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Soon Going to France

[The following chatty letter from an old Normanby boy, Arthur Gadd, was sent to his sister, Mrs Alex Smith, Normanby. We hope his grub is now better and that his left handed shooting was accepted.—Ed.]
June 17th, 1916

Dear Sister:
Just a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. We are in Kent County about nine miles from Shorncliffe. It is a big camp, about seven thousand troops.

A draft has been selected from our Batt. to reinforce some Batt. in France, which has been in action. I have been selected and we are going in for a quick training before we leave. If they feed us good we can stand lots of work, as only those who are young and healthy were picked. We have been fed very poorly so far on account of the A. C. C. not knowing we were coming and they had no grub for us. I brought a little money with me, so it came in very handy. The war has made things very dear here to what we are told they were in peace times and they soak us Canadians.

The medical exam was strict, they do not want weak men at all and a lot of men will never see fighting on account of being at all sickly. I only hope they do not turn me down for my left-handed shooting. I know I can pass everything else.

We are about two miles from the water and we can hear the big guns on a quiet night. We see a lot of aeroplanes going to and from France. The weather has been very bad since we landed. The mud is up to our boot tops. We sleep ten in a bell tent twelve feet in diameter, so you can imagine we are crowded. We sleep on the ground with one blanket under us and two on top. I got to bed and slept like a top until morning. We have to get to bed at 9.30 and rise at five. The tents are all painted black, so the Zeps cannot see them at night.

I must tell you about our trip. It was a fine trip on the train and the water was smooth until the last day when it was pretty rough. The boat rolled a lot on account of running zigzag course to give a sub the slip. We were met by two fast torpedo boats which gave the ducks a good reason to keep under water. If we were on a large boat of 40,000 tons, a regular troop ship with guns mounted. They did some shooting at mid ocean which was counted very good. Write often. Yours truly,

REV. ARTHUR GADD,
No. 180017,
88th Batt, C. E. F., No. 2 Coy.,
Army P. O., London, Eng

Egremont S. S. Workers Meet Successful Convention

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held on Friday last in Amos Church near Dromore. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. M. Findlay, who was President for the year and after the opening devotional exercises, gave an able Presidential address, which was followed by Reports from Schools and Departments. There are 9 Sunday Schools with 61 teachers. Holstein Methodist S. S. is the only one with a Home Department. Seven have a Grade Roll Dept., the enrollment being: Amos P. 24; Fairbairn P. 22; Holstein P. 21; Holstein M. 16; Cedarville P. 10; Orehard M. 9; Yeovil M. 8. Total sum approximating \$70 is given to Missions.

The officers elected for 1916-17 are: President—John Sinclair. Vice Pres.—Jno. R. Philip. Secy.—Treas.—John Stevenson re-elected.

Heads of Departments: Elementary—Mrs J. Mathew. Secondary—Geo. Lothian. Bible Class—Mrs W. H. Sim. Teacher Training—Mrs J. C. Fairbairn.

Missionary—Miss Christie. Temperance—J. R. Philip. Home Dept.—Rev. Mr. Ibbott. There were two sessions, afternoon and evening. Following the opening exercises, minutes were read and these included more than formal motions. A synopsis of the papers given in 1915 tended to put all in touch with the work. The financial report was given the same time and both were adopted.

The President in his address after welcoming the delegates and visitors referred to the 18 years' existence of the Association, touched at some length on the benefits of such meetings to one another where entered into with right spirit. The teaching of the story of Bible words down to Christ, and of His teaching and that of the apostles, and the history of the early Christian church was bound to have a wholesome influence upon the young mind, as long as life would last. He spoke of the importance of Bible reading in the home, not practised as it should be, and thus it behooved teachers to do their utmost to make the young familiar with the Word of God.

A paper by Miss Christie was full of suggestive hints on the importance of home training and the necessity of co-operation of Home and S. S. Missions and Missions study should become real to the child.

Mr R. Canfield's address was on "How to secure Church and Home Co-operation." It was a very instructive paper, it showed the rewards that came to the faithful teacher, and many quotations shed an illuminating light over all. It gave rise to a spirited discussion, taken part in quite freely by many present.

Mr Wm. Allan also touched on co-operation, in fact it was the dominant note of the afternoon. In Normanby from 40 families there was an attendance of 83. "We must get after the ones who are absent." There should be a monthly mission. Sunday, the children trained to give cheerfully, unhesitatingly ever the truth "God loveth a cheerful giver."

Delegates and visitors were spontaneously entertained in the basement between sessions and the interval furnished a fine opportunity for social talk and mix-up. The local choir under the leadership of Mr Wm. Haggie, furnished inspiring and appropriate music at both sessions. Miss G. Rie was chosen a clever little sinner, her rendering of "Pass under the rod" being well done.

Questions were invited in the afternoon to be answered by Mr John Taylor, Hanover, Co. Secretary. A word of praise should be given to him for the enthusiasm and interest he put into the discussion. Only two questions were submitted, one on the matter of graded, versus uniform lessons and another "Why is there so little reverence in the house of God?" The former raised some discussion, the trend of thought being that graded lessons would meet the needs of different ages as uniform lessons could not. Mr R. Renwick, Sr., is firmly of the opinion, (and there are others) that the Bible was a better known book when there was neither uniform nor graded lessons. The other question seemed to simmer down to the melancholy fact of a decadence of home influence.

