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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The annual convention of the Euphrasia S. S. Association was held in Ebenezer Methodist church on Tuesday, June 16th, the following officers being chosen: Hon. Pres., Rev. J. F. McLaren, D. D.; Pres., Mr. Peter Smith; Vice-Pres., Rev. T. R. White; Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Boyd; Sec., Mr. T. Gilray.

The opening exercises were conducted by the President, Rev. J. F. McLaren, D. D., leading in prayer. The minutes of the last convention were read by the Secretary, and adopted. Mr. Gilray, the Secretary, received a vote of thanks for his services during last convention, the sum of five dollars also being tendered as a slight recognition of his earnestness. A motion was carried that Miss P. Sparling and Miss L. Neely be placed upon committee instead of Miss A. Patton and Dr. Danard, removed.

The first subject on the program had been assigned to the Rev. T. R. White, but in his absence Mr. Wm. Scott spoke on "Best Methods of Bible Class Teaching." His address upon this subject was very interesting. A discussion followed in which the following took part: Messrs. J. Lougheed, C. Morwood, D. R. Ellis and E. Fawcett.

Rev. T. R. White, having arrived, ably spoke on "The present attitude of the S. S. Association toward Temperance Legislation," showing the great evil of the liquor traffic at the present time. He advocated the total abolition of the bar as the only safeguard for the young. Messrs. Scott, Morwood, Camplin, Fawcett, D. R. Ellis, P. Smith and the Revs. J. F. McLaren, D. D., and C. W. Reynolds in the discussion which followed quite agreed with the speaker. A motion was made and carried that a committee consisting of Rev. T. R. White, A. Morwood, Rev. C. W. Reynolds and Rev. J. F. McLaren, D. D., make a report on the Temperance Legislation at the evening session.

The address of Rev. C. W. Reynolds on "S. S. Finances," was well received. Mr. E. Fawcett also spoke on the subject and the following took part in the discussion: Messrs. Lyons, C. Morwood, D. R. Ellis, and the Rev. J. F. McLaren, D. D.

Mrs. J. Camplin took up the subject of "Methods in Teaching the Primary Class," and gave a very able and interesting paper. It was discussed by the following: Messrs. D. R. Ellis, C. Morwood, E. Fawcett and the Revs. J. F. McLaren, D. D., C. W. Reynolds and T. R. White, all of whom expressed their thanks to Mrs. Camplin for her excellent paper. A motion was made that the paper be printed in the Markdale STANDARD.

A collection amounting to $2.12 was taken. In closing the afternoon session, Rev. T. R. White pronounced the benediction.

The evening session was opened by the President, Rev. C. W. Reynolds, leading in prayer.

The subject of "Illustrated Teaching" was taken by the Rev. J. F. McLaren, showing that when illustrations are used in the S. S. work, the teacher should be certain that they are not only true, but that they should be along scriptural lines used in proper relations. Messrs. C. Morwood, J. Lougheed and Rev. C. W. Reynolds also spoke on the subject.

The report of the committee on Temperance Legislation was adopted, the following resolutions being embodied in the report:

1. That congregations and temperance societies be urged to unite in applying to the township council to submit the local option act to the voters of this township at the next municipal election, the Rev. C. W. Reynolds to be Convener.

2. That all persons in the locality who attend political conventions use their influence for candidates pledged to support temperance legislation.

3. That all officers and teachers of S. S. be urged to have the scholars take the temperance pledge.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the press of this county.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. Pres., Rev. J. F. McLaren, D. D.; Pres., Mr. D. R. Ellis; Vice-Pres., Mr. Peter Smith; Treas., Mr. Wm. Boyd; Sec., Mr. Thomas Gilray; Committee Mrs. P. Sparling, Miss L. Neely, Mr. Wm. Scott and Mr. J. A. Camplin.

The treasurer's report for day showed, receipts $4.12, disbursements $7.12.

A motion was carried that in future a copy of program be sent to every person taking part; also that each S. S. Superintendent receive ten copies. It was decided to hold the next convention at Kimberley. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the ladies of Ebenezer for the very excellent refreshments provided for all present at the convention.

The "question drawer" was answered by the Rev. C. W. Reynolds, Rev. J. F. McLaren, D. D., Rev. C. W. Reynolds, P. Smith and C. Morwood discussing the questions and answers given. The Rev. J. F. McLaren, D. D., and Rev. C. W. Reynolds gave interesting addresses on "Teachers' Helps for S. S. Work," and strongly recommended the teachers to get a good commentary on the bible, in reference to lesson helps, such as the S. S. Times and other like publications. The subject was further discussed by C. Morwood and P. Lyons.

This closed one of the most successful conventions held under S. S. auspices in this township.

T. Gilray, Secretary.

Beaverdale

On the afternoon of Friday, the 26th, the school term was brought to a close very feelingly in a programme of rare merit, furnished by the teacher and pupils. Mrs. Robt. Johnston presided. There were readings, recitations, duetts and solos. Among the many might be mentioned a solo entitled, "My Alabama Home," by the teacher, rendered in her usual good style. We wish Miss Cæsar may enjoy her holidays as we enjoyed that musical treat. The teacher and pupils deserve great credit. Proceedings were brought to a close by singing and of the national anthem. The teacher and the elder girls served refreshments of the choicest kind, such as would satisfy the the longings of the greatest novice in the art of cooking.

Townline A. & E.

A very successful garden party was held on Friday evening at Mr. E. N. Brodie's. The barn raising at Mr. Leopards the same day, and the excursion to Guelph the following day, no doubt kept a number from attending. The proceeds amounted to a little over $31.00.

