

At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn.

SOME BOOK REVIEWS

"Farthing Hall, by Hugh Walpole and J. B. Priestly. Published by McMillan & Co.

To many people a book from the pen of either of these men will appeal to their fancy and liking. Coupling their names as authors of this book arouses the curiosity. The book is in the form of a series of most interesting letters from one to another, giving wonderful glimpses of an intimate life of which one rarely tries to put into words. So many crises come to each of us in life and we seldom, if ever, take time to put our desires, our perplexities, or our problems into words. If we did, we would be much more apt to see ourselves as others see us, and also, we would get much more readily the viewpoint of the other chap. These letters in "Farthing Hall" are exceptionally well written and very interesting.

"Great Men of Canada," by John Henderson.

These are life stories of a number of great men of Canada. The first chapter is devoted to the Canadian Explorers. Most of them briefly sketched and more space given to Alexander MacKenzie than any of the rest. There is an interesting story of the first Governor of Upper Canada, now Ontario. A Governor in those days had powers that were wide and far reaching.

Lord Durham was the first English statesman to recognize and to ventilate the right of Canadians to freedom. Reading of the influence of this man convinces the reader that he has undoubtedly right to the description "A Great Canadian."

Space does not permit to go into detail in reference to the great tasks done by such great men as Sir John A. McDonald, George Brown, Sir Georges Cartier, Joseph Howe, Sir Alexander Galt, Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Leonard Tilley, Thomas D'Arcy, McGeey and Lord Strathcona. Each one of these biographical sketches, is well written and makes enjoyable reading.

"Homely Homilies" by W. T. Gunn, D. D.

The author tells us the story of how the "Homely Homilies" came to be written. In a congregation of Highland Scotch, in addition to his regular sermons, he was in the habit of giving five minute sermons for the children. One day when making a pastoral call they were discussing some truth that had been mentioned from the pulpit and the question arose from which sermon did it come? At last, the hostess, somewhat shame-facedly and against her will spoke out, "I believe it was from one of those children's sermons, I declare, it seems easier to remember those pesky little things than the real sermons."

Years later when the author was called to fill a responsible position, the remembrance "of linking up great truths and texts of the Bible with the homely little experiences of everyday life," gave him the idea of creating the "Homely Homilies." There is in these stories a spiritual tonic for all manner of men and women. Through all these pictures of real life we find wholesome mental food.

"Half Told Tales" by Henry Van Dyke, published by Charles Scribner

& Sons. The author tells us in the preface that he has had it in mind to write some tales shorter than the shortest stories, marginal notes on the pages of life. Life means more than we can understand, much less describe. Symbols help us, fables and parables are illuminating, little incidents and throw a far light.

The author then asks the reader, "Will you kindly do a bit of thinking while you read?" Otherwise these "Half Told Tales" will mean nothing to you. The worth of a book depends on the reader as much as on the writer. Some of the tales are "The Jericho Road", "A Tale of Friends", "The Kings Jewel", "An Old Game", "A Tale of Peace", "A Man Praying", "Beggars Under the Bush."

"You Toon o' Mine" by Logan Weir, published by the Ryerson Press.

This is a story of pioneer days in the vicinity of Fergus. It is dedicated to folk of Scottish blood, who love the fast-fading Lowland dialect, and to sturdy Scots wherever they may be, who understand the kindly nomenclature of curlers on the ice. The Scottish humour is in evidence in every chapter of this book.

Egremont Council

Council met October 17. Members all present. Minutes adopted.

McEachern-Phillip: That the report of the Road Superintendent for work on roads, be adopted.—Carried.

Patterson-Aldcorn: That the following accounts be paid, Selector's of Jurors, \$9.00; Judge G. W. Morley, fees Sockett Assessment Appeal, \$5.30; Neil Calder do, \$5.00; Walter Reeves, do, \$5.00; W. Hunter do, \$4.00; John McPhee do, \$4.00; Duncan McPhee do, \$4.00; J. H. McQuarrie, solicitor, \$15.45; Robert Weber, sheep claim, \$6.00; Frank Adams do, \$2.00; Municipal World Assessor Supplies, \$45.74; C.N.R. express on supplies, 80c; Taylor & Co., relief Daly family, \$10.22; John McPhee inspecting sheep, \$1.00; Neil Calder, Treas. of Egremont Ploughman's Association Grant, \$25.00; W. Tremble, Mt. Forest Agricultural Society Grant, \$10.00; C. Fenton, Treas. Egremont Agricultural Society Grant, \$75.00; A. Hunter, weed inspector, \$3.00; pay sheet No. 10, expenditure on roads, \$486.55; Supt's. services, \$62.00; members of Council, attendance at meetings to date, \$13.50; R. Christie, use of room, \$2.00.—Carried.

