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SANCTUM SIFTINGS.

The thirtieth annual Convention of the South Grey Teachers was held here on Thursday and Friday of last week. The weather behaved well, and instead of the usual down-pour of rain the two days were very favorable for convention work. The attendance was good, and every township in the Inspectorate was well represented with the exception of Armesia and Proton from which only few responded to the roll call.

On Thursday forenoon there was not a great deal of work done beyond the opening exercises and the disposal of routine business, such as reading of minutes and the appointment of committees. The President, Mr. Alex. Reid, having left the Inspectorate, the duties of the office fell to the lot of Miss May McClocklin, the first Vice-President, who entered the chair during the afternoon of Thursday, and discharged the office in a very efficient manner. Inspector Campbell filled the Presidential chair during the previous session of the Convention on Thursday and Principal Allan was at his post as secretary-treasurer of the Institute.

The teachers on this occasion seem to have been fully alive to their duties, a number of the ladies giving good thoughtful and inspiring papers on various phases of their work. As most of the essays will appear in due time in these columns, it will not be necessary on our part to give much of an outline on the topics dealt with.

Shortly after opening on Thursday afternoon an address of welcome was given by the trustees in short addresses by Messrs. C. L. Grant, Chas. Ramage and J. S. McIlraith, after which Rev. W. Farquharson and W. Irwin were called on to supplement the remarks made by the previous speakers.

Miss Annie G. Clark, of Louise, read a valuable essay on School Libraries, which we publish in this issue.

The Vice-President's address was pointed and appropriate, containing many valuable pointers that teachers would do well to put into practice.

Grammar in Junior classes was well introduced by Mr. Thompson, of Allan

Park, after which was a spirited discussion commending the methods so clearly outlined by him.

"The Teacher's Responsibility as a Canadian Citizen" was well given by Miss Isa Campbell, of Boothville. This appears also in our columns this week, and is well worthy of a careful perusal. Miss Campbell's trip across the Continent during the summer vacation gave food for thought which led to digressions at several points in the reading of her essay.

"Nature Study as a means of Self-expression" was the subject of a careful thought out essay read by Miss Annie MacKenzie, of the school at Varney. This will be published in a future issue when our readers will have an opportunity of judging of its merits.

Miss Coppinger, of Hanover, gave an essay on Primary reading, based largely on a work published by Miss Anna Sinclair, of Minnedosa, Manitoba, to whom she gave credit for many of the thoughts presented, and recommended the book as a valuable aid to primary teachers. The essay as presented is given in this issue.

Mr. J. A. Magee, the Principal of Hanover Public School, had an essay on the subject "What's worth While." He explained, on taking his position on the platform, that the subject had been badly cut up by many remarks that were made by previous speakers, and in consequence he touched only on points that were not previously dealt with. The subject was beautifully presented, nevertheless, in the form of an address, and those who listened to the clear cut manner in which he arranged his ideas, and the well-chosen words in which the ideas were clothed, could not fail to be benefited by the address. We hope to have the essay in full for some future issue, and would ask Mr. Magee to be kind enough to send us the manuscript. We think it "worth while" to give the subject a place in our columns for the benefit of those who are interested in educational topics.

Mr. C. W. Bolton, of Neustadt, read an essay on Self-Education of the Teacher. Mr. Bolton, we learn, is a teacher-student, and as he is following up a course of private study he was in a position to speak of what he knew and to know whereof he spoke. Mr. Bolton will kindly furnish the copy, which, we have no doubt, will be a benefit to his fellow teachers.

"The function of Geography in a liberal Education" was the subject presented by Miss Gertrude McLeod. This, like the other topics, was full of useful information and wise hints that might easily be elaborated by the wide-awake and active teacher. It will be published later.

Five minute talks were introduced as follows:—Copying in School, by Miss Binnie, Part I of Entrance Examination, by Mr. Tolchard, and Homework, by Mr. John Johnston.

Mr. John Ritchie, Inspector of Schools, of Port Arthur, was present at the whole Convention, and in addition to a most pithy and pointed address on the Little Things of School life, as regards the pupils and the teacher, he was ready at every turn to give useful and valuable opinions and advice. Mr. Ritchie has been a teacher for thirty years and was appointed two years ago to the position of Inspector, in which work he is now actively engaged. The address fairly bristled with "sharp pointed" advice, which can hardly fail to "stick" to many of the teachers who were fortunate enough to be present and listen to his remarks.

