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ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN CARRIED ON CONTINUOUSLY FOR OVER SIXTY-FIVE YEARS

Old School Destroyed by Fire in 1921—The New School Now Occupied—Commencement Exercises Held Last Friday Evening

Athens, Feb. 28.—All roads led to Athens, Friday evening, the occasion being the annual high school Commencement, which was quite up to the high standard of excellence attained previously by this institution of learning. The staff, J. L. Medcof, B.A., C. R. Ashdowne, B.A., and the Misses Livingston, Rhodes and Young, are to be congratulated upon the splendid programme rendered, and the large audience that assembled to enjoy the proceedings. The



The New Athens High School.

decorative scheme was most attractive, "the lemon and the blue" being much in evidence, in festoons, bows, pennants, lettering, etc. The aesthetic taste of those in charge being clearly revealed.

That creditable work has been done during the past year was evidenced by the large number of medals and diplomas received, the presentations being made by C. R. Ashdowne, B.A., Inspector J. F. McGuire, M.A., Westport, and Major Kennedy, L.L.B., M.P., Winnipeg, the latter two being former graduates of the school, and paying a high tribute to the worth-while work accomplished during the years. Two well-executed folk dances were contributed by the girls, who also gave



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a difficult "twist and drill," the boys putting on two interesting athletic drills. Musical numbers added enjoyable features, the students being heard with pleasure in five choruses, Messrs. Warren and Towrias, Messrs. Neff and Medcof contributing a vocal quartette. The comedy, "Getting even with Reggie" was well staged, the Oriental costumes adding elaborate and unusual features, the amusing situations eliciting rounds of laughter.

It is to be hoped that other entertainments of a similar nature may again be furnished by the staff and students in the not too distant future.

It may not be generally known

that the Athens High School, which has, at present, such an enviable record, has been "carrying on" continuously for a period of sixty-five years, under the tuition of one hundred and twenty-five teachers, and has been a potent force in the lives of hundreds, and even thousands of men and women throughout our beloved Canada, and other lands as well.

In bygone days, there were men of vision hereabout, who thought, as

did Sir John Herschel, that, "Give a man a taste for reading, and the means of gratifying it, and you can hardly fail of making him happy. You make him a denizen of all nations, and a contemporary of all ages." Accordingly we find, that, as early as the 20th of November, 1839, there was held, in the village of "Farmersville," a public meeting for the purpose of looking into the matter of establishing a Grammar School, funds for which were to be raised by circulating a subscription list, and by petitioning Parliament for a grant. On that occasion, the chairman was Dr. John G. Booth, the secretary was Arza Parish, the committee being Joseph Whitse, Dr. J. G. Booth, Dr. William Howard,

Wellington Landon, James Bates, Phillip Wing and Arza Parish. As often happens in our own time, it required many years of anticipation before there came the realization, as will be seen from an old volume of the "By-laws of District Council," which says, under date of the 21st of June, 1860, that, "Whereas it appears that the state of the Grammar School funds is at present ample to permit the establishment of an additional Grammar School in these counties, be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the united counties of Leeds and Grenville, and, it is hereby enacted, that a Grammar School be established in the village of Farmersville, in the county of Leeds, according to the statute in that behalf. That James Demming, Harmonious Aiguire, Arza Parish, Thomas Hayes, Lemuel Cornell, John Kincaid, Wellington Landon and Henry Green be appointed trustees of said Grammar School, and that two of the trustees shall retire from office annually, on the thirty-first of January, in each year, in the order of their appointment, as hereinafter mentioned (By-law No. 185.)

Even before a building was erected for the purpose, it appears that temporary quarters for advanced work were secured in the old Baptist church, which stood upon the site now occupied by the pretty little brick edifice, built some thirty-five years or so ago. This "Select School," as it was termed, was taught by J. B. Holmes, B.A., who announced his course of instruction to be "Common English Branches, History, Natural Philosophy, Geometry, Algebra, Plane and Spherical Trigonometry, Surveying, and the Latin, Greek and French languages, attention being also given to Declamation and Composition." Subsequently, in the present township hall, on Central street, Rev. Joseph Johnston conducted a private school during part of the years 1858-1859, for the purpose of training those who desired to enter the teaching profession.

In 1859, school section No. 6, Rear of Yonge and Escott, began to build the substantial stone structure that stood for forty-five years at the corner of what are now Henry and Wellington streets, the work being completed in the course of nine months. Incidentally, it may be observed that this building was burned in February of 1906, and was replaced the same year by one of brick. Originally the school building was intended for Common School purposes, and Alexander Campbell was engaged as principal, but it was later decided to confine the work of the public school to the space on the ground floor, and de-

vote the upper story to Grammar School work, hence another principal was found, in the person of John B. Holmes, who had the oversight of both schools.

