Acton Church Directory.

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.
SERVICES.—Sunday, Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 6.30 p.m. Class meeting after morning service and on Thursday evening at 8 p. m. Sabbath School at 2.30. Prayer meeting, General—Wednesday evening 8 p.m. Young People's Literary evening, 7 p.m. Bible class, Friday evening, 8 p.m. REV R. HOBBS, Pastor.

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SERVICES.—Sunday, Preaching at 11 a.m and 6 p.m. Gaelic sermon immediately after Sunday morning Service. Sabbath School at 1.30 p.m.
REV D D CAMERON, Pastor

CONGREGATIONAL.
SERVICES—Sunday, Preaching at 6.30 p.m Sabbath School at 2.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.
SERVICE—Sunday, Preaching at 6.30 p.m Sabbath School at 2.30 p.m
REV C R LEE, Incumbent

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SERVICES—Sunday, Preaching at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m Sabbath School at 2.30 p.m Prayer Meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at 8 p.m

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THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 26, 1880.

Shoddy Pedlars.

There is a certain class of "sharks" continually working among the farming community, who, from some cause, receive little notice at the hands of the press, and as a consequence, their operations at times assume mammoth proportions. We would refer more particularly at the present time to that class known as "shoddy pedlars." These enterprising individuals usually hunt in couples, the better, we presume, to carry on their illegitimate trade; and when a suitable customer is found, his chances of escape from buying is but slim, to say the least. Victims are usually "stuffed" with the idea that the clothes have been secured of some broken down tradesman, at a tremendous sacrifice, or that the goods are a part of a damaged ship load, which was bought at a fraction of their real value, in consequence; while the truth of the matter is that they are manufactured for the purpose, and sent out by irresponsible wholesale merchants, and others in the cities, for the purpose of entrapping the unwary. Being a man of means—these fellows do not hunt bad pay buyers—the farmer's note is taken until the fall, at which time an immediate settlement is demanded. The discovery that he has been deliberately robbed, will not help him; his name is to the paper, and he must pay it. Had the farmer taken his spare cash to some merchant in his own neighborhood fair value for his money would have been received. We do not hear of many of the farmers being taken in, for the simple reason that they do not feel called upon to parade their misfortunes before the world.

Fire at the Model Farm.

One of the Building's Destroyed.

About half past three o'clock on Saturday morning fire originated in the double dwelling house, at the Model Farm, Guelph, occupied by Mr. Barron, gardener, and Mr. Mahon, farm foreman. The fire must have been in progress some time, when Mrs. Barron was aroused by a crackling sound, and after listening for a time she called to the family, who were sleeping in the upper story that the house was on fire. They rose and dressed hurriedly, and rushed out of the burning building. About the same time some of the students, who had seen the fire from the Agricultural College arrived on the scene. Some of the students formed a line between the pump and the burning building, and passed pails of water, which were emptied on the fire, but which had little effect in allaying the flames. Others assisted in removing the furniture, and carrying it to a safe distance from the fire. A messenger was despatched on horseback to the city to apprize the firemen and procure their services. Meantime the furniture was all removed with very slight damage. Finally the messenger returned and stated that he had seen Chief Armstrong, who said it was useless to take out the engine as there was no water supply to draw from. It then became apparent that the building could not be saved, and the attention of those present was directed to the surrounding buildings which all escaped. The fire originated in a shed at the rear of the house and is supposed to have caught from an ash barrel. The loss is estimated at $2,000, and is covered by insurance.

The Donnelly Murder.

During the week very little interest has transpired in reference to the above case. The inquest which was to have been resumed on Tuesday last was further postponed until Tuesday next owing to the illness of the coroner Dr. Hossack. B. H Donnelly still continues to receive letters from all parts of the country containing threats, remarks and advices in every conceivable shape. Mrs. Connors and the boy Johnny yet remain in the city. It is the intention of the authorities to keep him there until after the trial at the Assizes.

Halton S. S. Association.

