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Vaughan Township S. S. Association.

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Vaughan Sabbath School Association was held in the Lutheran Church, Sherwood, on Thursday and Friday, the 19th and 20th of January, and was very largely attended. During the evening sessions the church was taxed to its utmost capacity, and judging from the attendance and attention the interest in S. S. work is not abating. The subjects were well chosen and the addresses were well given, and in summing up the whole matter it was one of the best conventions that has ever been held in this township.

FIRST SESSION.

The first session opened at 2.30 on Thursday afternoon by the President, Mr. J. Piercy, Teston, who gave a short address. The mass meeting of children was held during the afternoon. Teston and Carrville were present as schools, and many neighboring schools were represented. Mrs. Abbott of Toronto Junction, addressed the children on the subject "Christian Soldiers," which was well appreciated by all, and the questions she asked were well answered. Her special part of the subject was the Christian's armor which she beautifully described and impressed upon her hearers, and in conclusion hoped the teachers would help the children to buckle on the armor more securely in the future than it has been in the past.

The next subject was the S. S. lesson for Jan. 22nd. "Christ and Nicodemus" by Mr. T. L. Moffat, Weston. He used a blackboard to illustrate the principal thought of the lesson. He favored using a blank map and marking the principle places as the events happened in the lesson. In teaching the lesson he first dealt with the circumstances in connection with the lesson. The lesson was divided as follows: Nicodemus' earnest inquiry; Jesus' answer and Nicodemus' misunderstanding and Jesus' full explanation of the new birth and its divine source and His part in the work of Salvation. A warm discussion took place after this subject on the reason, Why Nicodemus came at night.

SECOND SESSION, THURSDAY EVENING.

Opened by prayer and praise service led by Bro. John Gillis. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. "Punctuality in S. S." was very ably dealt with by Rev. W. Collins, Pine Grove. After showing the duties of Superintendents, teachers, officers and scholars regarding punctuality and the responsibility of neglecting them. He clearly explained that it was not the law of the land nor any power outside of the school itself that set the time by. Those who set the time were responsible. Punctuality meant being on time, it allowed a person to come before time but never after. Unpunctuality he said was the most provoking and annoying habit on earth and one remedy was either to change time to a more convenient hour or better still to break one of the worst habits that ever befel the human race.

"How best to secure the Interest of the whole Church in S. S. Work," was the next subject, by Mr. H. Grose of Lefroy. He thought those who were called to be co-workers should take an interest in the S. S. work, and that if we were filled with the Holy Spirit we would want to work in the S. S., and that we are responsible if we neglect it. In conclusion he said if we cannot teach in the S. S., go into the Bible-class and encourage the S. S. by your interest, presence and prayers.

THIRD SESSION, FRIDAY MORNING.

Opened by devotional exercises led by Mr. L. Richardson. Minutes of previous session read and, with correction, approved. The statistical report of schools was given, but only 12 schools reported this year, but they were very encouraging. Edgely S. S. stands the highest in the number of scholars, 120; Maple (Methodist) second, 115; Thornhill (Methodist), 108. Amounts for S. S. work, Edgely first, \$128.58; Pine Grove (Cong.), \$84.76; Thornhill (Methodist), \$70.45. In mission work, Thornhill, \$24.11; Maple, \$12.21; Kleinburg, \$11.77.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$10.95.

Pine Grove was selected as the place to hold the next annual convention. Discussion by delegates on literature in the S. S. and out of it, led by the president. The discussion centered mostly on lesson helps, and the majority decided against the use in the S. S., but they might be used to good advantage at home. Mrs. Cook suggested the idea of a reading circle being formed in connection with the S. S. for developing the taste and cultivate a liking for good helpful reading during the week.

In closing this session I would record the remarks of Mr. H. Grose, who quoted the saying of an eminent S. S. worker who said, "Take your Bible, find the lesson, get all the helps you can, and you will teach the lesson from the outside; but take your Bible, and go into your closet, and get down on your knees, and pray with the Bible before you, and study from your Bible, and by the Holy Spirit teaching through you, you will be able to teach the lesson as you never did before."

FOURTH SESSION, FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Opened with praise and prayer service by Mr. J. Craddock. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

"The Teacher's own Knowledge of the Bible," by Mr. D. James, Thornhill. He said, we obtain knowledge by adding to what we know, and retain it by imparting to others. The better we are acquainted with the author the better we will understand the writings. In conclusion he said: We, as teachers, ought to have a thorough knowledge of the Bible, as we have children under us to impart knowledge to, and our time before the class is limited.

"Power of Habit," was ably, intelligently, and interestingly spoken on by Rev. A. E. Henderson, Woodbridge. Habits work an influence in moulding, defining and forming the character, which is but the sum of our habits. Habits originate in a sphere where they can be controlled, but by continued repetitions gain more and more power until they, if they are evil habits, may in time blight and destroy the brightest life; or if they be good habits, produce a bright, honored character. In conclusion he said that parents and teachers have a grand opportunity in laying a foundation of character in the children by teaching them to form good habits.

