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Temperance Notes

OUR CHILDREN AND SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE TEACHING.

Ask any respectable father or mother, who is not in association with the liquor traffic, whether they want their taught Scientific Temperance in the schools, and they will answer "Yes." Every instinct of parental love demands that so long as bars are legalized and the drink habit destroys its thousands yearly, the children children shall not go out into life blindfolded to the evils of alcohol. Why even the saloon-keeper is often glad of the protection this knowledge affords his boy. It is only a couple of years ago since a saloon-keeper's son, attending a Middlesex County village school, took the prize offered by the local W. C. T. U. for passing the best entrance examination in Scientific Temperance. When the father was twitted about it by his friends he answered: "I make my living by the liquor business, because if I didn't some one else would; but I know its a bad business and I don't want my boy to have anything to do with it. I'm glad the public school is teaching him to let the stuff alone."

THE PRESENT REGULATIONS.

Anything that weakens the present school regulations on this topic will not be received with favor by Ontario fathers and mothers. We therefore predict, with confidence, that the alterations proposed by the Educational Association, which held its annual convention in Toronto Easter week, will not win the approval of those interested in the welfare of our young people.

The Scientific Temperance law as it now stands, asks for one hour per week of study upon this branch in the second and third forms and a brief specified course of teaching, covering only four chapters of a small book, in the fourth form, with an examination test at the Entrance.

IMPORTANT NOTES.

Enquiries made several times through the 250 W. C. T. U. organizations of this province, have proved beyond any doubt that because the regulations for the 2nd and 3rd forms do not call for examinations at the close of the year, the work done in these forms is far inferior to that in the 4th form.

It has also been proved, not only by Canadian experience, but by the much longer and broader test applied on the other side of the lines, that temperance truths apart from physiology have little lasting effect. It is after the pupil knows the structure of the lungs that he can appreciate the havoc alcohol can make among the minute cells through which he breathes. Temperance teaching and Physiology cannot be separated without great loss to the pupil.

PROPOSED CHANGES.

The alterations proposed by the Educational Association involve the dropping of the one examination now granted and the dissevering of the subject from Physiology. The Public School Section of the Educational Association, in their meeting on Thursday afternoon, April 11th, voted by a large majority against these changes. The same night the General Association, which was very slimly attended by the teachers, adopted the proposed alterations with some slight amendments.

The action thus taken does not actually effect any change. The Educational Department of the Government alone can do this. But unless the people protest against them, the recommendations thus made may have weight with the Department and cause future modifications of a law that needs strengthening instead of weakening.

Headford

Headford school report for the month of May:
Senior IV—Annie Barker.
Junior IV—Hannah Hislop, Alba Henricks, Nellie Barker, Maud Helmkay, Ruby Richards, Edna Clements, Lida Helmkay, Joe Elliott, Robbie Clarke.
Senior III—Annie Richards, Kathleen Rutherford.
Junior III—Maggie Hislop.
Senior II—Freeman Barker, Luella Johnston.
Junior II—Harvie Ness.
Senior Part I—Ida Barker, Harold Richards.
Junior Part I—David Hislop, Douglas Rutherford, Myrtle Comisky, Ethel Caldwell.
L. FOSTER, Teacher.

During the unfavorable weather of the past few weeks, it occurred to your Headford scribe (he having had ample time for musing) that a few lines from his pen might prove not altogether unacceptable to the large and ever-increasing list of readers of THE LIBERAL. With this thought in his mind he feels that the following jottings are the most worthy of mention:

Our former townsman, Mr. Charles Comisky, now of Wisconsin, is visiting his parents at "Model Farm," his wife having returned previously.

Our genial blacksmith, Mr. G. Caldwell, is doing a good business, which goes to prove that the surrounding public appreciates good workmanship, and is prepared to support home industry.

Mr. H. Sanderson, formerly of this village, now connected with the G. T. R., is spending a few weeks among his many friends, after having recovered from a severe illness.

Mr. Jos. Wice has disposed his fine trotting stallion, Vrowsky No. 2. Messrs. Milton and Norman and Miss Mabel White of Ashburn, were the guests of Mr. Charles and Miss Nellie Hopper over the 24th. Miss Mabel is remaining for the following two weeks.

Improvements in property seem to be contagious. Mr. J. Barker, Mr. D. Wellman, Mr. D. Henrick, Mr. P. Leach and Clark Bros. all seem to have received a touch of the epidemic. The annual picnic of the Headford S. S. will be held on the church grounds on the 22nd inst. It is expected that the usual accompanying circumstances will be attendant.

Maple

The people of this place were shocked on Sunday morning when it was learned that Mr. Henry Franks, one of our most respected citizens, had passed away. He retired on Saturday night apparently in his usual health, but shortly afterwards, not feeling well, called to his daughter. When she got to him he could not speak, and lingered until 4.30 a. m., when death came. By his death the Methodist Church sustains a great loss, as he had been class leader for many years. The sorrowing family have the sincere sympathy of all in their sad bereavement. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, and was largely attended, many being present from a distance.

The streets here have been in a very bad condition this spring, but it is intended to have them drained, and tile has already been secured for that purpose.