A desire for more advanced educational facilities being felt, it was decided, in 1877, to establish a Model School here, that those obtaining their teacher's certificate might be duly qualified for the teaching profession in order that the teachers-in-training might be near their pupils, it was deemed wise to place the upper floor of the new building at their disposal, and find new quarters for the Grammar School students.

A piece of land on Church street was purchased from the late Harmonious Aiguire, and building operations were commenced, the old township hall, Central street, being utilized as a school-house during 1877-78. The new building, a strong, sturdy structure, 44 x 66, stood facing Reid street, and its tower, 18 x 24, surmounted by a weather-vane, could be seen for long distances, and was a familiar object in the landscape for over forty years, until the fire-lend laid it low on the morning of October 27th, 1921.

The first staff to occupy the new building consisted of A. Bowerman, M.A., H. E. Eyre, and H. Turbull. Mr. Eyre, still noted for his wit and geniality, is a well-known resident of Chantry, for many years, and is a welcome visitor in town, at intervals. It is said that the salaries received by all those teachers would scarcely aggregate the salary received by one teacher in most high schools to-day. Contrast the present with the "good old days" of which we hear.

During the passing years, the attendance had gradually increased, and the demand for more advanced instruction had become insistent, so it was deemed advisable to provide additional accommodation, that all who would might come. In 1913, at considerable expense, an annex was erected, thus bringing the school up to the requirements of the Department of Education, and making it one of the most efficient in this part of the province. For some eight years longer the building remained to make possible a worthy contribution to education and culture, when the disastrous fire of October 27th, 1921, left it a heap of smouldering debris. With no cessation of activities, Principal J. E. Burchell rallied his staff together, and opened school that morning in the town hall, all adapting themselves to altered conditions, and adverse circumstances, with a noble heroism.

Almost paralyzed with a full realization of the calamity, the citizens at first debated whether or not to attempt a re-construction of this institution of learning, but, after some little time had elapsed, the work of rebuilding was commenced, the cornerstone being laid by Hon. W. F. Nickle, on June 13th, 1924, in the presence of a large company who assembled for the important ceremony, which was quite an event in the history of the town, and was participated in by many outstanding personages from far and wide.

The Athens High School, is striving to be true to its traditions, and, although stressing the importance of intellectuality, places a greater emphasis upon integrity and honor, upon character and morale. May the memory of those graduates who have made their mark in the great world outside serve to stimulate the students of to-day to noble achievements, that they may make their lives count, and offer a real contribution to the betterment of humanity, in whatever sphere their lot may be cast.

"Lives of great men—all remind us, We can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time.

Footprints, that perhaps another, Sailing o'er Life's solemn main, A forlorn and ship-wrecked brother, Seeing, may take heart again."

A NUMBER OF DEATHS ARE HERE RECORDED

Persons Passing Were Either Resident or Former Residents of Camden East.

Camden East, Sept. 27.—The sad news of the death of Mrs. J. F. Coakwell, on Feb. 21st, was received here with deep regret by her many friends. Deceased was a native of this place. She lived in Toronto several years and with her family moved back to the village and resided for some time. Four years ago they moved to Napanee where Mr. Coakwell received permanent work at the condensory. Deceased had been in ill-health for three years and was a very patient sufferer. There are left to mourn a husband, two daughters and one son, also three sisters and one brother. She was aged 35 years eleven months and seven days. The funeral service was conducted at her late residence, on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. A. J. Terrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright entertained a few of their friends on Tuesday evening. The Young People's League of the United Church held a very successful social evening at Mrs. G. Black's the same evening. F. Dunn has been engaged with his sawing machine for a couple of days in the village. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Storms, Wilton, spent Wednesday at James Skinner's and called on other friends. Mrs. George Riley received a telegram on Wednesday, of the sad death of her sister, Miss T. Wilson, living in the state of Montana. Mrs. Riley is the only sister surviving three sisters and three brothers have predeceased her. There passed into the Great Beyond, early Thurs-

day morning, Feb. 25th, Joseph William Afney, aged seventy-seven years and seven days. He had been in failing health for about a year but had been confined to his bed for the past month. Deceased had lived in the vicinity of Camden East all his life. He was a farmer at Bicknell's Corners for the greater part of his life. A few years ago he retired to this village and was highly respected by his many acquaintances. He leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters, Arthur, Bert and Kenneth and Mrs. James Yeoman, Mrs. K. Valentine, Mrs. Leslie Skinner and Mrs. Fred Switzer and numerous grandchildren. The funeral, largely attended, took place on Saturday afternoon in the United Church, Rev. T. H. P. Anderson, his pastor, conducted the services. Deceased was a former member of the Methodist church and now the United Church of Canada. The remains were placed in the vault to await interment in the spring.

A. Dickson spent a few days in Belleville. Lantern views were given in the Parish Hall by Rev. R. W. Spencer, on Friday evening.

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