Baby, if he can be induced to stand up straight, will measure one foot eight inches, and Miss Baby one foot six inches in height on her birthday.

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Eggs, fresh	9 to 10
Hay, per ton	5 00 to 6 00
Potatoes, per bag	55 to 60
Wool	18 to 20
Beef	4 00 to 5 00
Pork	5 00 to 5 25
Hides	6 00 to 8 00
Geese, per lb	5 to 6
Turkeys, per lb	8 to 9
Ducks, per pair	40 to 50
Chickens	30 to 35
Apples, per bag	1 00 to 1 50
Flour, per bbl	5 00 to 5 50
Bran, per cwt	70 to 70
Shorts, per cwt	85 to 85
Chop, per cwt	1 20 to 1 20
Sheep Skins	40 to 90

Toronto Markets

Wheat, per bus	1 07 to 1 10
Barley	30 to 37
Oats	35 to 36
Peas	60 to 62
Butter	10 to 18
Eggs	10 to 10½
Potatoes per bag	70 to 75
Dressed hogs	6 00 to 6 20
Cattle market easy.	

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CONCERT
In the Methodist Church, Markdale, on
THURSDAY EVENING 26th MAY, 1898
BY THE CHOIR

Programme

First Part

1. Anthem..... "If I take the wings of the morning"..... Caldicott
2. Quartette..... "Tell me my heart"..... Bemby
Miss Simpson and Mrs Hill, Messrs Walker and Dowdle
3. Reading..... "The Sailor's Duet"..... Mrs Mitchell
Miss Mabel Rogers
4. Vocal Solo..... "Send down Thy blessing"..... Millard
Miss Simpson
5. Anthem..... "Jesus Word of God Incarnate"..... Gounod
The Choir
6. Reading..... "The Debtor's Society"..... Mrs Mitchell
Miss Mabel Rogers
7. Vocal Solo..... "Amore"..... Watson
Mr G W Armstrong
8. Duet..... "Tarry with me O my Saviour"..... Nicolai
Miss Simpson and Mrs Hill
9. Piano Solo..... "Salut a Perth"..... Kowalski
Mr J. H. Lundas

Second Part

10. Anthem..... "Awake thou that sleepest"..... Maker
The Choir
11. Reading..... "Old Daddy Turner"..... Mrs Mitchell
Miss Mabel Rogers
12. Quartette..... "God is a Spirit"..... Bennett
Miss Simpson and Mrs Hill, Messrs Walker and Dowdle
13. Vocal Solo..... "Oh happy Day"..... Gotze
Miss Mitchell
14. Reading..... "Difficulties in Frictions"..... Mrs Mitchell
Miss Mabel Rogers
15. Anthem..... "Seek ye the Lord"..... Roberts
The Choir
God Save the Queen

Doors open at 7:30, Concert at 8. Admission 15 cents.
Will be given in Harkaway Church Friday night, 27th. Same ice