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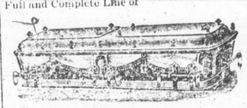
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CORRESPONDENCE.

The "North Church."—Mr. Nash explains the Circumstances Surrounding the "Clear Receipt."

EDITOR FARMERSVILLE REPORTER:

DEAR SIR,—I have been requested through your paper to publish the accounts in connection with the building of the spire on the tower of the "North Church," together with the facts relating to the receipt which they got me to sign before the money on the spire settlement was paid to me.

The bill I presented at the time of the settlement contained items for my time spent in getting men and material together, which items, to the amount of about $15, trustees refused to pay. I should say, however, that Trustees Fisher, Mott and Kerr voted for payment of the account in full, while the other trustees, Messrs. Parish, Cameron and Arnold, voted the other way, leaving the question to be decided by the Chairman, the Rev. Mr. Winter. At this stage of the proceedings, Mr. Winter urged the Board to settle the matter without putting upon him the responsibility of the decision. But neither side yielded, and Mr. Winter finally gave the casting vote against me. I never had the least feeling against Mr. Winter for this vote, for I knew that he had a hard time getting the Board to pay what I did get, after waiting 14 years. Several matters were brought up at that meeting to defeat me, including the old horse episode referred to in my letter of March 7th last, the organ cover that Mrs. Nash bought for the church, and several other matters—all had to be dragged into this settlement although they had nothing to do with it. I mention these particulars to show the spirit exhibited during the discussion of the matter.

My object in writing this is to bring out the facts of this spire settlement, and show the fallacy of the contention of the trustees who now claim, although they know better, that the settlement was a payment in full of all my claims. At this settlement no other account was presented but the spire account, which was the Ladies' Aid affair. The ladies engaged me to build the spire in the summer of 1866. I give below a condensed statement of the expenditures, and the payments made to me. If anyone would like an explanation of the items I shall be glad to give him a copy of the details, together with any other required information. The cost of building the spire, material and painting included, was $315.17, leaving out the tin, which was furnished by the Ladies' Aid.

COST OF BUILDING SPIRE.

Timber, sawn lumber and shingles	$76 81
Carpentering, painting and other help	169 80
Iron, nails, spikes, paint and oil	30 05
Tinning spire and purchasing ball and weather vane	45 00
Expenses to Ogdensburg, with carpenter, getting plans	2 50
Total	$315 17

MONEY RECEIVED BY ME.

From James Logan, 50c.; Mrs. Koyl, 60c.	$ 1 10
Articles received from tea meeting	19 00
From Ladies' Aid	2 00
" John Simpson	50 25
Redeemable note	29 00
From Mr. Parish	10 00
" Abel Stafford and wife	40 00
" A. Parish	50 00
" Geo. Nash, subscription	11 00
" Mrs. Parish	9 00
" Mr. Fisher, subscription	5 00
Cash received	30 00
Total	$253 35

As some have said that the cost of the spire was excessive, I wish to compare this item of $160.80 with the amount paid to James Logan, of Brockville, for building the spire on the M. E. Church here. Mr. Logan wrote, under date of March 31st, 1880:—"Mr. Nash, In reply to your note, my contract for building the spire on the M. E. Church, Farmersville, was $225, and I found nothing and made nothing more than day's wages. Respectfully, JAS. LOGAN." I wish to say further that the tower on the North Church is 14 feet square, and rises to the height of 111 feet from the foundation. The other tower is 12 feet square and 99 feet in height. The spire I built has never required any repairs, while the other one has been affected by the wind, and has needed staying and other repairs. The North Church spire has successfully braved the storms of years; but it is a question whether it will not be wrecked by the storm of controversy on matters pertaining to the building which it adorns.

†These payments were spread over the period between 1866 and 1872, inclusive.

‡This item requires explanation. In the fall of 1866, when I had expended $168.38 on the spire, and, after deducting a small payment, there was a balance due me of $132.28, I was informed that the Ladies' Aid had $40.25 on hand, which amount I could have if I gave a note for it and paid ten per cent interest. Mr. Parish thought they ought to pay it outright, as the sum was due me; but some of the ladies had an eye to business, and could not see it in that light. Finally I gave a note for the amount, bearing interest at 8 per cent.; but when the spire was completed the next fall, they gave me back my note and did not ask any interest, because I had charged them no interest on the $132.28, then overdue a year.

From the above it appears that there was a balance due of $61.82, which with interest for fourteen years footed up to a considerable sum, which the trustees, as I have before related, cut down to $96.25.

