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(By E. J. Hitchcock)

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Before taking up the Sunday School would like to refer to the passing of two old timers mentioned in these glimpses. Recently there passed in Toronto at the home of his daughter Mrs. Lowe, John Querrie, a Victoria Square boy who in the youthful days was interested in music and organized a tin whistle band. Later after leaving the old town he became noted band leader and was bandmaster of the 12th battalion band Aurora. More will be said of this family later.

The other, Rev. W. A. Rodwell, a former Primitive Methodist Pastor for some years on the Stouffville circuit of which The Square was an appointment. Mr. Rodwell was very highly respected and if any of his church members are still living they will regret his passing. He married Mary J. Garner the daughter of a former Pastor who lived at The Square when The Square was head of a circuit.

The Wesleyan Sunday School dates back to 1845 or thereabouts. Of its founding there is not much to show, but we all went there as well as to the Primitive Sunday School so long as I can remember. Twice to Sunday School on a Sunday in those days was of frequent occurrence. The reason for this, the Primitive was on Sunday morning, the Wesleyan in the afternoon just before church service.

I once found the old secretary book but not wishing to take what was not mine left it in the new church, but when I searched for it, this relic of former days had vanished. Attendance of teachers and officers was given with collections and this book was a very valuable weather guide as the secretary always noted the weather. Wm. Lawson Sr. and his family were leading spirits in this church and I am sure they were in the Sunday School. I have a distinct recollection of Wm. Lawson Jr. reading the secretary's report and later his brother Charles filled the position.

The Sunday School, as now, commenced at 1 p.m., and functioned for an hour. The meeting was held in the body of the church as there was only one room. In the South-West Corner was the librarian's cupboard with the books, also a drop door for a desk. Divisions of tin kept the books in place and one could get a book every two weeks.

We learned the catechism in those days and were expected to repeat all without the book.

Of the teachers, I can say very little, the first one I recollect was John Love, who taught our boys class. Later Maria Brown (now Mrs. Geo. Love) was our teacher and from this excellent teacher we learned many of the truths that have followed us down the years. Mr. Ansley, a teacher of S.S. No. 4, was one of the S. S. teachers, a Mr. Matthews was another. Mary Trudeau was teacher of a girls class and I believe Mrs. Mary Cook taught the primary class. Jos. Perkins was organist and at Christmas time trained the school in singing. We had to obey him implicitly and then all was well. He gave us excellent training and the Christmas choruses were of the very best. Often his hands would leave the keyboard and we soon stopped singing to be put back on the right track. Then he would get one of the girls to play—usually—Hermie Mustard—and go back and listen. But he was very fair and kind if strict and thorough in practice. Others dealt with the dialogues, etc., and the platform in the old church built for this Christmas occasion rose from the floor step like stairs and those sitting on the top step could touch the ceiling. From these steps we descended to speak pieces or take part in dialogues. We all stood up to sing and with well-filled and nicely decorated Christmas trees on either side the sight was very imposing and inspiring. Santa came and presented the candies, oranges as well as presents and at that time many got "cells" of various sorts. Stephen Lawson once got a very very small cabbage head wrapped up in an immense parcel. Some one got a very nice looking donkey that would wag its head and ears when the spring was touched, and Pete Hagerman got a can of mustard to remind him of the name of his sweetheart. After the laugh no one seemed peeved and the Christmas spirit ruled the hour.

Later the Wesleyan Sunday School grew stronger as its sister Sunday School to the North grew weaker and when the terms of Union were signed in 1884 the scholars of both churches had mingled for so long that the change was scarcely noticed as from 1880 to 1884 there had been a partial union locally.

It is from then 1880-84 that a strong Sunday School was the result. As I write and look on a report sent me by the present Sunday School Secretary I see that no account of meetings seem available from 1880 to 1889, but I think I can supply that mostly. After Union Geo. Quernie who had been superintendent of the Primitive Sunday School was elected to the chair of the church and as the history of the school seems to centre around its superintendents after Quernie, Geo. Brown was in the chair. Then from 1889-1892 Henry Hopper. No minutes are available until 1898 but from that date until 1904 George

The presence of a large proportion of broken or bruised kernels in seed grain seriously decreases its market value, and further loss is caused by the invasion of fungi after the seed is sown.

MILLIKEN

The afternoon service of Ebenezer United Church was taken by Mr. Oswald Dyke of Unionville in the absence through illness of Rev. MacKeracher. It is to be hoped that Mr. MacKeracher will soon be restored to health and able to be in our midst again.

Mr. Lawrence, Principal of Agincourt Continuation School, was the speaker at the Y.P. meeting held on Sunday evening in Ebenezer Church. Mr. Cecil Brittain had charge of the meeting.

Miss Evelyn Macklin of Toronto is spending the Easter holidays at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wm. Macklin Sr.

Mr. Henry Gibson of Gormley is spending the holidays with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams of Detroit visited Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Adams over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. King have moved from their home here to the South of Scarborough.

Some of the farmers had commenced seeding but the recent heavy rains will delay operations.