Mr. Geo. Hutchinson has his barn raised, and is now ready for the stone masons.

Mr. Geo. Richardson arrived home last week after a three weeks' visit among his friends in Walton, Scarboro and Toronto. He reports the prospects for a bountiful harvest as good around Markdale as anywhere this side of Toronto.

Quite a number from our neighborhood took in the excursion to Guelph, Saturday, and report a pleasant and profitable time spent at the Model farm.

EUPHRASIA COUNCIL.

The council met at the township hall, Rocklyn, on June 10th as an adjourned Court of Revision, all the members present, the reeve in the chair, minutes of last sitting read and confirmed.

The court took action as follows: Thos. Bailey assessed jointly with A. Goudy; James H. Hall assessed jointly with Alex Hall; Frank Bowser assessed as tenant to Cameron McRae; J. N. Boyd assessed as tenant to Jacob Neely; J. Walker assessed jointly with D. Walker; Alfred Kelly placed on roll instead of Mary Kelly; Joseph Fothergill assessed for the S. E. ¼ of lot 10 on the 9th con., and the name of George Rutherford struck from the roll; Robert Gibson assessed jointly with Joseph Fothergill; Geo. Walters assessed at tenant to A. C. Buchanan; Jacob Breadner assessed jointly with Robert Breadner; John Neely assessed jointly with Robert Neely; George Mower assessed jointly with John Mower; James and Fred Curry assessed as owners for E. ½ of 25 in the 10th concession; E. Soul, assessed jointly with Mrs. Soul; J. W. Patterson and G. W. Patterson to be assessed as tenant for lot 29 and 30 and A. C. Patterson as owner. The Court arose.

The council resumed at 2 o'clock p.m. for the despatch of general township business, all the members present, the reeve in the chair. Minutes of last sitting read and confirmed.

Pringle—Richardson—That the reeve and Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of $1000 from the Merchants Bank, Markdale—Carried.

Pringle—Richardson—That the taxes charged against R. C. Gilles, amounting to $4.73 and paid by A. C. Patterson be refunded to the said A. C. Patterson.—Carried.

Report of the committee re 24 and 25 sideroad in the 6th concession.—We, your committee beg leave to report as follows: First, that we consider it possible to construct a good road by straightening the creek and then only one bridge would be sufficient; second, as the road runs through mill property we would have to have a guarantee that said property would not be flooded; third, we regret that owing to adverse circumstances and the heavy expenditure on the roads during the present year we would recommend that as soon as finances permit and satisfactory arrangements be made that action be taken. J. W. Patton, J. W. Kinney and Wm. Pringle, Committee.

Richardson—Pringle—That the report of the committee re 24 and 25 sideroad be adopted.—Carried.

By-law No. 79 amending by-law 78 and by-law 80 authorizing the borrowing of $1000 was then passed.

The following accounts were paid: Wilson and McChesney, for repairing scraper, $1.30; Thos. Brady, for repairing Saugeen hill, 75c; Wm. Irwin, for work on 9th line and repairing grader, $5.73; C. W. Rutledge, for printing $8.00; N. L. Curry for goods supplied Michael Dillon, $5.23; A. C. Patterson, refund of R. C. Gillie's taxes $4.73; Dougal Carmichael, for contract on 24 and 25 sideroad, $22.25.

The council adjourned until the 8th day of July.

N. L. Curry, Clerk.

Holland Centre

The Methodist minister here, Rev. Mr. Ferguson, and family, moved from this circuit to their new home on Queen st. east, Toronto. While we are sorry to part with them we welcome the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Leonard, and family, of Goodwood. They are expected this week.

Miss Emma Price, of Toronto, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Price.

We noticed Mrs. F. Hamilton, Mrs. Price, Miss Boggs, Miss Norton, Mr. and Miss Armstrong, Messrs. George and Will Hampton among the many who took the train here for Guelph last Saturday to visit the Model Farm. They report an elegant time.

Mrs. Hanna visited in Chatsworth recently.

The public school closes to-day (Tuesday) for the summer vacation.

Harkaway

Mr. J. A. Halbert is getting to be quite a horse dealer. He disposed of three valuable horses one day last week realizing fancy prices, and we understand has purchased a span of handsome three-year-old colts from Mr. J. McKibbon, of Massie.

Miss Annie Carbert, of Strathavon, is taking a few days' needed rest at the parental home.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Olive Steer, daughter of Mr. J. Steer of this place, will be awarded first prize for "General Proficiency" in her form during the past year at Meaford High School.

Mr. R. C. McNally, of Markdale, and a couple of lady friends, spent a few hours at Mr. P. Lyons recently.

Mr. Joe Hawken jr. and sister, Miss Mary, attended a wedding near Owen Sound one day last week, Mary acting the role of bridesmaid.

Mr. A. Thompson, who has been working at the framing biz with Mr. A. Caesar, has been rusticating at the parental home nursing a boil on his neck, but it did not hinder him from taking his best girl on the Model Farm excursion.

Mr. Kennedy, of Owen Sound, spent Sunday at Mr. T. Bassett's.

The Rev. Mr. Garner delivered a very impressive discourse to an appreciative audience last Sunday.

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12½c. Ladies Black Hose for 9c.
50 dozen, 600 pairs, Ladies fast dye Black Cotton Hose, sizes 8½, 9, 9½. These are to be had in plain and ribbed, perfectly shaped and will give thorough wear. 600 pairs will not last long, but while they're here you can have them at per pair 9

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30 White Quilts, full size, good weight and splendid wearers. The price at which we are enabled to offer you these 38 away less than that usually charged by wholesalers—the saving being greater to your advantage if you buy quick, each 58

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