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A. B. C.
What do these letters stand for? B stands for BIBLE, and H is, therefore a very great letter; perhaps it ought to be put first, thus: B. A. C. D. E. F.

The Bible is the supreme book of all time. When it was much smaller than it is to-day the Psalmist, who was a man of God, delighted in it. You may read of this in the first Psalm: "His delight is in the law of Lord".
So it is plain that even when the Bible had no New Testament, and when the Psalms which people love to read now-a-days were not in it, it was a joy to those who studied it and they never tired of reading it and thinking about it. It is just the same yet. Those who read it most like it best: "and in his law doth he meditate day and night".

People loved it in those old days—what there was of it—because it helped them to live, and have something to show for having lived: "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper".

My friend, if you wish to "make good" in the best sense, read the Bible and read it again and think about it a great deal and let it sink into your heart. It is God's book, and it has so much life in it that nothing can kill it. And if you will give it a chance it will make you live well and it will make you live for ever. It has words of eternal life.

C stands for CLASS: We have been talking about life; and so we must remember that no man liveth unto himself. You will have to take account of the OTHER MAN if you are really to live. And if you wish to profit greatly by the study of the Bible you must study it alone, meditate upon it, think it over and over, to be sure; and you must also hear the OTHER MAN'S ideas about it,—because it is intended to teach you to live with him, and him to live with you.

In fact you had better study your lesson well at home and then go to Sunday School and hear what the CLASS has to say. Religion is a social thing and you will get something to the point if you go the CLASS. You see what a Bible Class is for.

A stands for ADULT. I am writing to grown-ups who do not go to Sunday School. Most sensible people regret that they did not have a better chance to get an education when they were young. They had to leave school too early. Very well; here is a school you may go to. It meets every Sunday. The Teacher is the living spirit of God, and there is none to compare with Him. But He has an able assistant who is a man like yourself and he will help somewhat.

The Sunday School people wish you to come along with them to help to study the Bible. Both the Teacher and the Superintendent will be pleased to see you.

So A B C stands for Adult Bible Class.

If you cannot possibly get out to Sunday School the Sunday School people, who do all their work without getting any money for it, have another idea.

They want you for the H. D.
H is for Home. You may be at home and at Sunday School too by joining the H. D.—the Home Department of the Sunday School. Some folks cannot go to the school building to study. They may be invalids or they may live too far away, or something like that. The School will go to them. If you are in the class who cannot go to the Superintendent of the Home Department will gladly put you on his roll and see that you get your lesson help and your Sunday School paper. Then you will belong to the great S. S. army that like the British Empire encircles the world. If you really cannot go to the school to study, you may be sure that God will aid you to study at home. But if you are just lazy I do not think you need count on Him. "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

Do you not think it would be a fine thing and add a new interest to your life and bring you into closer touch with the eternal word, of God, which liveth and abideth forever, if you should join the A. B. C. If you cannot do that then join the H. D.

Some of your friends will be around to see you about it on Sunday, May 20. Think about it, pray about it, and maybe it will seem to you right and wise and good to join the A. B. C. or the H. D.

A Sidewalk Horse

Monday night Mr. Forbear of Maple made a business call at Mr. Nicholls, leaving his horse and buggy in the side entrance, untied. The horse backed out and started northward on the narrow sidewalk. The horse dashed between balcony posts and maple trees, less than six feet apart, and never left the pavement until it reached Skeel's grocery where it was caught by W. Comisky and T. Allison, and returned to its owner, without a scratch to animal or vehicle.

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Tennis Notice

A meeting of the Richmond Hill Tennis Club will be held in the High School on Tuesday, May 1st, at 8 p.m. All members are urgently requested to be present, also all who wish to join are asked to be present that evening, as teams will be drawn for the tournament and anyone wishing to play in same must have their membership tickets by that date. Grounds have been secured and games will commence shortly. An invitation is also extended to all people who wish to join the Club as Honorary Members to be present that evening.

MAPLE

On Wednesday of last week Miss Etta A Richardson was married to Mr. R. E. Collins of West Hill. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. W. Dean in the presence of the immediate relatives. After the wedding breakfast the bride and groom departed for their home in West Hill.

The Women's Missionary Society held its annual meeting for the election of officers, at the Parsonage last Wednesday afternoon. All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The funeral of the late Laura Fisher daughter of the late David Fisher of Concord took place here from Toronto on Tuesday.

School report for March. Names in order of merit.

Jr. II.—Gilbert Mathewson, Rupert Jackson, Gordon Line, Lester Pilon, Joyce Annis, Doris Line, Winnie McDonald, Aberdeen Campbell, John Beck, Orland Downey, Nellie Beck, Verna Line, Ruth Robinson, Kathieen McMahon.

Sr. I.—Lael Lamer, Wm. Johnson, Gladys Chapman, Ruth Fry, Arthur Jones, Grace Montgomery, Irene Pilon, Ruth Pollock, Viola Byam, Clarence Line, Azala Fierheller, John Liege.

Sr. Primer—Beatrice Mathewson, Norman Pruner, Jas. McLean, Hazel Rumble, Jas. McMahon.

B. Primer—Zelma Pollock, Sarah Mathewson, Frances Johnson, Eleanor Gray, Jean Latham, Mona Cousins.

A. Primer—Bert Mathewson, Gwendolyn Beck, Irene Jones, Dell Jones, Howard Mathewson, Murray Downey, Lloyd Annis, Jessie McLean, Eddy Martin, Murray Mulloy.

E. M. McQuarrie, Teacher.

Maple Farmer's Club

The Farmers of this vicinity held a meeting on Saturday evening last at the Temperance House, Maple, to consider organizing a Farmers Club. Mr. Thos. Keffer, secretary of the Edgeley branch of the U. F. O. was selected as chairman for the meeting.

Mr. Morrison of Toronto, secretary of the United Farmers of Ontario, was present and gave a very interesting address showing plainly to the large number present the necessity of organization among the agriculturists from the view points commercially and politically, and how the farmers of to-day are awakening up and realize the situation which confronts them. At the close of the meeting a Farmer's Club was organized to be known as the Maple branch of the United Farmers of Ontario. Mr. W. T. Cook was elected secretary.

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