Miss M. E. Hands of Toronto spent Easter Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hands.

Mr. Carman Miller spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. S. Rattle.

On Friday night there was a collision between a motor car and a motorcycle just North of Milliken on the Kennedy Road. Robert A. Geall, a passenger on the motorcycle, was removed to the Toronto East General Hospital with a broken collarbone and internal injuries. The motor car was driven by William Curtis, 225 Gledhill Avenue, an East York grocer. Both the car and the motorcycle landed in the ditch. Curtis suffered a broken knee cap and his wife minor injuries. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis are well known in this community.

Mrs. S. Gibson, Miss Margaret Gibson and John Gibson Jr. visited Mrs. Margaret Scott, Kingston Road, on Thursday evening.

Mr. Glen Gibbons of Stouffville is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Henry Steele.

Miss Helen Honey is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Honey.

Mr. Gerald Rattle of O.A.C. Guelph is spending the holidays at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tapscott have moved into a house on their sons farm just East of Armadale.

Miss Breakey is spending the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. S. Rattle.

Miss Jessie Burr of Toronto spent Good Friday with her parents here.

The teachers, Miss M. Hamill and Mr. F. Perkins, and pupils of S.S. No. 8 Hagerman held an Easter party at the school on Thursday afternoon. After the games the Senior Room went into the Junior Room and the Senior teacher presented Earrol Blundell with a pocket book for standing first in spelling since Christmas. A special feature of the afternoon was the presentations of a beautiful hand bag to Mary Bell and a fine leather school bag to Willie Bell who are about to leave on a visit to their grand parents in Scotland. Accompanying these gifts were the good wishes of teachers and scholars for safe journey and hope they will be back to No. 8 when they return.

Mr. Warren Wilson we are pleased to report has returned home from the hospital and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Steven Sims who has undergone an operation at the East General Hospital, Toronto, is, we are glad to report, improving and expects to be home soon.

The class was studying magnetism. "Robert," asked the professor, "how many natural magnets are there?" "Two, sir," was the surprising answer. "And will you please name them?" "Blondes and brunettes, sir."

General News and Views

Bradford municipal council has given public notice that in future for no reason whatsoever will the town supply vegetables to those on relief, and advises those who in the past have been dependent on the municipality for such vegetables to get busy right now and cultivate a garden.

George Draper has been appointed as superintendent of works for the town of Orillia at a salary of \$18.00 per week. The former occupant of the position received \$1300 per year.

Penetanguishene spent \$5,425 on relief orders in March or \$175 per day, as compared with \$214 per day in February.

The Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin aptly observes that "no newspaper can retain its high standard and continue to give the service that is expected or demanded of it without the loyalty and support of those whom it serves."

Paying \$650 for three "antique" tables for a reception room in the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, was an unnecessary extravagance even in 1831 when these pieces of furniture were bought.

Orillia now has 1,575 people on relief, and a number are finding jobs.

After all, mused the philosopher, you never saw a woman lolling around town, leaning against a wall, expectorating at a crack in the sidewalk and bragging about the things she used to do.

The farmer works hard and as soon as he can, he moves to the city. As soon as a city man can afford it he builds him a home in the country.

Farm Notes

SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES AT MILK ENQUIRY

The milk inquiry continues to furnish the most sensational news at the capital. A former book-keeper of a Montreal dairy company swore that by use of 'fictitious' surplus that is, giving only surplus price to farmers and then selling the milk to consumers at the regular rate, the company in the first nine months of 1931 had paid producers from 3c. to 19c. less per hundred pounds than the farmers were entitled to, and that in the one month of September, 1931, alone, this was equal to cheating the farmers out of \$1,370.

W. H. Taylor (Lib. Norfolk-Elgin) told the committee he had been informed that the Borden Company of New York had telephoned its Canadian office to "clear all files" of evidence which might be damaging if brought out at the inquiry. Officials of the company were unable to throw any light on this alleged conversation.

The Borden subsidiary at Ottawa, a \$1,700,000 company, has built up reserves of over two million dollars, of which \$745,761 represents profits made in the past five years. The New York company owns all the stock and can at any time remove this profit surplus to the United States, witnesses stated. Asked if he knew of any farmer in the Ottawa area who had built up any kind of a reserve by producing milk for them, the general manager of the Ottawa dairy admitted that he could not name any.

York County farmers are now ready to get ahead with the seeding—just as soon as the weather settles. Next week should see spring operations well under way. As usual we would like to hear from the first farmers in the different communities to complete seeding.

Mr. Bennett appointed his brother-in-law as Minister to Washington, and now President Roosevelt has named his cousin as Minister to Ottawa. Kind of a family affair.

Premier Henry is still debating whether or not to face the electors of Ontario this year. The electors are waiting for him, when he makes the decision.

In feeding barley to horses, care should be taken that it is never finely ground because it makes a sticky meal which adheres to the horse's teeth and cheeks.

It appears that cool moist weather such as we have in spring is the most favourable for the development of apple scab. MORAL: Spray early, and keep spraying.

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