

Grey, which is to be on Sound on the 27th. John Sirrs left for Unity, Sask., last afternoon after a few with the Webber and other rela-

DURHAM TEAM WON FROM ELMIRA 5-1 (Continued from page 1)

combination seemed the only way to beat Elmira. During the game, subs were used freely by both teams, the locals, Morlock and Kress, turning in a wonderful game.

A Clean Game The contest was one of the cleanest we have seen for some time in the semi-final series, especially so when the home team was on the wrong end of the score. This in great measure was due to the referee, Sam Little of Guelph, who was on top of the play at all times and permitted no infringements of the playing rules. Through the locals drew two penalties and Elmira six, they were for minor offenses, but there is little doubt that had the referee allowed the game to get away from him, both teams would have mixed it up more, to the detriment of the finest winter sport in the world. And right here we would like to pay a tribute to Mr. Little as one of the fairest and squarest referees we have ever seen in charge of a game. He is on top of the play all the time, knows the rules and enforces them and penalizes when necessary. His work was a wonderful difference as compared with what we were handed out at the first game of the series here last week. Though beaten, the Elmira team were satisfied that the better team won on their merits and that the official in charge left nothing to be desired.

The teams: Elmira (1)—Goal, Rudow; defense, A. Seiling, W. Hillis; centre, N. Hillis; wings, G. Seiling, Detweiler; Subs, Rau, Seideward. Durham (5)—Goal, McDonald, defense, Schutz, Clements; centre, McGirr; wings, Buschlen, Elvidge; Subs, Kress, Morlock. Referee—"Sandy" Little, Guelph.

Entertained Team Following the game, the Durham team was entertained at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Cole of Elmira, the former a pastor of the Methodist church here. Both Rev. and Mrs. Cole have still a warm spot in their hearts for Durham, and the boys were right royally entertained by them for the brief few minutes before the radial car left for Kitchener where the team spent the night. They may rest assured that their kindness and thoughtfulness is appreciated not only by the team but by the citizens of Durham as a whole.

Since returning to Durham, The Chronicle has received the following letter from Mr. Cole, which will be a matter of gratification to the citizens, and is a decided encomium for the team. It says:

"Dear Frank: I cannot tell you how glad Mrs. Cole and myself were to have you all in on Friday night, and we were very sorry that it had to be for such a little while. But I write this because we are equally glad to tell you that an Elmira hockey fan told us that the Durham boys were the cleanest and straightest bunch that had ever played in Elmira. Another old-time hockeyist said: 'Well, the best team won, and I'm glad they did.' 'The praises of Nos. 2 (Schutz), 4 (McGirr) and 6 (Buschlen) I've frequently heard sung and 'Punk' McDonald also came in for loud praises too.' This is something for the citizens of Durham to think about, and all lovers of clean sport in town will be pleased to hear about the Durham team's actions when away from home.

Met by Citizens' Band Upon the arrival of the noon train, Saturday, a pleasant surprise awaited the boys. When they stepped off the train, they were met by the Durham Citizens' Band, and nearly all the residents of town were on the platform. Headed by the Band, the team were marched to the Hahn House for dinner arranged for by Mayor Murdock and ex-Mayor Laidlaw where an excellent table was laid. Mayor Murdock, Reeve Bell and Mr. Laidlaw in short after-dinner speeches congratulated the boys for their sportsmanship and their grit and determination, which permitted them to pull a victory out of what was generally conceded defeat. The editor of this paper replied briefly on behalf of the hockey club, and the crowd dispersed.

There is little doubt where the Durham citizens stand, as it affects the hockey team, and there is also no doubt where the hockey team stands when it comes to giving the best that is in them in Canada's national winter pastime. They may be beaten, but they'll go down fighting, and though defeated will emerge from the wreck the true sports that they are.

And now a new enemy is poking his head over the horizon. Like Von Kluck in the early days of the Great War, the cry now is 'On to Paris.' And here's hoping that they may have better luck than the doughty German general and instead of expiring on the doorstep, they'll enter the city and bring home the bacon.

