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SCHOOL SITUATION IN U. S.

Public education in the United States is generally in a bad way. In thirty-three of the states of the Union some eighty thousand teachers have been thrown out of employment, a number greater than all the teachers in this Dominion. In these states and especially in rural areas hundreds of school terms have been drastically curtailed. The effect has been to deprive many thousands of children of the benefits of education, at the only period in their lives in which education is likely to be provided for them. This deplorable condition has been

made much worse from the social point of view, by a virtual cessation of schoolhouse construction everywhere in the country. To a large extent, states and localities have been unwilling or unable in the hard times to even keep existing school buildings in repair. In short education has reached an unprecedented crisis in the Republic and the dire consequences of which are truly unpredictable unless a portion of the \$3,300,000,000 provided by Congress for public works projects is devoted towards the cause of education. In many rural communities the complete closing of the school means virtually the disintegration of community life for children.

W. W. Ramage Honored
On Eightieth Birthday

Veteran Choir Leader tendered a real Surprise Party in Priceville Church.

Some day the musical service William Ramage is rendering the community of Dromore and Priceville will cease, but for the present it is a very live issue, to judge by the enthusiasm of both the recipient and those responsible for the event Saturday evening.

William Ramage was 80 years of age on 23rd of September and for over 50 years of that time, has had the oversight and leadership of three church choirs, — Dromore, Ebenezer and Priceville. The duties were never found irksome or onerous, but rather a labor of love. Gifted by Providence with a singing voice, he encouraged his talents in that direction and to him singing has been the open road to many pleasures in life. The generations of choirs that have passed under his oversight, bear testimony that they all "learned" under his tutelage.

So a happy thought to celebrate the event by some of Priceville choir members, grew in proportion, until it reached Dromore and Ebenezer, with the result that on Saturday evening, St. Columba Church, Priceville, had a gathering estimated at nearly two hundred, to wish personally the best of good wishes to Mr. Ramage, on the 80th anniversary of his natal day. He was decaying from his home this night in question with the promise of a long drive, which eventually proved to be the church. As he entered the building, "For he's a jolly good fellow" was sung, which broke the ice for what was to follow. The choirs of Dromore, Ebenezer and Priceville were present and the present and past leader, — the guest of the evening, — rendered a selection of numbers that "time cannot wither or custom stale."

Rev. J. A. Moir was chairman of the evening and in a gracious manner conducted the duties of the office. Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Ramage, N. Egremont, and Miss A. Lennox, favored with a trio, as did also the two sisters in a duet. Mr. Peter Ramage, Durham, contributed a solo, and Mrs. Frank Hopkins, Dromore, a reading on "Canada's wild goose." Mr. Mal. McInnis, in a few words expatiated on the value of Mr. Ramage to the community. At an appropriate time, Miss Jewel MacArthur came forward and read an address to Mr. and Mrs. Ramage, the substance of which appears below. Accompanying her were two small girls, Mary Patterson of Dromore and Eileen Karstedt, Priceville, with sheafs of flowers for Mrs. Ramage. Mrs. Sam Patterson, Dromore, and Wm. McKechnie, Priceville, with mysterious parcels for the 50-year leader. These proved to be fine slippers for both Mr. and Mrs. Ramage from Priceville choir and a shirt and necktie from the Dromore choir. With difficulty, Mr. Ramage found voice to express their appreciation of the thought that prompted these gifts. He had ample appreciation for his work in the satisfaction of assisting embryo singers to a better knowledge of music.

The closing numbers were a fine anthem by Priceville choir, in which Mrs. H. B. McLean had the solo section, "One day nearer home." Combined with Dromore choir, the famous "Doxology" anthem was rendered with that fervor and skill that showed the trained hand behind it all. Gracing the platform was a large birthday cake, — the work of Miss Edith James, — illuminated with candles, and which all the guests sampled. It was pronounced excellent. Light refreshments were served and the happy evening came to a close about midnight.

There were four others present this evening in question whose birthday

days fall on same date. They were requested to come to the front where the audience could have a look at them. They proved to be Mrs. Harold Karstedt, Mrs. John MacArthur, Toronto; Miss T. Fettes, Durham; Grant Muir, Ceylon.

