

Mr. and Mrs. Hollingshead of Newmarket were guests at Mr. Cook's over Sunday.

The Epworth League will pay a friendly visit to the Aurora League next Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fortner of Toronto, spent a few days at Eastertide with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wright.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. J. H. Sanderson next Tuesday evening at 7.30. Good programme.

Don't forget to see us about that "White Sewing Machine." A good time to buy now. The Richmond Hill Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry and Master and Miss Henry of Peterborough; also Mrs. and Miss Lyster of Toronto spent the holidays at Mr. D. Hill's.

A meeting of the Directors of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society will be held in the Council Chamber, Saturday 6th, at 2.30 o'clock.

The Newmarket Era last week quoted Maple Molasses from 80 cents to \$1.00 per gallon. The quotation, however, was from its files "fifty years ago."

Mr. Harold Hagerman of Markham and Mr. Will Mackie of Stouffville, both of the Standard Bank staff, spent their Easter holidays at their homes here.

Like almost everything else inks have taken an advance in price. Small bottles of ink which heretofore sold for 5 cts will hereafter be 7 cts. a bottle. Small bottles of mucilage are also 7 cts.

Mr. Albert Brown who had been on the staff of the Standard Bank here, left for the West Tuesday night. He is going into farming in partnership with his brother Henry.

Mr. W. Trench, B. A. principal of the High School at Prescott, attended the Ontario Teachers Association in Toronto camp and spent a few days with his relatives here.

We have secured the services of Mr. Mahony a tinsmith and will now be prepared to do all kinds of Tin and galvanized iron work, cavertroughing, funnaces, etc. The Richmond Hill Hardware Co.

Mr. W. Graham has sold his brick house on Roseview avenue to Mr. Bert Jackson of Toronto, formerly of Maple. The deal was put through by Mr. A. G. Savage. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson will remove here in a few weeks.

The Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Stirling on Wednesday, April 10th, at 5 o'clock. Mrs. T. A. Patterson of Agincourt will give a paper on Horticulture; a solo by Mrs. N. J. Glass, and a violin solo by Mrs. Stirling. Roll call. Flowers.

Mr. Gordon Sloan who has been at Pembroke for the past winter spent over Easter at his home here. He has accepted a position as traveller for the Colgate drug Company, and his territory will be the Montreal and Ottawa districts and the Lake shore.

Hand made, fancy bread in Canada went off the market on March 15, under the Canada Food Board's new regulations. Standard war flour, meaning flour about two per cent coarser than ordinary, may only be used for bread from henceforth.

Rev. Peter Addison will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday morning. Mr. Addison was superintendent on this circuit when the church was built, 33 years ago. Doubtless many old and new friends will be out to hear the venerable old gentleman Sunday morning.

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**Miss Trench Resigns**

To the Editor of The Liberal:—

Dear Mr. Editor,  
Will you kindly insert this article in a prominent column of your valued paper. I feel it incumbent upon me to offer an explanation to the public for my resignation at such an unseasonable period in the school year. Firstly the following letter was sent to me.

Richmond Hill, Ont.,  
March 25th, 1918

Miss Mary Trench  
Dear Miss Trench:  
In view of the fact that the Board of Education has had repeated complaints from parents that you have used corporal punishment for imperfect lessons, such as mistakes in spelling, the board hereby urges that corporal punishment be used only for cases of misconduct of a serious nature and never for imperfect lessons. It also recommends that corporal punishment of little girls be avoided entirely, on behalf of the Board,  
G. A. McDonald,  
Secretary Treasurer.

To which I have returned the following reply.  
Richmond Hill,  
March 30th, 1918.

Gentlemen:—  
The letter I received from your secretary dated March twenty-fifth expresses such lack of confidence in my school work that I therein tender my resignation of the position I am holding on the Richmond Hill Public School Staff.

Yours respectfully,  
Mary Trench.

Basing an opinion only on the above letter the school community of Richmond Hill will surely wonder that they have for eleven years endured the inhumanity of so cruel a teacher.

However permit an example of the high sounding "Corporal Punishment" referred to above. It has been a habit in my school room to give each week a short test in arithmetic. It was noticed that carelessness was often the cause of the failure to accomplish the correct answer. Therefore, because carelessness is a habit, I with the sanction of the Principal, warned the children that in the following week I should use the strap if pupils thus careless failed to "make marks". Some failed, therefore after the test I conspicuously took the strap from the drawer and walking down the aisle administered upon the hands on the desk of three girls and two boys two or three slight taps with the strap, in only one case trying to make it felt. This is the case that has called forth a complaint, that punishment was given the children for not knowing their lessons, and has proved to be the climax for action. You will plainly see that the true cause of punishment was quite other than that stated. In an address delivered to the North York teachers, by President Falconer of Toronto University, a few years ago, he expressed that insistence upon accuracy was the one point where the Public School teacher could help the university.