Daily Scotch Story A Scotsman on a visit to London was asked to explain why so many of his countrymen had reached such a degree of prominence in the Government and in business. 'Maist of the folks in Scotland only reach a fair stage of intelligence, and the result is that they get nowhere with their wits equal to their own. They then take the line of least resistance in the south of Tweed—they arrive in London—well, it's a shame to take the money.'

Pulpit and Pew A BACK PEW CONFERENCE

My Dear Pulpit: Good old Dr. Sedgwick used to say with grave face but twinkling eye. 'In these days, everything is a problem. There are no longer subjects, questions, etc., but always problems, problems.' If he were with us today, it might well be, 'Conferences! Conferences! Everything great or small must have a conference!'

There are family, community, county, provincial, empire, world-conferences—and upon all sorts of subjects, secular and sacred. Some of these conferences may be helpful, some doubtful. Probably part of the time and money spent upon conferences on Christian work would be better spent doing that work. But as well get out of the world as out of the fashion, and so the Back Pews resolved to hold a conference, the first in their history. Then they must pass resolutions, for what would a conference amount to without resolutions?

Like those of the New Year, these resolutions often end with the making, but they look well and sound well. They can at least say that something, somewhere, is wrong, and that somebody, somehow, should make some effort of some kind to set something right. Conferences thus have their uses. They enable some people to point out what the other fellow ought to do. They also give exercise to a good deal of the surplus energy which seeks vent in some way; and in lieu of doing real work, if not specially helpful, are not greatly harmful.

This first Back Pew Conference followed the usual order,—a well-behaved, self-respecting conference should do. It discussed many 'problems' affecting more or less closely, the Back Pew.

The first subject brought before it was naturally, 'Ourselves.' But the Back Pew had been a silent listener for so long that a beginning was difficult. It seemed like 'talking back' in church. But once started, there was little pause, and the pulpit might have learned a helpful lesson on the value of having something to say and saying it so that all could hear and understand.

The findings were as follows: This Back Pew Conference (B. P. C.), now in session in the Back Pews of St. Patience church, hereby resolves: 1. That at this our first conference, we record our hearty thanks to those of our number who have called us together to make our united protest against the disabilities hitherto borne. 2. That in our judgment, the moral and spiritual needs of the Back Pews are as important as those of the centre and front pews, and that they are as fully entitled to whatever of moral and spiritual helpfulness the Pulpit has to give. 3. That the Back Pews of this church have been faithful followers of our patron saint of our church, having come and gone with exemplary patience, though at times they have not been able to get fully or clearly what the Pulpit was giving. 4. That the reason of the Back Pews not receiving their share of what the Pulpit of this church has to give, is that, owing to a poor delivery system, it has not been delivered at this end of the church. If one end of a sentence were thundered and the other whispered, neither part was intelligible, or if the whole sentence were a vocal melody, none of it reached the Back Pew. We have thus been deprived of that which our moral and spiritual needs require, and which we hereby record our protest against that deprivation as being unfair and unjust to the Back Pews and a non-fulfilment on the part of the pulpit of its duties and responsibilities.

The Back Pew conference thus stated its claim to a better delivery system for the Back Pews and gaining confidence in itself, look up the question of the matter to be delivered, and its suitability to the moral and spiritual needs of the Back Pew, and after full discussion it was resolved:

1. That in our experience, we find that the provision most needful and helpful is what is sometimes called the Old Gospel, the Gospel which Christ preached—'God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.'—'Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'—'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel (this Gospel) to every creature.'—The Gospel that Paul preached.—'I determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified.'

2. That the myriad themes and truths which centre and circle round the cross, the love and mercy of God, the Deity and atonement of Christ, the forgiveness of sin through Christ, the forgiveness of the Holy Spirit, and the guidance of Christian serenity, the hope of life immortal, and the glorious truths that radiate from Calvary,—that these truths, in their infinite variety of aspect, give us health and hope, strength and uplift, courage and cheer for the duties and trials and work of the coming week, as nothing else can do.