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The annual convention of Halton County Sabbath School Association was held in the Methodist Church, Milton on the 17th and 18th inst. A large number of delegates, consisting of ministers and laymen were present from all parts of the county.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Rev. John Histon, President, in the chair. After some routine business, statistical reports of the various schools in the county were read, and the delegates present reported their several schools verbally as well. Throughout the county there has been marked progress in all the departments of Sunday School Work. The president then addressed the convention and gave an outline of the work to be accomplished during the various sessions. The secretary then read his report, as well as the constitution and rules of the association.

AFTERNOON SESSION—DISCUSSIONS.

Devotional exercises concluded, the president declared the meeting open for the discussion of the topics given in the programme. Rev. Jos. Unsworth opened the discussion on his subject, "Illustrations, their use and misuse," and ably enlarged on the topic, giving various examples of how illustrations may be used with good effect, and showing how they are often misused. He said their use in Sabbath school teaching was to gain and hold the attention of the pupil; to enable their minds to besiege the idea of the teacher, and to impress upon their minds with a force that without them could not be impressed. The speaker said that though valuable when rightly used, they are often misused, and such is the case when stories and objects are used for an idea when nothing is behind them, and when an illustration is used to illustrate an illustration. Mr. Unsworth's remarks were very interesting.

Rev. Mr. Preston fully endorsed the speaker in his opening remarks on the subject. He did not like addresses which were largely made up of anecdotes, and thought that many speakers as well as teachers, sometimes went too far in this respect, but that there was beauty and force in good illustrations, when rightly used. Rev. M. C Cameron, presented the adaptability of illustrations, and enlarged on the beauty of Bible illustrations; gave a number of stories from the bible which possessed the directness sought in illustrating a point. He said there was no better field for illustrations than history, and that the teacher should take his illustrations from objects which a little child could understand. A number of others gave their opinions on the subject, and many ideas were brought out which will be of benefit to the Sunday school workers present.

SECOND DISCUSSION.

The second discussion of the session, "How may the influence of parents and guardians be best enlisted in the study of the Scriptures," was proposed by Rev W. Pirritte; but owing to Mr. Pirritte's absence, the president introduced the subject, and brought out some good ideas on the topic. Rev. Mr. Eccle thought the parents should try to influence the children by a personal perusal of the lesson with them. Youth is the time for a turning to God, and if neglected until the child is more mature it was a hard task to accomplish. Rev. Mr. Cameron—We all know the importance of the subject, and the importance of it should be sufficient to arouse the parent or guardian to an interest in the work given to the child by the teacher. Suggested a system of questions to be answered by them. Mr. John Waldie said he would like to spend more time in religious exercises with his children, but owing to the religious services of the sabbath, too little time was left which could be spent with the children. Mr. Johnston Harrison thought we should in every day life teach our children the scriptures, and not leave it all for the Sabbath. Is much pleased with the Berean Lesson Leaves, and recommended national lessons. Mr. R. Coates' object was to get the greatest number of parents to work, and to secure this would advise the use of the lithograph, and with it he could print a list of questions for each scholar to answer. The parents would read the questions and assist the children in finding the answers. Considerable interest was manifested in the discussion and the time occupied was well spent.

EVENING SESSION—PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Held in Knox Church. The church was well filled with an attentive audience. The president in his address referred to the want of enthusiasm in Sabbath school workers, and said that this was one of the greatest requirements of Sabbath School organization. We require time in which to get up work, and enthusiasm must be a part in the work, or it will fail. The Sunday School is one of the most effective gospel agencies of the day. The work is not only philanthrophic, but godly, and will produce more important results than any other church organization. This address was followed with an "Address of Welcome," by Rev. M. C. Cameron, pastor of the church, which was so complete that none present could think himself an unwelcome visitor. The next speaker was Rev. H. McPherson, whose subject was "Special characteristics of the successful Sabbath school teacher." The Rev. gentleman handled his subject in a very able manner, and his address was second to none delivered during the convention.

