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(By E. J. Hitchcock)

THE CHOIR

After its inception, or perhaps better, its organization, the Wesley church choir was one of the best of that day. Under the guidance of the organist, Jos. Perkins, the choir grew and prospered and added much to the meetings by leading in song as well as going out to other places to assist. There was a set of rules that each member duly observed and helped to carry out, thus engendering a good feeling of comradeship that helped to keep the spirit of song in a healthy state. The rules and regulations of Victoria Square Choir are now presented for your perusal. Victoria Square, Markham, February 14th, 1872.

We, the undersigned, assent to the following rules and regulations for the conducting of a choir at Wesley church at the above place:

Rule 1. Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President and Secretary, who shall be elected annually by the choir.

Rule 2. The duties of the President shall be, to preside over all meetings of the choir, to select tunes and anthems for singing, to receive and answer invitations to sing, should any be given, and to preserve good order.

Rule 3. The duties of Vice-President shall be, to assist the President in preserving order, and to act in his absence.

Rule 4. The duties of the Secretary shall be to attend all business meetings of the choir, and keep a copy of the minutes of each meeting.

Rule 5. The number of members of the choir at no time shall exceed 20.

Rule 6. That no person shall be admitted into the choir unless he or she bear a good moral character.

Rule 7. That all voting be done by a show of hands.

Rule 8. That all proposals for membership shall be in writing and shall lay on the table one week for consideration.

Rule 9. That all persons joining the choir shall be admitted by a two-third vote of all the members present.

Rule 10. That any person absenting himself or herself from the practice of the choir, except through lawful business or sickness or family affliction for four weeks in succession or without other sufficient season shall be expelled.

Rule 11. That any member who shall refuse to obey the order of the president when called to order, or use any improper language in practice room or in the church or wherever we sing, shall be fined the sum of twenty-five cents and on refusing to pay shall be expelled from the choir.

Rule 12. That if any member be guilty of any immoral conduct such as will bring disgrace on the choir shall be expelled.

Rule 13. That any member shall have the privilege to bring a friend to the practice room but in no case shall the visitor be allowed to sing without an invitation from the president.

Rule 14. That a standing committee be appointed annually by the president to consist of five members of the choir for the general business of the same.

Rule 15. That these rules shall not be altered, amended, or abridged unless by a two-third vote of all the members of the choir, and we do ratify the above rules and are willing to comply with them by attesting to them our names, the present choir with power to add:—John Perkins, President; Mary J. Trudgeon; Mary J. Bowman, married now; Elizabeth Allison, married now; Ellen Walker, married now; Sarah A. Tipp, married now; Harriet Walker, married now; Bethesda Stoutenburgh, married now; Mrs. Colin Shell; Sarah McKinnon, married now; Colin Shell; John Trudgeon; William Lawson Jr., Secretary, married; Edward Sanderson, Vice-President; Robert Stoutenburgh, married; Samuel Brown, married; Joseph Perkins, Organist; Eunice P. Cook, married; Maggie Lawson, married; Maggie McLean, married; Elizabeth Sanderson, married; Sarah Walker, married; Alice Brunskill, married; M. W. Forsythe, Organist; Emma Tran, married; Mary A. English,

married; Milton Fierheller; Martha Brethour, going to be soon I think.

The Wesley Church Choir met for practice and also for the transaction of general business.

Moved and seconded that the foregoing rules and regulations be adopted. Carried.

The following committee was appointed by the president for the transaction of business in general: Edward Sanderson, Samuel Brown, John Trudgeon, Joseph Lewis. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Mr. John Perkins do act as president of the choir. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Mr. Edward Sanderson do act as Vice-President of the choir. Carried.

Moved and seconded that William Lawson Jr. do act as Secretary to the choir. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Joseph Perkins act as Organist. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the night of meeting be Thursday evening. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn. Carried.

