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**A COUNTRY CHURCH**

Clear-eyed and prim, with walls of white  
That tinged but did not stain the light,  
Neatly the floor church  
All summer open to the air  
And all that green a-quiet there.

About were tender, dreamy sounds:  
The stamp of nervous feet  
The mumble bees upon their rounds  
Where clover nodded sweet,  
A piping quail—the grain low-bent  
Showed where her furtive utterings went.

Next father in the pew's long row  
Came up and sternly said:  
Next mother—for she planned it so—  
The child who first would nod,  
Laying, when sermon-time oppressed,  
His puppy cheek upon her breast.

Bare stretched your aisle and long  
Your hour  
To many a childish wight,  
We church folk in his power,  
You blessed as angels might,  
Long years have gone—our faith is true,  
Long years we've prayed, because of you!

—Jeannette Penlington Ewing.



**OUR FOREMOTHERS**

Had I the harp of minstrel old,  
Or power of harp who lives in story,  
Or "burning Sappho's" gift of song,  
To herald forth brave deeds of glory,  
I'd tell no tale of knight or king,  
Or prince or any of his brothers,  
I'd want no sentiment on men,  
But sing the praise of our fore-  
mothers.

No fairer theme I'd ask if I  
For one brief hour could sound their  
Would that the virtues they possessed  
We later people might inherit,  
Talk not of times that tried men's  
Of souls.  
Of stouthearted dames, or any others;  
History records no grander deeds  
Than might be told of our fore-  
mothers.

Who was it in the darkest hours,  
When savage foes around were lurk-  
ing,  
That tolled to keep the hearthstone  
bright?  
Who saw the seasons come and go,  
Mid scenes so fraught with untold  
While homesick longings filled their  
hearts?  
These mothers in a land of stran-  
gers.

In celebration of that day,  
When we again our brains shall  
To tell of all the noble traits  
That make us proud of each fore-  
father.

Why may we not with equal pride  
Be grateful to the mothers in the story,  
And grant some needs of praise to  
them?  
Who shared their toils, if not their  
glory?

This tribute to their worth we pay,  
Believing it no empty compliment;  
On that historic Quebec block,  
More heroines than heroes landed,  
Long may they be our proud boast:  
The world has seen like them no  
others.  
Dedic we this old memorial toaf,  
In honor of our dear foremothers.  
—Sarah E. Bowdman.

**INTERESTING OVERSEAS NEWS**

Gleaned from the Acton Gazette, of Acton, Middlesex, England.

Owing to pressure of other matters, the usual column of news from the homeland Acton has been omitted for several weeks. That this feature has been greatly missed, ample evidence has been given by the frequent enquiries respecting its omission, both from Old Country readers and our Canadian homefolks.

The following gleanings will therefore be welcomed by readers generally:

Councillor A. E. Hinton, of Leyton, and his brother, Mr. H. W. Hinton, of Acton, Ontario, who is on a holiday visit to the home country he left sixteen years ago, were guests on the Chamber of Commerce excursion.

On Friday and Saturday the Acton Conservative Association continued its street campaign by holding meetings near the Western-avenue Hotel, East Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston, caretakers at the Acton County School for the past 29 years, are retiring in September. No less a sum than £127 3s. 2d. was collected in Acton on the second day held in aid of the funds for the relief of miners' wives and children.

An application from the headmistress of the Rothchild School for a gramophone to accompany folk-dances was refused at the last meeting of the Acton Education Committee.

Lord Newton, Sir George Leveson-Gower, and Mr. Murray Griffith, director of the Underground Railways, made their annual tour of the station gardens on Tuesday to judge the prize competition.

Ideal weather prevailed on Wednesday in last week, when about 70 members of the Ladies' Golf Club, Messrs. Evans, High-street, Acton, enjoyed their annual outing to Eastbourne.

William T. and his wife, Henry-road, Acton, was fined 10s. at Acton Police Court on Wednesday, for using indecent language.

An interesting feature of a pretty wedding which took place on Wednesday, in St. Martin's Church, West Acton, was that both the bride and bridegroom belong to New Zealand.

After five weeks' illness, Mr. Herbert Male, newsagent, of 13, Kingswood-road, Acton, passed away peacefully on Wednesday in last week at the age of 46 years.

Gordon B. Wightman, of Allister-road, Fulham, a bus conductor, was summoned at Acton Police Court on Wednesday for allowing an excessive number of passengers to be in the vehicle. He was fined 20s.

William H. Green, of Grave-road, Acton, who was summoned at Acton Police Court on Wednesday week for neglecting to maintain his wife and child, had a separation order made against him for 17s. 6d. a week.

A defendant's explanation that he had to keep an unemployed brother was not accepted by the Acton magistrates on Saturday as an excuse for the non-payment of his taxes, and an order for payment was made.

David Osborne, of Kent-road, Acton Green, who was summoned at Acton Police Court on Wednesday for employing a boy aged 13 years in delivering milk without an employment card and during prohibited hours, was fined 10s.

George Mackell (32) a laborer, of Brunel-street, Notting Dale, was fined 5s. and costs at Acton Police Court on Monday for being drunk and disorderly at Western-avenue, Acton, on Saturday.

Mr. J. C. McNish has been elected chairman of the Finance Committee of the London Divisional Council of the National Citizens' Union.

Sarah Wheeler, of Somerset-road, Acton Green, was fined 10s. at Acton Police Court on Wednesday for using obscene language in Acton-lane.

An alarming crash occurred just outside Acton Fire Station on Wednesday afternoon, when two commercial motor vans charged into each other head-on. The engine of one of the vehicles was completely smashed, and the other was much damaged. There was no serious personal injury.