REV. MR. MILLARD—PROVINCIAL SEC.,

then addressed the audience on Sabbath school mission work, and the noble work being done by Sabbath schools in various parts of the world. His remarks were interesting and well received by his hearers.

After the collection had been taken up, and the announcements for the next day's session were made the meeting was closed by singing and prayer.

Hymns were sung after each of the addresses delivered, by the choir of the church, in a manner worthy of praise.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After the devotional exercises and calling of the roll, several delegates who were not present the first day reported their schools. General discussion was engaged in, referring to the changing of library books during school hours. Rev. Mr. Millard, provincial secretary, then took the platform, and addressed the convention on "The Sunday School Teachers' Power." A number of the principal points were that a teacher should speak that which he knows, and to do this must be converted. May have everything else, but if not converted is not fit to ask as teacher. He may teach, and do good, but has not the power he otherwise would have. Must have sympathy, and a personal acquaintance of the state of each in the class. And lastly must be a living epistle seen and read of all men.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

At this stage of the session the business committee presented their report, and recommended the appointment of the following officers for the current year:—

President,	Rev. Jos. Unsworth, Georgetown.
Vice-Pres.	John Waldie, Burlington, John Speight, Acton.
Sec-Treas,	Mr. R. Coates, Norval.
Man. Com.	Rev. J. Pringle, Georgetown. " M. McGregor, " " Jas. Preston, Milton, Mr. W. S. Hall, Hornby.

And Acton was recommended as the place for holding next convention. The report was adopted.

Rev. M. McGregor then addressed the convention on "The teacher in and out of school" which subject was dealt with in a very interesting manner, and received the undivided attention of the audience. Twenty minutes more were occupied in discussion, and the meeting adjourned to meet at 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—CHILDREN'S MEETING.

At the afternoon session there was a mass meeting of the children. A good audience was present but owing to the prevalence of illness among the children not more than half their number were present. Excellent addresses were delivered by Mrs. Cowan, Revs. W. Willard, M. McGregor, and M. C. Cameron, to all which the children listened attentively. The singing of the children under the leadership of Mr. Johnston Harrison was splendid and added much to the interest of the meeting. Rev. Mr. Millard gave a blackboard exercise and Mr. Harrison illustrated his method of teaching the children to sing. The children were dismissed at 4 o'clock after which several business matters were attended to, and the following resolutions presented:—

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved that we as a committee request the superintendent of the Sabbath schools in the county of Halton to send delegates from each school to report at the convention verbally as well as filling in statistical reports that may be sent them.

2. Resolved that we approve of the use of illustrations in the Sabbath schools taken from the bible and also from familiar objects around us.

3. Resolved that the influence of parents and guardians may be best enlisted in the study of scripture by their assisting the children in preparing the lessons given them by the teacher.

4. Resolved that, whilst Sabbath schools must necessarily employ such material as they have at their disposal, yet to be successful Sabbath school teachers they must be christian, intelligent, social and devoted individuals.

The meeting then adjourned until 7 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

After the opening exercises conducted by the president, Rev. W. Meikle was called on for an address on "What have we learned in the seven years of Bible Study." He remarked that the subject was too great to be exhausted in one speech but would confine himself to four points only. 1st, The Bible is one book, written by not less than 44 different persons, yet the book is one. 2nd. Its morality is one, various virtues have been taught in different periods of the world's history, but christian virtue alone never perishes. 3rd. It is given to one people. 4th. It points to one heaven. Each point was well worked out, and very nicely illustrated by the speaker. A short notice can give no correct idea of the address, which was listened to with close attention and deep interest.

Rev. James Preston delivered a very practical address on "The teacher's reward." Said he would take a text, viz: 1 Thess. 2, 19. Alluded to the Olympic games, their reward, a crown. So the christian worker, must strive for the right. Every soul brought to Christ by the teacher, would be a star in the crown. Said it was very necessary for every teacher to be sure of his own state first, having presented the truth to others he might not be rewarded, but be only a scaffolding which was removed when its work was done, would urge all christian workers to press forward, and not be contented with merely getting within the gates of the city, as that room was all occupied, go on, room ahead.