"Benefits of the S. S. to the Church," by Rev. W. Reid, Weston. The S. S. is the training school of the Church, the agency for bringing the young people into the Church, and for educating a spirit of giving liberally to mission causes and work.

"Primary Work" was taken up by Mr. T. S. Moffat, and teaching primary classes was well illustrated and explained.

"Benefits of the S. S. to Society and Individual" by Mr. J. Williams, Sherwood, was the last subject of the session. He showed how great the social, spiritual and intellectual benefits were.

FIFTH SESSION, FRIDAY EVENING.

Opened with service and song conducted by the President. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The sum of \$20 was given to Provincial work and J. H. Keffer appointed delegate to West York Convention at Toronto Junction, Feb. 9 and 10.

President-elect, Mrs. Wm. Cook, took the chair and addressed the convention. She thanked the convention for the honor the convention conferred upon her by electing her to such an honorable position. (I would diverge from the report to say that Mrs. Cook is the first lady ever elected to the president's chair by the association, and that she has taken a great interest in Convention Work and has proved herself worthy of the position.) Rev. C. A. Campbell, Maple, spoke on Capabilities and Possibilities of Childhood for Christ and the Church. He showed that the former was but the seed of the latter and in conclusion said that the capabilities and possibilities of the next generation would be infinitely greater than those of the past, but we must develop them by precept and example.

Character Building was the closing subject by Rev. J. W. Stewart, Maple. He impressed on his hearers the necessity of building aright and to have a good purpose, right plan, good foundation and good material. He urged the young people to commence at once and build a character to be proud of and one that God will be pleased with. After the usual vote of thanks to speakers, choir, the trustees of church, the retiring president and the entertainers of the convention, the convention closed by singing, God be with you till we meet again, and as the strains of that beautiful hymn rolled through the church and the benediction by Rev. C. A. Campbell fell upon the ears of those assembled the eighteenth annual convention passed out of reality into the annals of history leaving behind it impressions of good, benefits of Spiritual gatherings impetuous to S. S. work, an influence for bettering the community and closing one of the grandest and soul-edifying conventions ever held by Vaughan township S. S. Association.

J. H. Keffer, Sherwood.

Sherwood, Jan. 25, 1899.

Willow Vale

The skiff of snow that fell on Saturday night aided the sleighing slightly.

Mr. Brown lost a valuable horse on Saturday last, death was caused from Paralysis of the Heart.

Mr. J. Rolland and family have gone to Aurora to reside.

Mrs. Cutting, who has gone to Aurora to reside is almost convalescent.

Prescott Dutcher spent a couple of days last week with his cousins.

Mrs. John Grainger, who has been dangerously ill of inflammation, is still in a critical condition.

Albert Shanks sold a 3-year-old bull to the F. W. Stone Estate, Guelph, for \$70 and a 2-year-old steer for \$50. Hilborn Bros. also sold a ten months' old bull calf for \$52 to the same firm. All this stock is Herford bred and will be exported to Texas.

Among the prize winners in the Mulock Orchard contest is Mr. Robt. Reynolds and Mr. Hugh Ferguson of this place.

There has been considerable sickness of late, chiefly la grippe, but the majority are around again.

Hauling wood and sawing stumps is in vogue.

Mr. J. Cutting spent Sunday with his mother.