How an Acton youth was drowned while bathing in the Thames near Kew Bridge was described by Mr. R. Kemp (West Middlesex Corner) at an inquiry held at Brentford on Tuesday into the death of John Henry Booker (17), 2, Seville-road, Acton Green.

The Saline Town Prize Band occupied the Acton Park bandstand on Sunday evening, and gave another of the capital performances for which they are renowned. Mr. G. Havill conducted. The attendance was very good, and the many acceptable items played were well received.

At St. Mary's Church, Acton, on Saturday, the wedding took place of Mr. Alfred Hubert Crichton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Crichton, 8, Spencer-road, Acton, and Miss Flora Winifred Jenkins, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jenkins, of St. Woodhurst-road, Acton.

For the first time since the war members of the Acton Chamber of Commerce enjoyed a river excursion above Windsor on Wednesday. The trip was an "all-day" one, the party leaving Acton G. W. R. station, where the railway company had agreed to stop a train, at 9.25.

Last year the arts master of the Acton County School, Mr. G. J. Butcher, conceived the idea of an exhibition of work done by pupils under his tuition. The headmaster, Mr. G. H. Clarke, concurred, and a successful and interesting show was held. This year the original idea was enlarged, and, on Friday, a complete display was staged of remarkable scope and variety.

Apart from the fare, all that a day's pleasure cost at Alexandra Park, once on Bank Holiday is a shilling. There are acres of grass and flower gardens at Alexandra Park, and the attractions will include military and naval bands, a motor gymkhana, well-known concert parties and minstrelsy, conjuring, Punch and Judy, ventriloquist shows, dancing on the lawn and huge carnivals in the evening, both at the Palace de Danse and skating rink, a world's Fair, boating, fishing, tennis, putting greens, donkey rides and fireworks.

and sixty years ago, nearer sixty than fifty, if I remember correctly. John was one of the older members of the family. He was a good scholar, but in summer time he would rather work on the farm up at his uncle Thomas Davidson's than go to school. He and Charley are about the same age, and they made a great team of workers on the farm. John still continues his visits to the Davidson farm. I believe he was there last week when he was here.

John fell in love with Nellie Whitley, daughter of the late Thomas Whitley, of Nasagaweya, and brother of Daniel, who died on Saturday last. It was a real love match. They were married in St. Alban's Church, where the bride's parents were active members in those early days. I am not sure whether they were the first couple locked in the bonds of holy wedlock in this sacred edifice, but they were among the first, at least. John chose farming as his life-work, and he observed at the outset to have a fair farm of his own. Farms were offering at attractive prices in the Marquette, Michigan, district, and he selected his homestead on the borders of the village. His brother, Tom, also purchased a farm nearby, and John and Nellie settled in their new home and went to work. They had a happy home. John was industrious and he prospered on the farm, and Nellie made the home a real home. Happiness reigned. Three or four children came and they were a blessing to the

home, and have grown up and made a success of life. The eldest son, John, in an agricultural university man, with pure seed for all farmers as his objective. His alma mater; his native state; his country, have all recognized him as a leader in this important enterprise. He has addressed college gatherings, state conventions, congressional committees, demonstrating the need for pure and improved seed, and the great advantages to the farmer, the state, and the nation when all become alive to the possibilities of the future if his recommendations are carefully carried out. Young Nicholson's name is one to conjure with in Michigan, and I am proud that he is a son of young folks who went from Acton to make their fortunes, and accede to the possibilities of the future.

After a good many years of happy and useful life, happiest in the home, but influential for good in the community, Nellie Nielson was called to her reward. Her's was the happy passing of a well-earned life; but what a blank was left in the home. The loss was felt everywhere. In the course of time my old friend John, feeling keenly the loneliness of the home, after repeated visits to the Ontario community, led another worthy Canadian daughter to the altar. Miss Malvina Black, daughter of my rugged friend, George Black, of the fourth line, one of the most fearless and successful enforcement officers of his day as License Inspector for Hinton County. —Woll, Malvina

has also made a happy home for my boyhood's friend. They have retired from the strenuous life of active farm life, and, while enjoying this jousened responsibility, are by no means inactive in community service. They go about doing good, and bringing cheer wherever they go. Mrs. Nicholson, practical daughter that she was in her present environment. She is expert in driving horses and usually expert in driving a motor car. In fact, on the two or three trips they have already taken in visiting Ontario friends this spring and summer, Mrs. Nicholson has been the driver of the family car throughout the journey.

It's good to meet these old-time friends who are coming week after week to visit the old home town and community, and have a handshake and chat, for old time's sake. "Come on home, boys and girls, for a visit at least. No one will be more glad to see you, or will welcome you more cordially than

*The Old Man*

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OVERALLS, with bib, extra good quality, Blue stripe and black, reg. \$2.25 for \$1.79

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COTTONADE WORK PANTS, extra strong and well made, reg. \$1.95 \$1.69

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Regular 29c for 19c  
Regular 39c, now 3 Pairs for \$1.00  
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Business has been as successful as could be desired.

We are staging this sale to make room for newer merchandise. When we started in business here every bit of our stock was up to the minute, new merchandise, absolutely no old stock or seconds in any line. It is the policy of this store not to carry over from season to season any article. We want to serve you with the newest merchandise in every line. We are clearing out all the season's surplus stock regardless of our cost. It will pay you to visit our store and stock up with your needs. We have listed a few of the many savings we have to offer.

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Yours sincerely,  
**McKeon & Powell**

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