3. That we have no quarrel with new ideas or with so-called 'Theology'—in its place,—but that in our judgment, its place is not in our pulpit, and that as anchor in the past before they are chains and tested by the safety of ships and human lives, the 'New Theology' should be tested as to men and before it is served out to men and women, burdened with sin and care, who come to church needing pardon and comfort, strength and help.

4. That we the Back Pews of St. Patience church do not wish to be made the subjects of experiment, of new, untried, spiritual remedies, until these remedies have proved their efficacy in saving men from sin, leading them to Christ, and making them new in His likeness.

5. That in our judgment, if our pulpits will dig faithfully, patiently and prayerfully into their Prescription Book of Spiritual Remedies, the Book commonly called the Bible, they will find there treasures of spiritual health and life, fresh aspects of great Truths, of which they had not hitherto dreamed. There had been difficulty in getting this Back Pew Conference started, there was greater difficulty in getting it stopped, and it went on to consider the whole conduct of the service, and resolved:

1. That as the church is a Divine and not a human institution, its message being from God, its power of God, its work for God,—the aim of all who have the conduct of its service should be to efface, as far as possible, the human, and make the service a medium through which God can speak and work.

2. That the organ, to answer its true need, should be accompanist to the choir, not obtruding itself, but blending with, leading, guiding, sustaining, doing all, as far as possible, that nothing but the choir be heard.

3. That the choir, to answer its true purpose, should be accompanist to its song, the message from God; the message of hope and uplift which it brings and sings.

4. That the pulpit, to fulfil its end, should be accompanist to the spirit of God, and should so efface itself that the hearer will listen not as who has the words of man but to the truth of God, and be made conscious, not of the presence of man, but of the presence of God, that the pews, back and front, may see no man save Jesus only.

5. That we express to organ and choir and pulpit our appreciation of their sacred office and work as accompanists of the 'Divine, and pray that their vision of Him, whose accompanists they are, may grow ever clearer to themselves, and that they may be able with ever-increasing clearness to interpret that vision to us in the Back Pews.

6. That a copy of all these resolutions be transmitted to the organ, choir and pulpit of St. Patience church.

Signed: Jonathan David, Chairman. Matthew Paul, Secretary.

The Back Pew Conference did not even yet close the proceedings. It went on to discuss the Pulpit Training Schools, known as Colleges, which train our pulpits for their work; but so many wished to speak on this subject that no conclusion could be reached, and it had to be laid over to a future conference.

Then, before adjournment, so enthusiastic were those present over the success of their gathering that they appointed a Committee to confer with other Back Pews as to calling a Provincial or a Dominion conference.

If privileged to be present, I will write you of it. Yours faithfully, The Back Pew.

DOES IT? An Occasional Man sends this—rescued from an old scrap book—Does it occur to you— That late hours are a frequent cause of the appearance of premature wrinkles?

That if we look the trouble occasionally to the mercies, most of us would find that we have much to be thankful for than to grumble at? That absence of occupation is not rest? That if you really care for a person, you will not say unkind things to or of them? That your wife's temper, whether good or bad, is often only a reflection of your own?

That personal remarks are seldom in good taste? That when you meet a friend, and say to her, 'How poorly you are looking!' it is by no means paying her a compliment? PADDLE Two frogs fell into a bucket of cream And must paddle to keep afloat. But one soon tired and sank to rest With a gurgling sigh in his throat.

The other paddled away all night And not a croak did he utter, And with the coming of morning light, He rode on an island of butter. The flies came thick to his island home, And made him a breakfast snappy. And the milkmaid shrieked and upset the bucket, and the froggie hopped away happy.

A moral we find in this rhyme, And hasten at once to apply. Success will come in a difficult time, If we paddle and 'never say die.'

The Field Sparrow (Alvin M. Peterson)

The sparrows of which there are a dozen or more common species, constitute a rather difficult bird puzzle, especially to the novice. Three of the more common species, namely the tree, field and chipping sparrows, resemble each other even more than some of the others and are a bird puzzle within the larger bird puzzle. These three birds, as H. K. Job remarks, 'a good deal alike, long-tailed little fellows with brownish-red crowns.'

