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**Editorial**

Our pulpits are our work clothes. Each of us live some kind of a sermon every day.

**THE SCHOOL YEAR**

IT IS JUST a few weeks since the schools of our town were opened up for the fall term. Teachers and pupils are settling themselves down to the "long, hard grind" once more. We expect much of our schools each year. We have a right to do this. We pay for their support and it is our privilege to expect them to do their best work.

But the schools, likewise, have a right to expect much of us. There are many duties we owe the schools, and be it said to our shame, we seldom ever perform these duties. If the school were as negligent in its duties to the public as the public is in its duties to the school, the educational system of the country would be a dismal failure. Some one says taxes are paid for the support of the schools, and that these taxes are paid religiously each year. This is true, and these taxes are vitally necessary. But money support is not the only support schools need. Every one feels he has a right to criticize the schools and continually find fault with them. Teachers do make mistakes, it is true, but one who has never taught cannot realize the things with which a teacher has to contend. What we need is more co-operation given our schools and less fault finding. The average teacher is sincere and gives his or her best effort. They are hard workers and it can be said of them that they have the interests of their pupils at heart. They put in extra hours and do many other things which the public never hears about. But let a little mistake in judgment be made, and the tongue soon starts wagging, the telephone bell starts tingling with incoming complaints and the members of the school board are urged to summarily fire the "worthless teacher".

We have a right to expect a teacher to give the best work possible, but in turn, the teacher is entitled to our co-operation. Parents should take an interest in the work of the school and visit the school more frequently. Such an attitude on the part of parents would have a gratifying effect and would result in much better schools. We hope for the best schools this year in the history of this town. Let's all do our part in making the schools what we want them to be.

**PAPER FROM STRAW**

IF PAPER of a satisfactory quality can be produced from straw at a reasonable cost the problem of our future supply of that useful and necessary product will not be a serious one. Experiments that are now being made along that line are making very encouraging progress. One of the great London dailies is now being printed on paper made from straw, in its own plant. A representative of George H. Meade, paper manufacturer of Dayton, Ohio, recently spent eight weeks in France investigating the manufacture of straw pulp by what is called the DeVains process, and recommends it for converting the straw product of the United States and Canada into pulp. His company is now erecting a mill in Ohio, and when in operation it will make an experiment with Manitoba straw which has already been satisfactorily tested in France. Those who are familiar with conditions in the grain-growing sections of Canada will very readily appreciate what it will mean to this country if the immense quantity of straw which is annually burned can be utilized for a useful purpose. The Winnipeg Tribune says that it is not unlikely that in the near future a straw-pulp mill may be erected in that city, and similar reports come from Alberta, where tests of straw for pulp-making have also been made with satisfactory results. It would seem that spruce and fir may soon have as a competitor a raw material which reproduces itself every year and consequently does not exhaust the supply. As a commercial proposition the undertaking presents a most attractive outlook.

**A PROBLEM FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD**

THOSE in charge of the affairs of the Wolfville public schools are endeavoring to grapple with a condition which has been present for some years. The problem is that created by the presence of a number of pupils sprinkled through the different departments who because of either lack of mental capacity or insufficient attendance fail to keep up with the other members of their respective grades. In some cases these pupils were not enrolled until action was taken by the truant officer. These now find themselves in company with little tots quite to the dissatisfaction of all concerned. Wolfville spends a large amount annually on its schools and naturally citizens expect that all the young people growing up in our midst should be adequately equipped in the matter of schooling. We cannot afford to have illiterates growing up in our town to later prove a moral and economic menace. Apparently the only solution of the present problem in sight is the establishment of another department wherein a competent teacher may be secured to carry on a miscellaneous school into which may be introduced such methods as will tend to provide a useful education and make the recipients useful citizens instead of future public charges. The new department will necessarily be provided at a considerable cost, but in the opinion of THE ACADIAN the urgency of the need is such that as a community we cannot afford to longer continue to neglect our duty in this regard.

**PEOPLE WANT A JOINT MEETING**

IT GOES without saying that if the rumor that there is to be no joint meeting in connection with the nomination proceedings at Kentville next Thursday proves to be true there will be very general dissatisfaction. The people of this county have always had the opportunity which such a meeting affords for comparing the two candidates on one platform, and there is no reason that we can see why there should be a departure from the rule on this occasion. The electors who attend the Nomination Day proceedings have a right to hear everything that is said and unless it is all said at one meeting this right is denied them. For the purposes of the campaign the present method of each party holding its own meetings has much to commend it, but those who are to select their representatives would be undoubtedly better prepared to make a choice if they had the privilege of reviewing on a common platform the material from which the selection is to be made.