The council adjourned to meet Nov-

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TRINITY ANNIVERSARY NEXT SUNDAY

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Moody. George Jackson, the Crown Land Agent, and old Mr. Hunter, were also present. I was very much pleased to see that a very large portion of the congregation had prayer books and joined most heartily in the services. Many of the young men and women came to me after the service to show me the prayer books that were given to them by their rectors in Ireland, prior to their leaving for Canada. We had no instrumental music, but a man, who had been a parish clerk in Ireland whose name I forget, volunteered to lead, and the singing was most impressive. During the fifty years I have been in holy orders I never heard that grand Old Hundredth psalm sung so heartily as I did at that first church service in Durham. I used to make my missionary tour through the counties of Grey and Bruce in a sled, or, as it was called, the "Parson's Jumper", and that sled never left Durham without being well loaded with gifts for myself and family and I never knew the donor's names. In the mission field, where I then labored alone, there are now sixteen clergymen doing the work of the church.

The first church, an old building was burned down in 1876, and the present one erected on the same spot in Egremont services have been held for over forty years in the schoolhouse, but, through the energy of Rev. A. A. Bice, a new church is now under way.

Those Present

Of that first congregation the following are known to have been present, (who the others were is not known): Ven. Archdeacon Holland, of Owen Sound, Robert Cuff, Mrs. Robert Cuff, John Davis, Mrs. G. Whitmor, David Hopkins, Mrs. A. Williams, Henry Williams, Samuel Lawrence, Alex. Bell, Ann Hopkins, and Thomas Hutton, all of Durham. Mrs. George Hutton, James Edge, Mrs. James Edge, Mrs. Samuel Edge, and Joseph Firth, all of Edge Hill. Edward Hopkins and John Hopkins of Allan Park. Elias Edge of Aberdeen; Mrs. Blake of Hanover; Mrs. Patchell of Dobbington; John Moodie and John Edge of the United States; and John Hopkins of British Columbia.

The venerable Archdeacon Mulholland continued his periodical visits to Durham for ten years, after his first visit. In 1860 the first resident rector of Durham, Rev. S. C. Haines, was appointed as "Missionary to Durham and adjacent parts." In 1862 the first Anglican church was built on the site of the present church and was of frame structure, about the same size as the present church. The land was given to the congregation from the Edge estate, and it was originally intended to have a churchyard and cemetery surrounding it. This was abandoned and the cemetery put on the second concession of Glenelg. The Government gave a grant of four acres next to the old Presbyterian cemetery, and it was finally purchased by Mr. H. Parker, Rev. S. C. Haines purchased four acres on what is now known as Bruce street and built a house on the site now occupied by Robert Aljoe.

The Frame Church was consecrated in 1863 by the late Bishop Cronyn. The first Bishop of the Diocese of Huron, Rev. S. C. Haines left Durham in 1863 and went to Streetsville, in the Diocese of Toronto and subsequently to England, where he died.

The Rev. William Evans, a Welshman succeeded Mr. Haines, and remained rector of Durham until 1865. The bell of the church was installed during his rectorship. The building of the rectory was begun and many improvements were made. That rectory has by alteration and addition become the Red Cross Memorial Hospital, which is now doing wonderful service in Durham and vicinity.

All the church pews were made free in 1871. Mr. Wm. Evans, visited and preached at Allan Park and Egremont on alternate Sundays and held prayer meetings in the surrounding country during the week. In 1875 he left Durham to go as rector of Old St. Paul's, Woodstock. Mr. Evans died in 1880 in Simcoe, Ontario. The Rev. Thos. McGuy succeeded Mr. Evans and remained rector of Durham until 1878.

Church Burned

The rectory was finished and occupied soon after Mr. McGuy came. A great misfortune befell the congregation in 1876, when the old frame church was burned. A blacksmith's shop, hotel and other buildings shared the same fate, being in close proximity to each other in what is now the upper town.

The work of building a new church was begun immediately on the same site. At this time Durham was largely above the hill there being no lower town as at present. The church bell was cracked in the fire and was recast and put in a temporary belfry in the upper town, and services were held for a year or so in the Town Hall, giving dignity and veneration to an

otherwise bleak building.

The new church was finished and dedicated in 1877 and consecrated in 1878 by the late Bishop Helmuth, second Bishop of Huron. Rev. McGuy left Durham in 1878 to become rector of Lucan. He was later rector of St. Mary's and died there.

The Rev. D. Wray, succeeded Mr. McGuy in 1878 and remained rector until 1881. Mr. Wray was an elderly man, a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. Strangely enough on seeing a prize, which had been presented to one of the sisters of Miss Fannie Mockler of this town, he observed the signature of Henry Wray provost of Trinity College, Dublin, who was his uncle. Allan Park at this time was joined with Hanover and the people of Egremont from now on had weekly Sunday service. Mr. Wray went to Thorndale in 1881, and died not long afterward.

Rev. D. Wray was succeeded by the Rev. D. Asbury, who came to Durham in 1881 and remained four years when he was transferred to Delaware. He died at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Church Expands

The Rev. J. C. Farthing came to Durham in 1885 from England, upon his graduation from Cambridge University at the age of twenty-four. This rectorship resulted in an expansion. He established Sunday Schools at Edge Hill, Aberdeen and in the Orange Hall near the residence of the late Samuel Lawrence. He paced the church on a basis and raised it to the status of a self-supporting parish. Hitherto it was mission, receiving a mission grant from the mission fund of the church.