Mr. Fred Rumble, of the Toronto Post Office, is home on a three weeks' vacation.

The Sabbath School picnic, which was to have taken place last Saturday, has been postponed for two or three weeks.

It has been decided to hold the annual Garden Party on July 1st as usual.

Lacrosse Notes.

Lacrosse players are requested to turn out every night for practice for the first championship game on June 15th.

The following is the complete schedule of games in which the local team purposes taking part the present season:

June 15, Toronto at Richmond Hill.
June 29, Richmond Hill at Markham.
July 1, Orioles at Richmond Hill.
July 6, Richmond Hill at Tecumsehs.
July 13, Richmond Hill at Brampton.

July 27, Richmond Hill at Orioles.
Aug. 5, Tecumsehs at Richmond Hill.

Aug. 10, Markham at Richmond Hill.
Aug. 17, Brampton at Richmond Hill.
Aug. 31, Richmond Hill at Toronto.

A baseball match between east and west sides of Yonge Street will be played on July 1st before the championship lacrosse match with the Orioles of Toronto.

The lacrosse grounds are greatly improved since the grass has been cut.

Secure your season tickets from the secretary and help the boys along. Tickets admit to all matches.

The Shamrocks II of Toronto Junction play the Richmond Hill Juniors here Saturday, June 8th. Game called at 3.30. Admission 10 cents.

Concord.

School report for May.
Sr. IV—Edgar Bowes, Elmore Reaman.

Jr. IV—Elsie Troyer, Maudie Lee.

Jr. III—Margaret Stewart, Ethel Whitmore, Wilkie Bowes, Flora Golland.

Sr. II—Beatrice Reaman, Ross Charlton, Chas. Poole, Allan Fisher.

Jr. II—Jesse Bowes, Tena Vanderburgh, Pearl Miles, Maud Poole, Mary Golland.

Part II—Ella Reaman, Bert. Evans.

Part I—Pryce Evans, Eddie Clarke, Eddie Riddell, Ida Clarke.

Present every day—Elmore Reaman, Edgar Bowes, Ethel Whitmore, Ida Clarke, Eddie Clarke, Roy Keffer, Norman Bowes.

Aggregate attendance for month, 855.

Highest daily attendance, 51.
Average daily attendance, 42.
E. J. A. JOHNSTON, Teacher.

Constable Boyd Murdered.

A desperate effort of the three Aurora bank burglars, Frank Rutledge, Fred Rice and Thos. Jones, to escape from custody, was made in Toronto Tuesday evening shortly after 6 o'clock. The three prisoners were being conveyed in a cab from the Court House to the jail, in charge of County Constables Wm. Boyd and Walter Stewart. At the corner of Sumach and Gerrard streets, a confederate threw into the cab a parcel wrapped in a paper, which contained two loaded revolvers. The prisoners and the officers scrambled for the weapons, and notwithstanding that the prisoners were handcuffed together, Rice managed to get hold of one of the revolvers first. He immediately shot Boyd who died about an hour afterwards. The other constable was immediately covered by revolvers and saved his life by throwing up his hands, and telling the desperadoes to make good their escape. They immediately jumped out of the cab and boarded a passing car. Stewart followed them and about twenty shots were fired by both parties. Stewart shot Jones twice—once in the arm and afterwards in the body. The prisoners were eventually overpowered and taken to the jail.

Langstaff

May Honor List:—
Sr. IV—Emily Boyle, Mabel Gooderham, Flossy Casely.

Jr. IV—Almedia Clubine, Warren Page.

Sr. III—Arthur Ball, Annie Chapman, Margurite Boyle, Emma Chapman, Cora Weldrick.

Jr. III—Freddie Page, Otto James.

Sr. II—Herbie Luesby.

Jr. II—Lorne Gooderham, Boynton Weldrick, Mary Lowery.

Jr. Pt. II—Fred Chatterley, Mabel Chatterley, Robbie Lowery.

Sr. Pt. II—Myrtle Weldrick, Garland Langstaff.

Sr. Pt. I—Florence Gooderham.
Jr. Pt. I—Gludys Ball.
LOTTIE WALDRON, Teacher.

AN HUNDRETH NUMBER.

No finer piece of artistic printing has ever been seen in Canada than the Hundredth Number of the Canadian Magazine. Its handsome cover pictures a stalwart young man having just completed the chiselling on a statue of the figures "100." There are a number of general articles and stories, such as "A Canadian in China, with numerous photographs taken during the late war; "A Canadian Negro, V. C." illustrated; "The Snake's Paradise," by W. A. Fraser; "Robert Grant Haliburton," by Lieut. Col. G. T. Denison; and "Wild Motherhood," a moose story by C. G. D. Roberts, with illustrations by Arthur Heming. The special articles of the month include: "A Century of Canadian Magazines," "A Decade of Canadian Prose," "A Decade of Canadian Art," "The Purpose of a National Magazine," "Making One Hundred Magazines," and "Literary Reminiscences." The number contains 108 pages of reading matter and seventy illustrations, and is something which may be treasured by every patriotic and educated citizen.

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