**APPLE CROP HARD HIT**

THE SEVERE storm at the end of last week struck a heavy blow to the apple-growers of this valley. Coming at the very height of the picking season the gale of Saturday and Sunday exacted a very heavy toll of the harvest which represented the expenditure of much time and money on the part of those who depend largely on the fruit industry for an income. For some weeks back

the outlook has been none too encouraging, because of the unsatisfactory quality of a considerable proportion of the crop and the apparent uncertainty as to selling price. Had the gale kept off another week, however, it is likely that a very considerable part of the crop would have been secured. Those who got away early in the work of picking are to be congratulated, and the heavy losers who are many, have our profound sympathy.

**W. C. T. U. CONVENTION**

The annual convention of the W. C. T. U. of Nova Scotia opened in St. John's United church, Yarmouth, Tuesday of last week, with President Mrs. B. C. Morrison, of Halifax, presiding. General business and appointment of Committees, also work, resolutions, credentials and reports of superintendents took the time of the convention during the morning. The afternoon session was opened with devotional exercises by Mrs. Wm. E. Miller, of Yarmouth. The White Ribbon reports were heard, after which the visitors were entertained by the local Union at tea in the Y. M. C. Wednesday morning's meeting was presided over by Mrs. (Dr.) A. J. Fuller, president of the local Union, and after devotional exercises, the greetings were received from Mayor Kinney (by letter), expressing his regret at not being able to be present and extending a cordial welcome to the visitors on behalf of the citizens of Yarmouth.

Mrs. A. M. Hill extended greetings in behalf of the local Council of Women of which organization she is President. Mrs. Arthur C. Payson, President of the United Board of Missions, extended greetings.

A letter from the local Chapter I. O. D. E. expressing greetings was read. Also a welcome was extended to the visitors from Rev. J. W. O'Brien on behalf of the Ministerial Institute, Rev. G. Lane on behalf of the Sons of Temperance; also letters from Rev. H. R. Grant representing the N. S. Social Service Council, and from Mrs. Sarah Rowell Wright, President of the Canadian National W. C. T. U. extending greetings.

Mrs. F. A. Porter, recording secretary, in behalf of the meeting responded to Mrs. W. O. Taylor, of Wolfville, read the report covering press work. The report of the Flower Mission was read by Mrs. Robert Phinney, of Truro.

Rev. E. H. Cochrane led the devotional exercises at the noon hour. J. Malcolm rendered a solo in a delightful manner.

The President, Mrs. B. C. Morrison, gave her annual address, the subject of which was "Service". How can we best serve the present age? By recognizing its needs and responding to their call. The varied and complex needs of modern life were explained by the speaker in an able and clear manner. By Christian women determinedly taking a stand against the present day tendency toward what is the so-called "Society life"; to study the effects of alcohol, which society finds to be a racial poison; voluntary abstinence from all alcoholic beverages; and to unite in all well considered efforts to limit and prohibit the manufacture and sale of these beverages. To unite our efforts for the protection of the horse, the promotion of purity and the end of war, were some of the aims of the W. C. T. U. recorded by the President. The belief that the prohibitory liquor law is greatly in advance over any form of government control was expressed by the speaker. The canvassing of names to a petition by the Moderationists was strongly condemned and the W. C. T. U. urged to do all in its power to prevent such a law that would allow the sale of wines and beers from being enacted.

A splendid report of Christian Citizenship by Mrs. Oxner was read by Mrs. A. L. Powers. A report on Travelers Aid work was read by Mrs. Young, of Dartmouth.

Wednesday Afternoon  
A memorial service was held when the names of 19 departed comrades were read who had gone to the Great Beyond during the past year.

A report of the Temperance Missions was read by Mrs. Schmalz; 20 Unions reported work in this department with receipts of \$249.10.

An interesting report of the Medical Temperance was read by Mrs. A. J. Fuller. Other reports were the Parlor Meetings by Mrs. Pentz, giving a total of 91 parlor meetings; the Sons of Temperance instruction report read by Mrs. Adams revealing a large amount of work accomplished.

**Essay contests—books placed in Libraries and other work of this character was reported on.**

The School of Methods along this line of work was conducted by Mrs. A. L. Powers.

Mrs. H. P. Newcombe, of Halifax, was the speaker at the evening meeting; she gave a splendid and inspiring talk, her subject being "Our Reserves". Mrs. McConnell rendered a solo, "There is No Death".