As the Ladies' Aid Society had ceased to exist, and the spire was still not all paid for, I repeatedly sent in bills, but they failed to take any notice of my claim, although in the meantime my mill was destroyed by fire in 1872, and I lost nearly all I had by a failure of my lumber business in 1875-6. Still there was no feeling for me. But Mr. Winter found out the particulars of the case, and got the church spire account settled, after it had been standing 14 years. It is painful to say, however, that the bad feeling developed at that settlement exists even to this day.

To conclude, the point which I wish to make is this: At the time of the settlement of the spire account, I was asked to sign a receipt for the $96.25, in which these words, were inserted: "Being the full amount of all my claims against the Trustee Board and the late Ladies' Aid Society, to date." This, Mr. Editor, is the receipt which I signed, not thinking at the time that it would be afterwards used as evidence that I had been settled with in full for building the church. This is the receipt which the Trustees made public in the REPORTER of the 10th of January last, claiming it as an acknowledgment from me of a full settlement. What can be thought of this action on the part of the trustees, coupled with their desire to avoid an investigation? I think the public will say that their letter exhibits very sharp practice, and that their course all through this matter shows that they fear something which might be discovered by the investigation I ask for. Those who are confident that they are standing upon sure ground always court enquiry; those who are fearful that they are in the wrong sometimes throw every possible obstacle in the way of investigation. I am willing and anxious to have the most searching investigation into all I have done in Church matters. I wish to do what I do for eternity, and not for the interest of the pocket, as some one has done.

Yours truly,
GEO. NASH.

Farmersville, Nov. 16, 1888.

BEES AND HONEY.

An Interesting Article by a Leeds County Apiarian.

I regret that I am unable to say what I wish, in as interesting a manner as some of our older beekeepers might do. But as the REPORTER has always liberally opened its columns to this industry, the gentlemen referred to have ample chance to correct my views.

I think this season is one that in some respects will be remembered through the remainder of the present bee keepers' lives. In the words of one of your correspondents, "The year 1888 has set in motion causes that will shift and whirl off on a tangent many beekeepers, where they will fall into a pool of discouragement and disappear from the surface.

From all the world we hear little else than a recital of disappointment, misfortune and disaster—at least, it appears so from the papers. At the opening of the season the bloom of the maple, eight or ten shrubs and forest tree flowers, followed by the native and tame fruits, gave us the grandest spring flow of nectar that we have had for many years. The few hours now and then that the bees were able to catch between storms, sudden blasts of cold air, and dark, cloudy days, proved the abundance of honey present in the flowers. The quantity collected in one hour could be noticed in a comb. When one is in doubt about the condition of his bees in the early spring it delights him to see the fresh gathered honey shining like silver down the cells—all is going well just then.

One half hour of sunshine will tempt thousands of bees to the swamp—a cloud suddenly darkens the air with a chill, a frosty night follows, and they never return. This is far more destructive at that critical time than can be imagined. The young brood perishes or its increase is arrested. It is a fatality to be dreaded. A very low, compact, adjustable bee shed such as Mr. Hough has often shown, to gather in the sun heat on the bees, proves of great value at such times, and it costs but little.

On the 27th of June the flow from clover abruptly ceased in many localities. Honey had come in very slowly and bees had been timid and reluctant about swarming. On the 27th supplies were cut off, the bees became alarmed, as there was nothing to feed the brood, and in many localities they abandoned swarming and destroyed queen cells.

The third day after the egg is deposited the young bees are nearly floated in a costly, rich concentrated food. On the 8th day they put the last feed in, bid good-bye to the little bee and seal it over, where it remains until the 21st day, when it comes forth to ream a few days in labyrinths of art and explore the wonders of their mysterious home.

It was very difficult for bees to build comb, because they had not food to spare to fatten a certain number of bees on and so obtain bee fat, which is beeswax. They preferred to save their limited supply for the coming winter than to waste it in preparing comb when there was nothing to put in it. And all this while the bee keeper was growling at them for their helplessness. The skeptic, Mr. Pringle, would have realized fine results if he had been able to change the instinct of the bee as he once proposed to do. Man's improvements upon instinct would soon develop blunders and prove his ignorance of nature as a whole.

