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FACING THE NEW YEAR

One of the advantages of the artificial division of time into cycles is that of enabling us to regard the commencement of each year as a time of new beginnings. The stimulus of a fresh start is made available even to the most disheartened. As from a mountain peak we are enabled to look out into a future illumined with new-born hope and to set out afresh with quickened footsteps on our journey.

Stand out in the sunlight of Promise, forgetting Whatever the Past held of sorrow or wrong. We waste half our strength in a useless regretting; We sit by old tombs in the dark too long.

Have you missed in your aim? Well, the mark is still

shining. Did you faint in the race? Well, take breath for

the next. Did the clouds drive you back? But see yonder their

Were you tempted and fell? Let it serve for a

As each year hurries by let it join that procession Of skeleton shapes that march down to the Past, While you take your place in the line of Progression, With your eyes on the heavens, your face to the

To every man life is ordinarily and necessarily a going forth. We have to go out daily to a practically unknown journeying ,and nothing is more important than that its general direction should be already determined by a consecration which comprehends the unknown alike with the known. The great danger into which many lives fall is that of a haphazard carelessness both as to the going and as to the goal. A voyage without a chart is apt to end in a wreck. And life is a bigger and more serious thing than we are usually inclined to regard it; and one of life's tragedies is that of finding and contenting ourselves with too easy an interpretation of its meaning, its mystery and its majesty. Only he who looks life squarely in the face, and resolutely sets himself to reach the highest and best is worthy of its treasure and trust.

It takes some of us a long time to learn the limitations of self-help. With a jaunty certainty of superiority and success, we confidently go forward—and fail. And this we do again and again until the fact of our strengthlessness penetrates through the resisting self-confidence and we at length acknowledge our utter inefficiency. It is no easy thing to yield up our fancied strength and to resist every opposing influence to self-surrender. It is one of the great struggles of the soul. But its pain is as the birth-pang of a new life. It is not that life is small and sorrowful that we need God to strengthen and sweeten it-a view which far too generally obtains; but rather that life is large and great and powerful and therefore God is needed for its sure guidance and reinforcement. Its ideals are so exalted that every best endeavor needs supplementing power ere they can be realized. If our destiny were lower our difficulties would be less. Mere human power is adequate enough if the goal aimed at is low enough—if it is merely social, commercial, intellectual. But if it be Divine, as it is; if the objective be the acquisition of character, which is capacity for eternal service, then we must have an unknown communication of the power of the Almighty.

Perhaps the hardest task for man to-day is the recovery of the inspirations and enthusiasms which once he had—but now are lost. There is something entirely elusive about them which seems to defy all effort at recapture. Memory is apt to mock at the result of every struggle by making vivid the experience of former days, and compelling comparison. But memory must not be allowed to become despotic; for the past not even at its best was the highest type of life for either man or nation. The gospel is always beckoning us on to higher heights than have been scaled, and to completer victories than have ever been experienced. The old and now irrevocable inspirations should be replaced

by newer and stronger creations. The New Year will not be an easy one to face. Sorrow, want, suspicion, greed and man's inhumanity to man still loom large upon the horizon. The experiences of the past few years are apt to discourage us, to make us disheartened and afraid. Many unfortunately are losing hope. Let us as we now cross the threshold of a New Year take new hope, new courage and new confidence, remembering that the outlook will be one of discouragement or hopelessness according as we make or renew our determination to go forward undaunted by the failures and discouragements of the past. Let us press on and endeavour to make 1934 a year of real accomplishment in our individual lives, a year of

progress and a year in which we dedicate our lives to greater service to mankind. To all our readers we extend sincere best wishes for the best of luck on the voyage through the unknown waters

* * * * * * THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

of the year 1934.

In our last issue Mr. Paul E. Angle who has rendered very valuable service to the community as president of the Horticultural Society made a plea for more active support by our citizens for this splendid organization. The appeal is timely and one which should not go unheeded. There is a unanimous feeling in the community that the Horticultural Society is a splendid organization and general agreement that the work accomplished has been a boon to this community. Unfortunately the work of the Society has been left to a very few who have courageously carried on in the face of many discouragements. If the people of the community appreciate the work which the Horticultural Society has done and is doing there should be more general support of the organization. If you think the Horticultural Society is a benefit to the community turn out to the meetings lend a helping hand to the officers and committees, and take a share in carrying on the work. Let us in 1934 make one of our New Year's resolutions to lend our whole hearted support to this organization which is working with the commendable aim of making this a more beautiful community. Watch for the date of the annual meeting .