The secretary's report was presented, an abstract of which we present below:

Twenty five superintendents of the county reported their schools, and the summarized result is as follows:

Twelve schools are kept open all the year thirteen are only season schools, average time for all, 9½ months.

2132 names of pupils are enrolled, 288 teachers and officers. 218 of the former and 220 of the latter are reported as members of the church, while 71 have been added during the year.

In 24 schools the International lessons are used, 23 have libraries, 2526 volumes, 23 have examinations, weekly, quarterly &c.

The expenses, as reported (some 10 to $701.41 or about $30. per school. 12 have no expenses.)

Thirteen schools have raised in all $133.19 for missions.

In the absence of the treasurer, D. D. Christie Esq., of Acton, the secretary submitted the following report.

Cash on hand at last meeting	$5.00
Collections at Burlington,	15.13
Cash rec'd pr. supts. of schools,	8.00
Collections at Milton,	9.85
	$37.98
Cr.	
By Printing circulars,	$4.25
Mr. Millard's expenses '79,	3.00
Printing reports,	10.00
Postage & stationery,	4.50
Printing circulars,	5.20
Travelling expenses,	2 50
	$29.45
Balance on hand.	$8.53

The farewell addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Cameron of Milton and Meikle of Oakville. And the Convention closed by Mr. Meikle pronouncing the benediction.

Acton Village Council.

The village council met in Matthews Hall on Monday evening the 23rd inst., Members all present. Reeve in the chair.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by C. S. Smith, that the Auditors report be referred to the Finance Committee to report thereon at next meeting of the council. Carried.

Moved by D. D. Christie, seconded by N. McGarvin, that leave be granted to introduce a By-law to limit the number of tavern licenses and for fixing the amount to be paid for the same, and that said By-law be now read a first time. Carried.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Congregational church respecting the use of their bell for the village, beg leave to report that the Trustees of said church desire not to grant the use of their bell as it would probably interfere with the safety of the church property.

Moved by N. McGarvin, seconded by D. D. Christie, that the report of the special committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Congregational church in regard to the use of their bell be adopted. Carried.

Moved by D. D. Christie, seconded by W. H. Storey, that By-law No— to limit the tavern licenses and for fixing the sum to be paid for the same be now read a second time and that the council go into committee of the whole on said By-law. Carried.

The committee appointed to examine and report upon the sufficiency of the Treasurer's sureties reported that they examined the sureties of the treasurer of the municipality and believe them to be responsible and sufficient.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by N. McGarvin, that the report of the committee to examine the securities of the treasurer be adopted. Carried.

Moved by C. S. Smith, seconded by W. H. Storey, that By-law No— to limit the number of tavern licenses and for fixing the sum to be paid for the same be now read a third time and passed. Carried.

The Finance Committee brought in their second report as follows:—

Hart & Rawlinson, stationery,	$3.88
D. C. Robertson, constable's fees,	5.00
James Matthews, rent of hall 1 year,	30.00
	$38.88

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by D. D. Christie, that the second report of the finance committee be adopted and that the Reeve issue his cheques in payment thereof. Carried.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by N. McGarvin, and resolved that the council express the desirability of the school board taking charge and possession of the funds levied by the Corporation of the village of Acton for school purposes, and that the clerk of this municipality forward a copy of this resolution to the School Board of Acton School Division. Carried.

Council adjourned to meet *sine die*.

NEBRASKA.

John D. Wallace, of Ponsonby, Co of Wellington; Robt. Goulding, of Egremont, Co. Grey; Gideon Awrey, of Erin, and others, intend to leave Guelph for Lincoln, Nebraska, on Wednesday, March 3rd, at 2 p.m. The object of these gentlemen is to visit and examine the beautiful and fertile lands for sale by the "*Burlington and Missouri River Rail Road Company*," in South Eastern Nebraska. They will purchase and settle if pleased. Any person who desires to join this party can do so, and full information can be had by applying by letter to F. W. WARE, ACTON, ONT.

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