How then may we know whether a given sparrow is a field sparrow or a tree or chipping sparrow? In the first place, the tree sparrow is the largest of the three, being a little over six inches long, while the tree sparrow with us when the field and chipping sparrows are wintering to the south, and the field and chipping sparrows with us when the tree sparrow is far to the north in his summer home. The tree sparrow is with us during the late fall, winter and early spring, and the other two species with us during the late spring, summer and early fall. It is only during parts of the fall and spring that the ranges of the three birds somewhat overlap. Hence, the time of year should be considered when one is trying to identify one of these sparrows.

The chipping sparrow, in addition to being the smallest of the three birds, has a rather conspicuous light line over each eye, a black forehead and a plain light vest or breast. In fact it has the lightest breast of the three. The field sparrow has a pink or flesh-colored bill, which is its field mark. If, then, your bird has a round dark spot at the middle of the breast, it is a tree sparrow; if it has a pink bill, it is a field sparrow, and if it has a light line over each eye and a plain light vest, the chances are that it is a chipping sparrow.

The songs of the three birds are entirely different, making their identification easier. To my way of thinking, the tree sparrow has the sweetest song. Chester Reed says that the song of this sparrow is 'strong, sweet and musical,' and then adds that it ends 'in a low warble.' Its song reminds me of that of the yellow warbler, and may be interpreted as 'Tisp, tisp, whee, whee, whee.' The chipping sparrow's song is but the word 'chip,' repeated over and over in a drowsy, monotonous, long-continued series. But if the tree sparrow has the sweetest song, the field sparrow's is more interesting. The usual song of this bird is a loud, clear, piping whistle, which may be heard at most any time of the day, or night, too, for that matter. I often hear a subdued field sparrow's song during the spring and summer nights. No doubt, part of the time this is a lullaby, for I hear it at nine or ten o'clock, p.m. But I also hear it at midnight or much later. Towards evening, our bird, however, is most musical. Then its song is prolonged and elaborated. It is hard to realize that the field sparrow's inspired effort is the music of the same bird that pipes the more simple song.

Each year we have field sparrows for neighbors, for they nest either in our yard or just over the fence among the bushes. We then see and hear much of these useful and interesting little birds. Last summer, no less than four field sparrows' nests were located less than three rods from the house. The first was built in the yard less than a rod from the house, in a raspberry bush. It was a cosy, cup-shaped affair made of grass and tiny weed stalks and lined with fine grass and hair. After the owners deserted this nest because of the depredations of cowbirds, I examined it in detail and found that the birds had used sixty hairs of various lengths and colors in lining it. These sparrows nest built a nest in a bush less than three rods to the north of the house. A cowbird laid two eggs in this nest, also, but as the owners had two eggs of their own, they incubated all the eggs. I watched this nest rather closely for fear the young cowbirds would secure most

of the food brought to the nest or crowd the young sparrows from the nest. But nothing happened to warrant any interference on my part. I often watched the parents feeding the young birds, and they fed them pretty much in turn, often fitting a worm or insect to two or three wide-open mouths before finding a baby hungry enough to swallow the dainty morsel at a single gulp.

Cause and Effect Flatbush: 'My next-door neighbor was taken sick last night.' Bensonhurst: 'Too bad.' 'Yes, we telephoned for the doctor, but he couldn't come.' 'How is he today?' 'Oh, he's worse. The doctor came today!'

EYE SPECIALIST HERE Coming again on his rounds, Prof. E. Katz, the noted eye sight specialist, to relieve your eye sight trouble, on Thursday, February 25, at the Hahn House, Durham. Headache, pain the the back of the neck, dizziness, twitching eye lids, defective vision relieved through properly fitted lenses. By our great skill and new method and equipment, we can help you even though others have failed. Remember the date. —Prof. E. Katz.

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I. O. D. E. MEMBERS NOTICE THE CANADIAN GREYS I. O. D. E. will hold a meeting for the election of officers and other business on Tuesday evening, February 23, at 8 p.m. at the home of the Regent, Mrs. G. Kearney. This is a very important meeting, and all members are asked to be in attendance and cast their vote.

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