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The annual municipal elections are over once more and the various municipal councils will now settle down to administer the affairs of their respective municipalities for another year which promises to be one of many problems and difficulties. The men who have been chosen to direct the affairs of the municipality on behalf of their fellow citizens can accomplish the best work only if they have the earnest co-operation of the ratepayers. If we want expenditures cut let us be lenient in our demands. Municipal councils spend only the money the taxpayers pay into the municipal treasury. The more they spend the more the taxpayers have to contribute to the treasury. If electors will keep this plain and simple fact in mind the newly elected representatives of the people will find their task of carrying out their economy pledges comparatively easy.

Mrs. Robt. Carson last Sunday.

Way Back in the Liberal Files

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Our Issue of Dec. 29th, 1898

a number of the "old boys" took the

band stand Saturday night and play-

ed a few very appropriate midnight

airs. Band music here is not only a

The West York election trial came

and Mr. W. J. Hill was confirmed in

The following were on Tuesday

elected officers of Ivy Lodge A.O.

U.W. for the year 1899: P.M.W., H. F.

Guide, D. Hill; Recorder, R. E. Law;

Financier, A. J. Hume; Receiver, F.

Mahon; Auditors, Dr. Hutchison, W.

H. Pugsley, W. A. Wright; G. L.

Representative, A. . Hume; Alternate

At the regular meeting of Court

Richmond A.O.F. held on Friday eve-

ning, the following were elected of-

fice-bearers for the ensuing twelve

months: P.C.R., D. Hill; C.R., F. E.

Sims; S.C.R., J. A. Wright; Treas.,

H. A. Nicholls; Secretary, W. E.

Wiley; S.W., W. C. Savage; J.W., H.

McKenzie; Trustees, T. Newton, H.

F. Hopper, T. Trench; Auditors, R.

Glass, T. Hicks, A. J. Hume; Medical

Officers, Drs. Langstaff and Hutch-

ison. During the evening Bro. F.

Sims, the Chief Ranger elect, was

presented by the members with a

Forester's Pin and apron for valuable

services rendered the court during

the present year. Bro. Sims brought

11 new members into the court dur-

ing the year. The presentation was

made in behalf of the court by Bro.

Village Nominations

Mr. Teefy, Village Clerk, sat in the

Council Chamber from 12 to 1 o'clock

on Monday, and accepted nominations

for Reeve, Councillors and Public

School Trustees. The following

For Reeve-P. G. Savage, re-elected

For Councillors-W. A. Wright, J.

For Trustees-G. McDonald, D.

As Mr. Nicholls resigned there will

Lynett, J. H. Sanderson, H. A. Nich-

be no election for school trustees, but

the candidates named for councillors

with the exception of Mr. Wright,

will stand for election on Monday

next. Every candidate present at the

nomination, with the movers and sec-

onders, expressed themselves as fav-

orable towards the purchase of a lot

in which to erect buildings for a mar-

Mr. W. Harrison acted as chairman

A new snow-plough for the Metro-

politan Railway went through on

Tuesday. It looks as if it would do

at a meeting held after the nomi-

Palmer, W. Innes, T. H. Trench, D.

nominations were made:

H. A. Nicholls.

by acclamation.

nation.

good work.

Hill, H. F. Hopper.

H. F. Hopper.

Some of our musicians assisted by

the evening service.

M. Sutterly.

NEWTONBROOK

A number from here attended the Lemon, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Irwin Emmy red a sine concert of the Young Men's Class of Thornhill United Church last Tues- Mrs. W. H. C. Ruthven and daughters witch sed. Girls day evening.

M.S. of the United Church the follow- and Miss Maisie Richards of King. spose they are just waiting intill ing officers were elected for 1934: Hon. Pres., Mrs. H. B. Schmidt; Pres., Mrs. A. H. Halbert; Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. W. Stephenson; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. T. Soden; Rec. Secty., Mrs. Herbert James; Cor. Secty., Mrs. A. H. Douglas; Treas., Mrs. W. T. Wells Secty. Christian Stewardship, Miss E. Hope; Supply Secretaries, Mrs. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry a Toor in India and we was a tawk-Dempsey, Mrs. Pinder, Mrs. R. F. Smith on Christmas. Hicks; Temperance Secty., Miss Mar-Mrs. J. T. Soden; Press Secty., Mrs. braith last Friday evening. R. F Hicks; Associate Helper Secty., Mrs. A. W. Stephenson; Supts. of Toronto spent Christmas with Mrs. Dr. to see whut was the matter with Mission Band, Mrs. Wells and Miss Hope; Supt. of Baby Band, Miss Annie Lever; Supt. of Girl's Mission services held at the United Church of Xercise so now he has tuk up Circle, Mrs. A. H. Halbert; Finance next Sunday. A hearty welcome to Cheer leading. Committee, Mrs. Wells, Miss Hope, all. Mrs. Halbert, Mrs. Soden, Mrs. Harold Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Summers entertained a number of friends last Thursday evening in honor of their son Harold who spent a weeks holiday at the parental home.