Concerning mistakes in spelling, a year ago last September a class came to me some pupils of which had been in my room when I taught a junior grade. I knew the pupils and their capabilities. Several of them were only recommended in September having failed in Spelling. I knew the cause of their failure was carelessness or to be more exact laziness. I determined, if possible to raise these pupils to the standard, therefore with the sanction of the principal I strapped several of the children, not as you will see, for imperfect lessons but for not trying, which Mr. Editor is a vastly different view of the same result. The boy of one of the present members of the School Board happened to be in that class and I must say the strapping had a helpful influence during the whole year. There was also the son of an irate female who I believe lodged a complaint. Since that time similar punishment has been given for a like offence.

Again a member of the present School Board accused me of striking his son on the head. I believe this action was discussed at two Board meetings separated by an interim of ten months. I should be pleased to demonstrate upon the body of any child even upon one I most loved, the "Corporal Punishment" administered at that time. I recall it distinctly. The lad was stooping over with his back hunched up, and I gave him a rap with my hand, not far from the head, it was up toward the back of his neck, to call him to writing position. These instances as you see cover an interval of about two years. I think probably as many more might be exposed in a somewhat longer period of time. Mistakes and wrong doings are cumulative and I have no doubt that when all one has committed in eleven years are collected they will make an accusing pile.

Mr. Editor, and the Dear Public I take pleasure in saying that my school-room will be found to be an abode of happiness generally speaking. Truly vexations arise, the teacher is firm, perhaps severe, but too much a lover of children to deliberately and viciously cause them pain. But certainly pupils marking time are her abomination, and if parents had any conception of the detriment caused by inattention to the character, they would not advise or urge that their children be allowed to spend time in idleness. The aim of attendance at school is education. Discipline is a necessary accompaniment. Discipline is not the end but merely a means toward the end. When a man favours punishment for discipline but not for "not knowing lessons" he surely fails to see that punishment, that is corrective discipline, has no place anywhere in the universe except as a means toward the education.

Concerning "serious misconduct" permit me to say it is a rare condition in a well managed school room. I can't recollect when such a case has arisen amongst my pupils. Mr. Editor, without extenuating my mistakes, which we all make, (as a mother wisely informed me recently) I should like to say that the children under my care for six hours a day during nine months of the year have been carefully guarded from harm to their bodies, from unnecessary hurt to their spirits, from stain to their morals as they would have been, had they spent such a time under the loving care of the fondest parent. I therefore, resign my position sorrowfully, but not with keen remorse for meditated unkindnesses.

Regarding corporal punishment of little girls—a little girl can be as naughty as a little boy, and it seems to me that a wrong doing that calls for punishment of the boy should not be condoned in the case of a girl. A wise parent does not discriminate, why should a teacher?

The School Board has in my opinion, shown itself unworthy of the trust of the school community through its lack of wisdom in dealing with the "repeated complaints". No attempt was made to discover their truthfulness. At no time was a visit paid to the school room where their presence would not at any moment, have altered the management of the class, and the principal, who was in a position to know and to advise, was absolutely ignored. The board has passed judgement without data, Mr. Editor.

I thank you for your kindness in publishing this necessarily lengthy attempt to give Justice a voice for Justice herself has no place in this action of the School Board.

Yours respectfully,  
MARY TRENCH

**Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, April 7th, the minister will preach at both services, in the morning on "The Great Achievement" "For Me to Live is Christ", in the evening, "The Full Cup", "My Cup Runneth Over."

The Grant Mission Band will meet at the Manse Saturday, 3 p. m.

The funeral of Mrs. Day, widow of the late Rev. Benjamin W. Day, took place at the local cemetery, Wednesday afternoon, the service being taken by Rev. R. Herbison. Many years ago Mr. and Mrs. Day were married here by the then minister, Rev. Jas. Dick. When their first sorrow came, their hearts turned back to the place of their marriage and the child was buried here. They resolved then to make it their own last resting place, and in the plot secured, Mr. Day was buried four years ago. Their son is now the minister of the Northern Congregational Church in Rosedale.

**Mitchell-Reaman**

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Reaman, Carville, Ont., on March 28, at two-thirty p. m., when their daughter Pearl Mabel was united in marriage to Ambrose C. Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell, Edgeley, Ont. The Rev. R. McKee conducted the ceremony and Miss Minnie Reaman, sister of the bride, played the wedding march. The bride who was unattended, was given away by her father and wore a dainty gown of ivory silk crepe-de-chine, and carried a sheaf of pink carnations. She wore the groom's gift, a pearl sunburst. Later Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell left for a short wedding trip, the bride travelling in a smart suit of navy blue serge and a white hat. They will reside at Edgeley, Ont.

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