From this set of rules it is evident the Square choir of the early days was under good management and was a business like in its meetings. We cannot say that all choirs of those days had rules and such like meetings but perhaps the old ways would not come amiss in choirs to-day. One thing I know, that the organist, Mr. Joseph Perkins, was very thorough in his practice on the evenings the choir met and there was no fooling or unseemly conduct when business was on. The result was a first class lot of singers. Indeed to the Perkins and Trudgeons the choir owed much in those days and it would not be amiss to say that the late Mary Trudgeon was leading soprano for a life time. As time passed on new members came and went. About the year 1880, the choir members were, John Perkins, John Trudgeon, Joseph Perkins, S. M. Brown, Joe Forrester, Emma Tran, Grace Caseley, Emma Caseley, Harriet Mustard, Hermie Mustard, Mrs. Wats Leek, Robert Black, Ed. Sanderson, Lizzie Sanderson, Hannah Forrester, Maggie Forrester, T. Frisby, Martha Shell, and a little later Teena McKenzie, Jennie McKenzie, Ben Carver and two brothers Lambert and Norman, and sister Bella, Joe Collard, Jake Brumwell, Harriet Lundy and others. The choir has had good leaders since the time of Perkins, the late Chas. Sanderson, George Gee and now Bert Sanderson is the present leader, Chas. and Bert, sons of the former Vice-President, Ed. Sanderson.

We might mention some of the organists who have given service in the past since Mr. Perkins passed, Maggie Caseley, Annie Gee, Herman Brown, Jessie Brown, Grace Boynton, Alice Lunau, Alice Hopper, Marguerite Brown, Jean Nichols, Ella Nichols, Laura Gee and Mabel Sanderson the present organist.

And to make this record complete so that it may be useful to future generations, we will include the choir at the time of the Golden Jubilee: R. E. Sanderson, Harvey Collard, Walt. Smith, Joseph Brown, Douglas Gee, E. Avison, Mabel Sanderson, Laura Gee, Dorothy Oliver, Dorothy Valliere, Grace Valliere, Margaret Valliere, Vera and Reva Nichols, Marie Dennie, Marion Smith, Alice Hopper, M. Klinck.

In concluding this history of the Square Choir it is quite in keeping to say that those who are carrying on to-day should feel proud of an organization that can look back for over sixty years and as they have followed the lead of those gone before or moved away they can have a just pride as they lead the service of song and worship with the Master of all Singing.

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Oysters and "Wild Ginger" was the bill of fare on the evening of the 15th, the occasion being the annual oyster supper of the Teston United Church. After the supper, Laskay Players presented their play "Wild Ginger."

The supper was all that could be desired and such as only the Teston ladies can serve. From five until eight the tables were not wanting for guests and everyone enjoyed the eats.

After the good things, Wild Ginger proved a good intellectual feast and the crowded church enjoyed a real play which was gripping and amusing in turns. The Laskay Players are to be congratulated on the success of their effort. Rev. Mr. Davis presided over all with his usual ability. Proceeds with collection amounted to about \$109.

Monday evening Maple Y.P.S. visited the Teston Society and had charge of the services. It was Christian Citizenship night. Mr. Muselman, president of Maple Y.P.S., was in the chair. After the opening hymn, Mr. Kinney led the prayer service and the lesson was read by Miss Raeman. Mr. McCormick gave a short but excellent paper on "Citizenship" followed by a paper on "Courtesy" by May Lesser. Mr. Petty gave a group of violin selections, Miss Ina Forrest gave a short account of the Red Cross work at Aspley. The songs of a quartette, Misses Matheson, Ingram and McLean were well rendered. Rev. Partridge concluded the services with a short talk, and adjourned.

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Contests, etc. were indulged in until lunch was served. All present were of the opinion that social gatherings of this nature are better than debates, etc., as it gives the Young People's Societies a chance to exchange views and creates a good spirit of friendliness.

Much sympathy is expressed for the Graham family, who in a few short months have lost their parents, Mr. Graham having passed away last week.

Miss Dorothy Castor was a Toronto visitor last week.

Miss Mildred Diesman, a bride-to-be, was the recipient of a miscellaneous shower on Tuesday evening, in honor of her approaching marriage.

CARRVILLE

The Carrville Y.P.S. held their Mother and Dad night on Monday last, and it certainly proved to be a success. There were about 75 present, and the program being first class helped to insure every one present a real good time.

Next week the program is in charge of Mrs. Keffer, being missionary night.

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