Rev. Mr Ibbott's topic asked "Why do not children attend Divine Service?" He drew examples from early Jewish History and from other sources where the young were provided for, and modern failures could be traced to the baptismal vow. It would be an innovation, but he would like to see teachers and class together at church services. Children can be truly pious in youth, Joshua and Timothy being Bible instances. "Train up a child, &c." meant more than simply let him toy with a lesson leaf and needed eternal vigilance to keep down the weeds that would choke a child's life.

The atmosphere of the home was all important. If sneering or captious references were made in the home about ministers, teachers or leaders, we know what to expect. With the eye of faith he looked for a time when great social and other

blessings would uplift the home and the child above the present level.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Misses Janet and Eleanor McKay, of Atlas Craig, are this week visiting their brother, Mr. A. C. McKay.

Pte. Chas. Legge, of Niagara Camp, visited at his home here over Sunday.

Miss Pearl Pennock, of Toronto, is spending a few weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Pennock.

Mrs. W. J. Robertson, of Toronto, spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Allan.

Miss Ina Marsh left Monday to spend a few weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Gardner, at Walton.

On Wednesday of last week Mr. David Allan underwent an operation at his home here for appendicitis. We are pleased to report Mr. Allan is getting along well and we hope soon to see him around again.

Dr. and Mrs. Ferguson and boys left Saturday on a motor trip to St. Marys and Chatham. Dr. Sneath is in charge of Dr. Ferguson's patients in his absence.

The Orangemen's service was held in the Presbyterian church on Sabbath evening. Rev. Dr. Marsh preached a very appropriate sermon to a large audience.

Miss Elizabeth Ross, of Detroit, is visiting Miss Ross for a couple of weeks.

Corporal Nelson Irvine is visiting friends in Holstein and vicinity this week. Corporal Irvine, formerly of Holstein boy, has been in the trenches, was wounded and is now recuperating before going back again to the front.

The Chautauque Reading Circle spent last Wednesday evening at the park. After having ten the members of the Circle spent some time fixing up the flower beds.

Mrs. Jas. Bruce and niece Bernice Petrie spent last week in Toronto and Hamilton.

Mrs. (Rev.) Ibbott received a cablegram Monday last week from Birmingham, Eng., telling her of the death of her mother.

Quite a number of our Holstein people took in the Sunday School Convention at Dromore on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Philip and Miss Mona Riee leave this week for a trip West, going by boat from Owen Sound and intend remaining a couple of months.

Mrs. Petrie and Miss Anna Carrs leave this week for Toronto to spend a month with friends there.

Mr. James Main, of Hagersville, spent a few days of last week with friends in our village.

The Holstein Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Geddes on Thursday, July 20th. Demonstration of Salads will be given by Mrs. Petrie, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Leith and Miss McCormick.

Miss Alma McCormick, of Brooklyn, Ont., paid his sister, Mrs. G. P. Leith, a short visit last week. Another sister, Mrs. H. Chisholm, son and daughter, of Owen Sound, motored over to Holstein and took Miss McCormick home with them on Friday.

Moosajaw Daily News: "In the list of promotions to the nine public schools of Moosajaw with an average attendance of 5,000 pupils, Elsie Mitchell of the Empire School heads the list for the 7th grade of the city. Arthur Reid of the King George School. A keen interest is always taken in the Grade 7 results as it is from this grade the pupils enter college."

Arthur Reid is the son of G. M. Reid, who lived on the 12th con. Egremont, until three years ago, when he moved with his family to Moosajaw, Sask. Congratulations to Arthur.

BORN

BAIRD—On Thursday, July 6th, to Mr and Mrs Archie Baird, a daughter.

Promotion Exams.

JUNIOR ROOM HOLSTEIN
Sr 2nd to Jr 3rd—Austin O'Connell (b), Willie Ibbott (b), Ella Matthews (b), Joe Ellis, Bernice Petrie, Addie Haas, Tom McKenzie.
Jr 2nd to Sr 2nd—Erma Johns, Clara Matthews, Grace Baird, Agnes Evans and Emma Aitken eq., Edward Brooks.

Eight Hours Helpless in Trench.

In a letter to his father here, Lieut. Corp Walter Ibbott thus tells of his recent wounding: "It was in the battle at Ypres, when the 13th Canadian Highlanders made the attack on the Ypres Salient that I was wounded. Our company was part of the third line of attack. We had got as far as the German second line, gained a grand victory when I got shot. The bullet penetrated my thigh, going in at the front and coming out at the lower side. Another bullet went through my chest, came to a stop inside of my tunic and I have retained it as a souvenir and at my first opportunity will send it on to you. (He then makes reference to the kind treatment they receive in the hospital and specially in England.) He goes on to say—when I fell, I fell into a ditch about three feet deep, between shell holes filled with water.

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SWINTON PARK

Mrs. P. McCrae and son Willie of Galt, are spending a week with her parents, Mr and Mrs W. J. Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson and family of Collingwood, spent a few days with friends here when down for her parents' golden wedding.

Mr and Mrs G. W. Parslow visited Artemesia friends.

Mr Hugh Hardy of Osprey spent the week end in our burg, the guest of Mr and Mrs G. Martin.

Miss Schell of Bethel was the guest of Miss Faith Porter.

Mrs. Martin, Hanover, visited with Mr and Mrs J. I. Porter.

Mr and Mrs W. G. Porter visited Glenelg friends.

Pte J. L. McDonald spent a week at home.

Mrs. Lohsinger spent a few days with her brother, Mr W. Frook.

Mr. Will Knox spent Sunday with Glenelg friends.

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