Dear Mr. Ramage: It gives us great pleasure as members of the congregation of this church, to meet to-night, with some of the friends of long ago, to celebrate with you and Mrs. Ramage, the advent of your 80th birthday.

Your long and useful life has been most unique in that branch of church work dealing with the praise of God in song. For over half a century you have been using your talent unflinchingly in the communities in which you have lived, training choirs and singers, also giving unstintingly your own voice in song whenever and wherever it was needed.

Since coming to Priceville nine years ago, this church and community have been much richer for your presence here. You have not only helped in a musical way, but with all good work in the community we have been able to depend upon Mr. Ramage's whole-souled help.

We have come together to-night on this birthday occasion to tell you how much we appreciate all you have been to us, and also to congratulate you on reaching your 80th milestone with such a fair measure of health and strength which you seem to enjoy.

Please accept these small tokens of remembrance for you and your wife, from the friends of St. Columba church, not for their intrinsic value, but for the good feeling with which they are given. And our hope and prayer is that there may yet be many happy returns of the day and that they may be spent with the friends of Priceville.

Signed by Priceville choir

Priceville Prize List

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Hydrangea — Mrs. J. McLean, Mrs. J. E. Nichol, Dahlia — F. Karstedt, E. Watters. Coll. foliage — Mrs. J. McLean, Asters — F. Karstedt. Single plant, not on list — R. McConkey, W. Aldcorn. DAILY & DOMESTIC SCIENCE Jelly — Mrs. J. McLean, Mrs. Davis, 5 lb roll butter (Eaton special), 9 entries — Chas. Watson, W. Mead, D. Campbell, 10 lb crock butter, 5 entries — C. Watson, W. Mead, Vause. Butter in lb prints — W. Mead, Maple syrup — E. Watters, W. Mead, Maple sugar — Mead, Pumpkin pie — J. McGirr, Chas. Watson, Lemon pie — Dan Campbell, F. Reilly, Apple pie — D. Campbell, R. McConkey, Oatmeal cakes — D. Campbell, C. Watson, Custard pie — J. McGirr, D. Campbell, Cream pie — E. Watters, F. Reilly, Mince pie — Mrs. Davis, J. McGirr, Fruit cake — R. McConkey, Mrs. Wm. Clark, Bran muffins — D. Campbell, Mrs. J. E. Nichol, Dark layer cake — W. J. McMillan, J. McGirr, White bread — R. McConkey, A. Stonehouse, Brown bread — Mrs. Davis, Mrs. M. McLean, Fruit loaf — Mrs. Nichol, Mrs. Davis, Buns — T. A. Ferguson, J. C. Harrison, Tart — D. Campbell, W. Mead, Coll. canned fruits — E. A. Ruttle, D. Campbell, Sweet pickles — Mrs. M. McLean, Mrs. Clark, Sour pickles — Mrs. Davis, E. A. Ruttle, Coll. canned vegetables — D. Campbell, Mrs. Davis, Salada Tea special, (ass'd tea biscuits and cup tea) — D. Campbell, H. Tucker, Layer cake, made from Magic Baking Powder — D. Campbell, W. J. McMillan, Bread from O'Canada flour — T. A. Ferguson, W. Aldcorn.

Mrs. W. M. Groat, Judge

LADIES' WORK

Quilt, cotton — McCuaig, Mrs. Nichol, Quilt, any other — Mrs. Clark, D. Campbell, Quilt, fancy quilting — Mrs. Nichol, A. Stonehouses, Comforter — Mrs. Nichol, D. Campbell, Bedspread, Afghan — D. Campbell, Bedspread, fancy — D. Campbell, Men's sleeping garment — Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Nichol, Child's dress — E. A. Ruttle, D. Campbell, Kitchen apron — E. A. Ruttle, D. Campbell, Hand hemmed sheet — E. A. Ruttle, J. C. Harrison, Article from flour sack — E. A. Ruttle, D. Campbell, Hand knit socks, coarse — Mrs. Arch McLean, Mrs. Davis, Hand knit socks, fine — Mrs. Davis, W. Mead, Hand mitts, double — Mrs. A. McLean, Mrs. Nichol, Hand mitts, fine — Mrs. Davis, A. McCuaig, Darning stocking — D. Campbell, H. Tucker, Laundry work, dress — J. McCuaig, E. A. Ruttle, Floor mat rag, hooked — A. McCuaig, Mrs. Nichol, Floor mat, rag, braided — W. J. McMillan, Mrs. Clark, Unlaundered garment, hand sewn — D. Campbell, Mrs. Davis, Pillow slips — hand made — D. Campbell, Mrs. Nichol.