Thursday  
Devotional service led by Mrs. J. I. Foster. Mrs. Porter read a report on Peace and Arbitration. The report of Gael and Prison work was read by Mrs. Manning, followed by a poem composed by a prisoner. Seven unions reported work in this department. Fourteen Unions have made progress in the department of temperance work and Sunday Schools. The report was written by Mrs. Marshall, of Halifax, and read by Mrs. Davy.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. B. C. Morrison, of Halifax.  
1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. L. McAuley, of Sydney, C. B.  
2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. J. Fuller, Yarmouth.  
Corresponding Sec'y., Mrs. A. L. Powers, Lunenburg.  
Recording Sec'y., Mrs. W. A. Porter, Coldbrook.  
Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Wilson, of Halifax.  
Sec'y., Miss Susie Graham, of Halifax.  
L. T. L. Sec'y., Mrs. E. M. Butler, New Glasgow.

A consecration service led by Rev. J. W. O'Brien concluded the morning session.

This afternoon the program included a Cross Word Puzzle conducted by Mrs. Marling, and a report on Tidings, the official organ, by Mrs. Powers. An address by Rev. D. K. Grant on "Law Enforcement" concluded the convention in the evening.

**BLOMIDON**

Charles DeWitt, a highly esteemed and widely known resident of Blomidon, passed away at the home of his son, Wallace DeWitt, Blomidon, on Monday, Oct. 5, after an illness of a day. Mr. DeWitt, who was in failing health for nearly two years, was a son of the late John DeWitt, of Blomidon, and married Drucilla Jane Killam, of Pleasant Valley, who predeceased him 24 years ago. Mr. DeWitt, who was a devoted member of Pesaau Baptist Church, is survived by one son, Wallace DeWitt, Blomidon, a daughter, Mrs. A. W. Stronach, residing in Massachusetts, and a step-daughter, Mrs. H. A. Reid, of Massachusetts. One brother, Mr. George DeWitt, aged 94 years, also resides in Blomidon.

Mr. DeWitt, accompanied by Mr. M. Denson, arrived from Lynn, and was buried in the DeWitt family grave, at Pesaau, N. S., on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Therpe and Mr. Murphy are on a moose hunting trip to Cape Blomidon. Miss Marjorie Irving, Delhaven, is completing her course at the Maritime Business College, Halifax.

**SHEFFIELD MILLS**

Sheffield Mills Women's Institute was entertained by Mrs. Henry Spinney on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Mrs.

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A. W. Bowser presiding. Reports of the School Exhibition given by Mrs. John Kinsman were very encouraging. It was decided to put the horse shed at the school house in good condition. Plans for the winter's work were arranged.

Field Organizer, R. D. Theakston, re-organized Safe guard Division, Sheffield Mills, in Community Hall on Thursday evening, Oct. 8. Visiting brethren were present from the Valley Division, Port Williams, and assisted in the ceremony. Twenty former members and six new members were enrolled.

**TEMPERANCE WORK AT SHEFFIELD MILLS**

R. S. Theakston, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch, re-organized Safeguard Division, No. 436, Sons of Temperance, at Sheffield Mills, Thursday evening. He was assisted by C. A. Newcombe, A. B. Rand, Leander Woodworth, C. A. Murphy, and D. C. Clarke, of Lily of the Valley Division, Port Williams. The following were elected to office for the present quarter:

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Mr. and Mrs. for their guest the McKinnon, of Spr... Mr. Leon Gray Montreal, after sp...  
Miss Mabel M... cently from Hal...  
Mr. and Mrs. were week end gu... A. McDonald.

On Sunday eve...  
Mr. Fred Ch... visiting friends it... turned to Hants... week, and left on... in Los Angeles. Mrs. A. DeWitt, ter Ronald, spect... mouth, guests of Woodman.  
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Mr. W. A. B... days in Kentville... Mrs. J. H. N... Rockefeller were...  
The W. M. A... church was enter... Mrs. Mailing a... meeting. After... had been carri... was served by t... her sister, Mrs. November meeti... regular Crusade... bers" will be h... C. E. Burgess.  
Mr. and Mrs... their guests rece... Mrs. Splane, St... Webb, Claverie... Mr. and Mrs... family returned... Jersey recently... weeks at the ho... and Mrs. John V... was accompanie... father, who wil... New Jersey.  
Mr. C. G. Y... in Halifax last... Messrs. Geo... "Knights of the... end with their