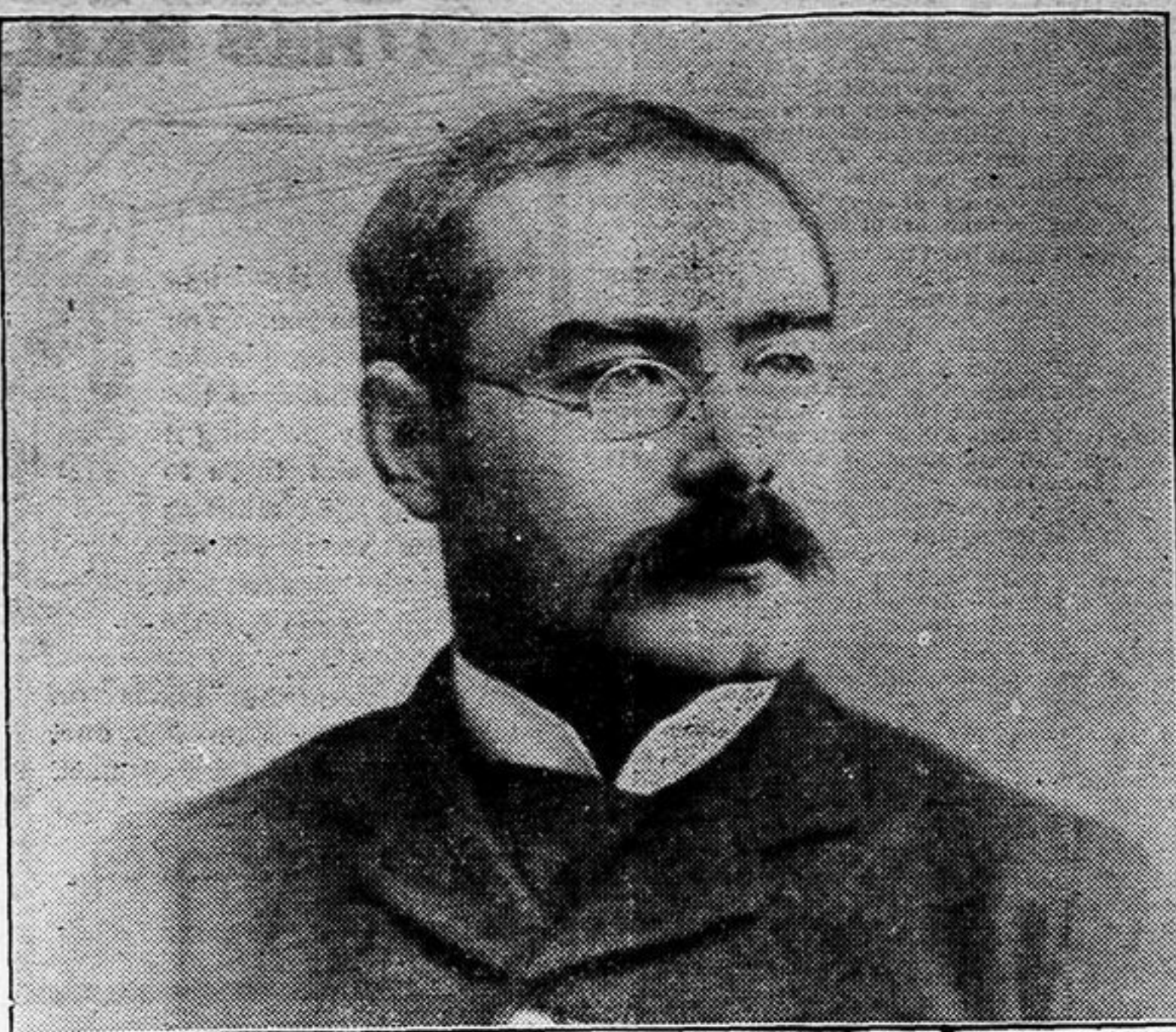
Though Mr. Campbell has been in and out amongst the teachers of South Grey for the past twenty years in his official capacity as Inspector, his remarks at all stages of the Convention were right up to the point. Lack of time prevented him taking up his subject of "Professional Ethics," but there is no doubt the theme will keep for another year, and be fresh and timely at one of the Conventions in 1908.

Principal Allan's subject, "The value of Psychology to the Teacher," was also held over for want of time. This year's loss to the teachers in Convention will be a decided gain at some future meeting. For the past nineteen years Mr. Allan has been Principal of the school here. Though somewhat older now than he was nineteen years ago, he seems to retain the energies of his youth, and still shows his characteristic snap in anything he undertakes to do in educational lines. People are never older than they feel, and notwithstanding a few "blanching honors" Mr. Allan is young in spirit.

Mr. J. S. Rowe, for many years the esteemed Principal of Markdale school, delivered a very pointed address in his own characteristic style.

Mr. Urquhart, Principal of Dundalk school, made his first bow to the teachers of South Grey. He had no assigned subject, but was ready to take part in every subject with good effect. He is a graduate of Manitoba College, a good speaker and evidently a good debater. He'll be on the program next time for sure.

Mr. Heath, the new Principal of Flesherton, was present during the second day of the Convention and took



RUDYARD KIPLING

The man of the Hour, who is now touring Canada, and meeting with a warm welcome everywhere.

an active part in some of the discussions, and will likely have more to do in the future.