The Rev. J. C. Farthing went to Woodstock in 1888 as a curate of New St. Paul's, under Archdeacon Sweatman. Rev. H. Farthing became rector of the Lance church on the elevation of the Archdeacon to the Episcopate in 1889. He became Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in 1904, Dean of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, in 1905, and Bishop of Montreal in 1906. The Rev. J. C. Farthing was succeeded by the Rev. A. D. Dewdney in 1888. Mr. Dewdney was an active man and the parish prospered during his rectorship. In 1890 he went to Mitchell as rector and thence to St. John's, New Brunswick. In 1900 Rev. Dewdney was appointed Archdeacon in the Diocese of Saskatchewan and became rector of the Cathedral in Prince Albert Episcopate, and later was consecrated Bishop of Diocese of Keewatin. Thus two former rectors are respectively Bishops of Montreal and Keewatin.

Tower Rebuilt

In 1890, the Rev. F. Bunt succeeded the Rev. A. Dewdney in Durham. Rev. Mr. Bunt is said to have been an exceptionally able preacher.

The tower of the church had blown down in 1891 and was rebuilt during Rev. Mr. Bunt's rectorship. In 1892, Mr. Bunt went to Shadac, New Brunswick. Rev. W. Connor, succeeded Rev. Mr. Bunt and remained in Durham until 1896. He exchanged parishes with Rev. F. Ryan of Adelaide. Rev. Mr. Connor was later superannuated and lived in Windsor for some time. The Rev. F. Ryan remained in Durham until 1904. The church was re-decorated in 1900, and the fiftieth anniversary of the parish was celebrated at which Right Rev. Maurice S. Baldwin, third Bishop of Huron, officiated and preached. Rev. F. Ryan exchanged parishes with Rev. A. A. Brice, near Kincairdine in Bruce in 1904.

Rev. A. Brice was a graduate of Huron College, London, Ontario. The parish prospered under his rectorship, and St. Paul's Church, Egremont, was built and dedicated and consecrated on the same day. The church was free from debt when completed. St. Paul's was consecrated by the Right Rev. David Williams, the fourth Bishop of Huron, and present Archbishop of Ontario.

In 1909, Rev. Mr. Bice was appointed Diocesan Commissioner for Huron College. In 1913 he became rector of all Saint's, London, Ontario, and is still there.

Rev. W. H. Hartely, also graduate of Huron College, succeeded Rev. Mr. Bice in 1909 and remained until 1913. The basement of the church was put in 1911, and the new pews and furnishings were placed in the church. Rev. Hartely went to Delaware in 1913, then to Shelburne and then to East Winsor.

Rev. W. H. Hartely was succeeded by Rev. John Morris, who came from Winnipeg. He remained until 1915, when he also went to Shelburne. In 1919 he was appointed rector of the Church of the Redeemer in London, and subsequently of Old St. Paul's, Woodstock.

New Rectory Bought

During the inter requiem of rectorship of Mr. Morris and Mr. Hawkins the old rectory was sold and the present one secured.

Rev. John Morris, was succeeded by Rev. Edwin Hawkins in 1915, who remained only one year. He became rector of St. James' Cathedral, Hamilton, and subsequently left the church. Rev. E. Dymond came to Durham in 1916 and remained two years. In 1918 he went to Courtwright, Rev. F. G. Hardy came to Durham in 1918, having been a curate at St. John's church, London.

He remained until late in 1922, when he moved to Brantford, thence to Aylmer, Ontario.

Rev. F. G. Hardy was succeeded by Rev. J. H. Whealen, who stayed four years, moving to Courtwright early in 1927, being succeeded by the Rev. E. Hayes, who came to Durham on June 12, 1927. In the summer of 1927, the church was renovated and ceiling put in, the funds being collected locally by Mr. John Schutz, warden of the church.

The present rector the Rev. J. Billingsly, succeeded Mr. Hayes in 1932.

80th Anniversary

On Sunday, November 30, 1930, the 80th anniversary was very fittingly observed, when Rev. J. C. Farthing, Bishop of Montreal, was present and took the services in the morning and evening. In the afternoon a special Masonic service was held when the Bishop spoke to his brethren both at the service in the church and later in the Masonic rooms.

This was also the 45th anniversary of Bishop Farthing's ordination and beginning his work in Durham. That year the organist, who for many years gave her service and talents in cause of music in the church, Miss Sarah Vollett, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Vollett, was married to a former rector, Rev. W. J. Hartley, and now resides in East Windsor.

FARMING IS A BUSINESS

Here is what Dr. J. Coke, Assistant Director of Agriculture Economics, Ottawa, has to say about the farmer in national economy writing in the current issue of the Economic Annalist: "The modern farmer is an entrepreneur—an owner and an organizer of a business in which he and members of his family perform a good deal of the manual work connected with the enterprise. He buys and sells commodities. He employs labor and directs it. He seeks an income which will enable a satisfactory standard of living. It may be well therefore for all those interested in agriculture to bear in mind that farming will be a better way of getting a living when it is organized on a business basis."

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