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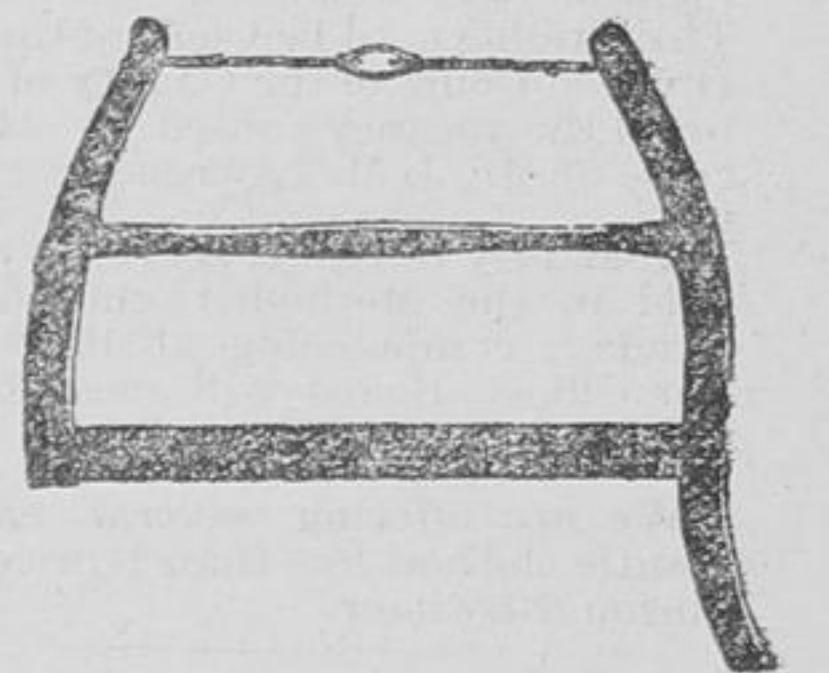
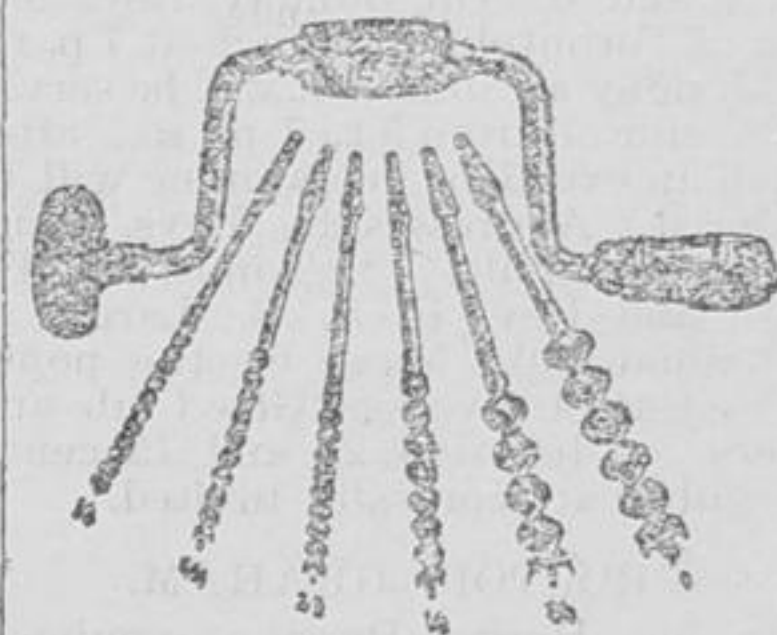
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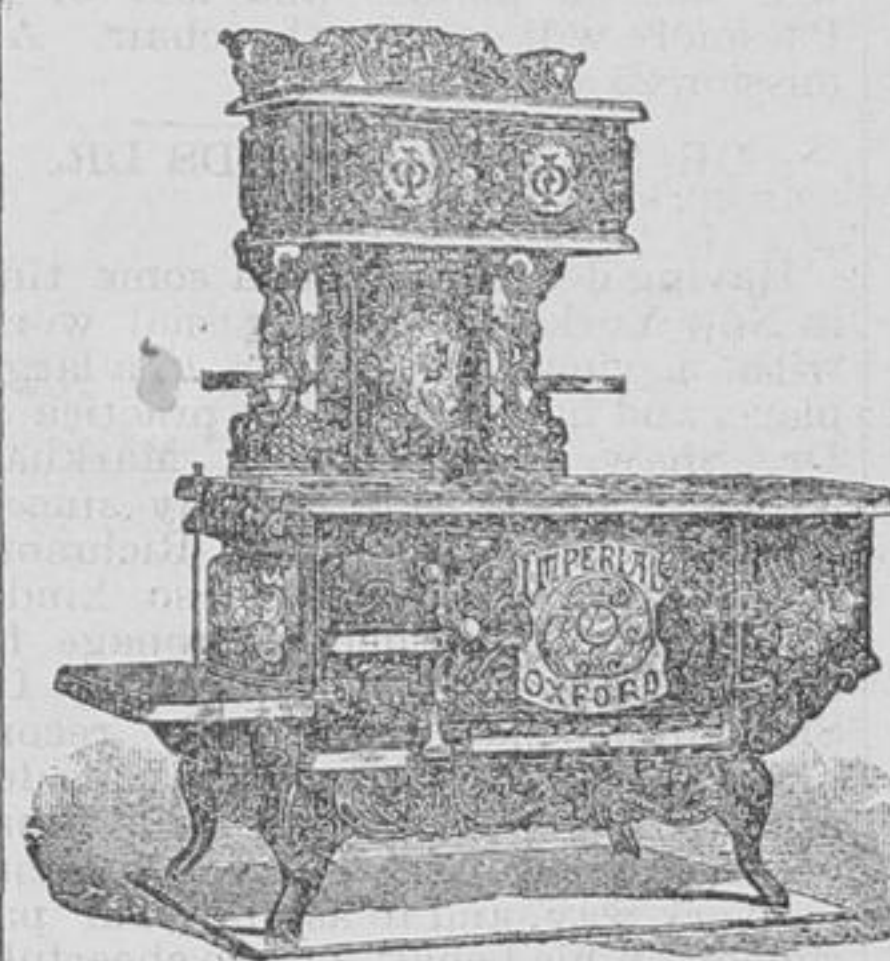
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