LADIES' WORK — (Fancy) Irish Crochet — A. A. Ruttle, Mrs. Davis, Fillet crochet — E. A. Ruttle, Mrs. Davis, Tatting — E. A. Ruttle, D. Campbell, Drawn thread work — Mrs. Davis, A. McCuaig, Embroidery, colors — Mrs. Nichol, Mrs. Davis, Hand hemstitching — E. A. Ruttle, Emb. eyelet — A. McCuaig, D. Campbell, Emb. solid white — A. McCuaig, E. A. Ruttle, Emb. hardanger — Vause, Emb. Roman cut — Mrs. J. Nichol, A. McCuaig, Floral emb. — Mrs. J. Nichol, E. A. Ruttle, Luncheon set — Mrs. J. Nichol, A. McCuaig, Table mats — Mrs. Davis, D. Campbell, Tray cloth — Mrs. Nichol, A. McCuaig, Tea cosy — D. Campbell, E. A. Ruttle, Centre-

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CHILDREN'S WORK AND FINE ARTS

Emb. guest towel, by girls—E. A. Ruttle, F. Reilly. Farm gate model by boys—J. Mead, D. Gray. Pencil drawing—C. Watson, A. Stonehouse, Crayon drawing—C. Watson, Water colors—Aileen Karstedt, Alexandria McVicar. Other picture of merit—Anna McVicar, C. Watson. W. M. Groat and Mr. Bosfield, Mount Forest, Judges

KNOX UNITED W. M. S.

The W. M. S. of Knox United Church, met in the schoolroom, on Sept. 20th. Mrs. Mather presided and Hyman 437 opened the meeting, with the Lord's Prayer. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved and a good deal of business was discussed. It was decided that owing to the resignation of Miss McGirr as Mission Band leader, that Mrs. Rowland and Miss Hunter interview a prospective leader. Hymn 581 was sung and Mrs. Arthur McDonald read the scripture lesson and several members offered prayers. Mrs. Reay had the Dev. lesson, "Priscilla, a Bible Woman." The roll call was answered with a text on "Giving." Miss McGirr had the topic, a review of our hospitals and their work, using a map to show the location of each. Mrs. Mather gave sketches of the growth of this work; Mrs. McArthur told of the work in cities and Mrs. J. J. Smith of some of the work of our mission in Indore, India. Mrs. Rowland spoke on the Temperance work and after singing hymn 399, Mrs. Mather closed with prayer.

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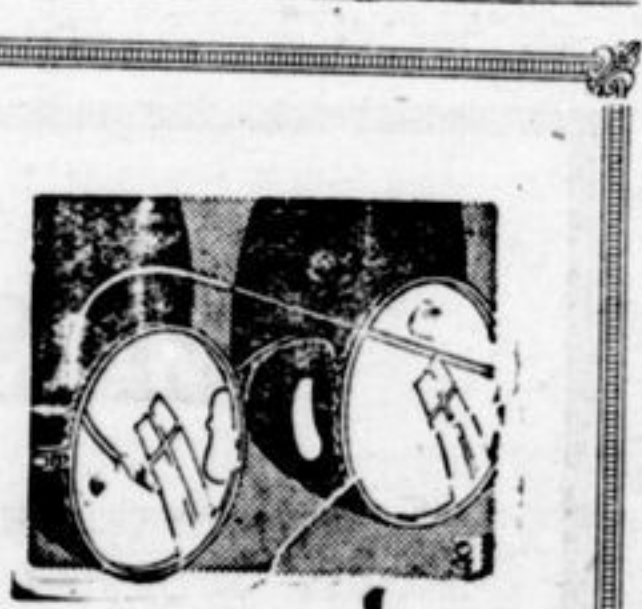
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