Mr. W. T. Wells entertained his class of young men last Thursday evening and all report a splendid time Rev. and Mrs. Halbert spent New Years with friends at King City.

The annual meeting of the Sunday School will be held next Thursday treat but a novelty. evening, Jan. 4th.

The Women's Association will hold to a sudden termination last week, their regular monthly meeting on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The sewing his seat as M.P.P. Mr. Hill is to be committee has a full program, so a congratulated on the result. good attendance is requested. The business meeting will be held after luncheon.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Sup- Hopper; M.W., L. Crosby; Foreman, per will be dispensed next Sunday W. T. Storey; Overseer, R. W. Glass; after the morning service.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Summers and little son have returned to their home McConaghy; I.W., W. H. Pugsley; O. in Quebec after a pleasant holiday W., T. F. McMahon; Trustees, W. A. visit. Harold addressed the Sunday Wright, W. H. Pugsley, T. F. Mc-School last Sunday morning. He is one of the old boys who we are always pleased to see back again.

Special Christmas services were held in the United Church last Sunday with the pastor in charge. The choir sang two anthems at the morning service, with Mrs. Wiltshire and Mr. McMullen taking the solo parts. There was a large attendance at the evening service although the weather was very unfavourable. Following carol singing the cantata "The Christmas Waif" was again presented. This was repeated by special request and was well received, all taking their parts very creditably.

Rev. A. H. Halbert preached at the Sunday School anniversary service last Sunday afternoon at Victoria Square.

Mrs. Mason of Goulding Ave. returned from the Lockwood Clinic to her home last Wednesday much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shaw and Miss Margaret spent Christmas with friends in Toronto.

Mr. J. Wells and Mrs. Wells, Misses Margaret and Gladys Scriminger of Toronto, and Miss Stevenson of Highland Creek, were guests on Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Pharaoh of Finches Ave. spent Christmas with friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Summers and little son of Quebec are spending a week with the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Summers. Their many friends were delighted to meet them at the church services last Sun-

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Halbert entertained a number of friends at their home on Christmas day. Among

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SLATS' DIARY BY ROSS FARQUHAR

Friday-well even if Ant Emmy and pa and all so ma does say that

the wirld is growing wirst all the time I dont think mutch of the way kids was ejucated away back when they was little kids We had a tuff kwestion in rithmettick and oney one kids pa got it right.

Saterday — wile their guests were Mr. R. H. Irwin, we was out rideing Donald and Howard Irwin, Mrs. J this afternoon Ant of Toronto Mr. C. Wills, Mr. and on a Bill Bord Jeanette, Eleanor and Eloise Ruth- Reddy to Wear

At the annual meeting of the W. ven and Master Donald of Alliston Close, and she sed poor things I Miss Hazel Carson of Toronto and they can get a job mebby. Miss Irene Smith visited Mr. and Sunday-well this after noon the

skool house cot on fire agen and for Mr. and Mrs. M. Jacks visited a wile it looked like as if we mite friends here on Sunday and attended half to miss skool for a wile but the far department got there and put out Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carson, Miss- the Blase before it done mutch good. Munday-Mr. Twellip is home from es Mary, Hazel and Louise Carson

ing about how insivilized the people Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Dennison in India is and he says they are Rap- and workmanship at a reasonion Case; Missionary Monthly Secty., and little daughter visited at the pidly becomeing civilized just like in able price, call and see our stock Mrs. Harry Smith; Literature Secty., home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gal- America becuz he got held up by a of hand made harness and col-Bandit in the Jungles of India.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolton and family of Teusday-Clem Litch went to the ing a specialty. him and the Dr. sed he was Ennemick There will be special Now Year and he shud ought to take up plenty

Wensday-Pa ast Jim Feeny why

he started to going to chirch all at: Once and Jim sed sence they got a. Radio down at his home it is Impossigle to sleep enny more.

Thirsday-Ant Emmy got Stung on a Add she anserred agen. She sent a \$ Bill to get a Preventave of Old age and the Co. she sent the \$ BiH to sent her a bottle of Carbollick. Acid marked Poison.

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