A very unique feature of the Convention was a collection of insects, reptiles, bugs, etc., that were exhibited as "Nature Collections," by Mr. D. McKenzie, Principal of the Public School at Ayton. The collection, we understand, was chiefly the work of his pupils, who must, by such practical work, learn very much indeed about the nature and habits of such life. Much praise was accorded to Mr. McKenzie for the interesting character of his exhibit, which was admired by all teachers and other visitors at the Convention.

The concert in the evening was well attended, as is usual at the teachers' entertainments. The talent engaged for the occasion was Mr. J. H. Cameron, Entertainer, and Mabel Manley Pickard, Vocalist, both of Toronto, with Mrs. Newton, of Durham, as Pianist and piano accompanist.

Shortly after eight o'clock the chair was taken by Inspector Campbell, who made only a very few remarks and then took his place amongst the audience.

Mr. Cameron appeared on other occasions before the South Grey teachers and those who heard him were sure of a treat. They were not disappointed, and every number was loudly encored, to which the performer made a generous response. His "Dawn on the Coast of Ireland," "I love a lassie," "Mr. Smith's Address," "The Stuttering Sweethearts," "Wounded" and "Rather too old for that now" were all pleasing numbers, and the numerous encores were a delight to all present. Few entertainers have a more graceful stage appearance and fewer still can furnish such a variety as Mr. Cameron. Everybody was delighted, and would gladly have seen the program prolonged.

Mrs. Pickard's stage presence captivated the audience from her first appearance. Her voice is beautifully clear, and her sweet rendering of highly classical selections delighted the whole audience. Her "Standard on the Braes of Mar" and "Home, Sweet Home" were delightfully rendered and thoroughly enjoyed by everybody. Encores followed every number, to which a graceful response was given.

Mrs. Newton favored the audience with a couple of piano selections, which again gave evidence of her skill as a musician.

The meeting was a great success and all were delighted.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. Close, Piano Tuner, is in town on business.

Miss Rita McComb spent a few days at her home here.

Conductor Lavelle was in town the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Connor, of Merlin, Co. Kent, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Beggs.

Mr. David Smith is reported to be improving from his operation and illness.

Mr. McGiffin of the C. P. R. staff, spent Sunday with friends in Southampton.

Mr. Thomas Brown, of Holstein, visited his brothers, James and Adam, here, for a few days.

Mr. Joseph Lawson of Guelph, spent a few days in town on business representing the Imperial Life Insurance Association.

Miss Adams of Hanover, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Aljoe at the Teachers' Convention and remained over till Sunday.

Percy Bryon son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bryon, a boy of eleven years of age, is ill of typhoid, but is doing very nicely.

Miss Lee, Professional Nurse, of Fergus returned home Tuesday after attending Miss Kearney during her illness from typhoid.

Messrs. Hahn and Miehhausen went to Toronto Monday. They didn't say what they were going for but it isn't likely they'll try to promote Local Option.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Black whose marriage we announced last week have returned to town and started housekeeping in their own home the property Mr. Black purchased from Mr. T. R. Whelan.

Mr. W. F. Firth of the Firth Concert Company sang very effective a solo entitled "Hear My Prayer," in Trinity church on Sunday evening last. Mr. Firth is a nephew of Mr. Christopher Firth with whom he and his company of entertainers remained over Sunday.

Mr. John Ritchie, Inspector of schools of Port Arthur was a valued contributor to the work of the Teachers' Convention here last week. He is a brother of William and George Ritchie of Glenelg, but for the past thirty years has been away from here most of the time as teacher and latterly as Inspector.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alexander, of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lawson, of Milton, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rogers, of Toronto, Miss Warnock, and Miss Margaret Alexander, also of Toronto, were present at the funeral of Mrs. Alex. Alexander. Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Rogers and Miss Alexander are sisters of Mr. Alexander and Miss Warnock is sister of the deceased.

B. Y. P. U. SOCIAL EVENING.

On Tuesday evening the Baptist Young People had a nice social gathering in the church where a goodly audience was treated to a nice entertainment.

Mrs. Newton and Miss Brown sang a pleasing duet. Miss Ada Brown gave a well rendered solo. Mr. Yiirs gave several violin selections, which were much appreciated. Mr. Arthur Smith made his first appearance in town as a vocalist and left a good impression of his musical ability.

Recitations were given by Miss L. Walker, Master Willie Bogle and Master Herb Murdock. A male quartette consisting of Will Harding, Frank Clemas, Allan Bell and F. W. Search gave a very appropriate selection entitled "Don't Worry" which met with much appreciation. Miss Gertie McComb sang a solo and the choir sandwiched in a number of choruses. We mustn't forget the original recital of Mr. John H. Brown, who worked in a happy history and historical reminiscences of the old Baptist church in Durham. The proceeds amounted to \$13.50.

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THIS year we have imported our Braids and Trimmings from an Old Country house and are offering them at almost half the prices which were charged last year. The great variety of shades designs and the low prices will commend them to every customer.

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