The linden bloom was abundant, but the intense heat crisped the flowers and prevented the usual flow. The fall flowers were suddenly cut down with a severe frost, and bees were unable to provide honey for their grumbling owners. I sold a colony that swarmed three times. It was kept in Hough's improved 16 frame Langstrath hive, which is only 10 inches high. It is astonishing how much difference an inch or two in height will make in the time and number of swarms. Hough maintains that a hive 8 inches in depth with ½ story 5 inches in depth, will give better results in swarms and comb honey, taking five seasons, than anything higher. He is constantly testing it; and from the little I have noticed I believe the lower the hive the better.

I visited Mr. James Walker's apiary at Algonquin. The repository and the appliances, which are numerous and various, including two extractors of anything we have ever yet seen. Mr. Hough's observations this season have confirmed him in the belief that a very low hive was simpler in working and gave a better result than a high one. He said it was easy to add another ½ story if occasion required. One ½ story will hold 70 lbs. enough to winter any colony which could be easily examined at all times without interference with the eight or ten inch brood chamber. Higher than ten inches does interfere with some details.

The contest is over, and nearly all the bee world is drifting back to the standard form and size demonstrated by old Dr. Langstrath, 40 years ago. To him alone the honor of giving us nature's true standard hive is due. Even the combination hive of D. A. Jones is but a new name for a division of the old form. Mr. Hough claims to simplify and cheapen the Langstrath for the people. As a combination, either for sections or shallow extracting frames, or both, with brood chamber, it may be had complete (sixteen frames) for 95c. He also maintains that his ½ story cuts the natural reserve honey line above the brood at the right distance from the bottom, and that it may be removed only a short time in early spring to give the brood a rapid send off.

Mr. Walker's apiary consists mostly of well bred Italians, with a few stocks of Cyprian, Holy Land and other races. Mr. Hough, in the fine nursery here, raised a few queens that were lighter in color than chrome. It is a pretty sight to see his hundred and ten colonies of different races.

I did not lose one colony out of the twelve wintered. The combs came out in good order, with plenty of stores. I sold two colonies in the spring, and I have doubled the remaining ten. I have now 23 good stocks, or three more than double, the result of 18 new swarms and the uniting of some colonies. I extracted some honey. The three extra colonies will need one frame of honey from the very heavy ones. I have good reason to believe that my bees may winter well.

I have a few of the hives referred to and show the management to any interested in the system.

I had one swarm escape to the woods and I lost it. I am to blame, as a little more care would have saved it.

I should like to hear from others through the REPORTER. I have received a great deal of benefit from that paper in times past in this matter. Mr. Derbyshire ought to feel gratified at his success. The result this season, as in every other season, depended greatly on the way the bees came through the preceding winter.

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Frankville, October, 1888.

AUXILIARY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Farmersville Branch of the Methodist Auxiliary Society.

A very pleasant evening was spent in the vestry of the Methodist Church on Wednesday last, the occasion being an entertainment under the auspices of the Farmersville branch of the Methodist Auxiliary Missionary Society. The vestry was filled with an audience which manifested much interest in the proceedings.

Mrs. Wilson, the efficient president of the branch, presided, and did so with very commendable grace and tact. During the evening she made a short address in which the objects and work of the Auxiliary were explained in an entertaining way. As most of our readers know, the Society is composed of women only, who band themselves together to raise funds for missions and to create local interest in the mission cause. A great part of Mrs. Wilson's address was a recital of facts showing how women in all ages had been instrumental in performing important work for God and for humanity. The work of the Auxiliary was also referred to in detail. The president's remarks were deeply interesting and must have made an impression for good upon the audience.

Mrs. Wm. Taplin, secretary of the local branch, read a report showing that the Farmersville society was in a moderately flourishing condition, and had during its existence succeeded in collecting a considerable sum for missions.

The musical portion of the entertainment was excellent. Mrs. Cornell was down for two solos (the second by special request), both of which were rendered with that purity of tone and ease of execution for which that lady is remarkable. Her first selection was a sympathetic little gem of a ballad, beautifully rendered; and her second selection, "Down the Burn," a pretty but somewhat difficult composition, was given with spirit, the contrasting low and very high passages being faultlessly sung. Both songs won hearty applause. Mrs. Cornwell sang the old hymn, "Jesu, Lover of my Soul," to a beautiful melody, which was just suited to the singer's rich contralto voice. Mrs. Cornwell is deservedly popular with Farmersville audiences. The Methodist Church choir rendered a good chorus or two during the evening.

The literary part of the programme included an essay by Miss Blanchard, on the subject of missions. The paper showed that the author has considerable talent as an essayist. Miss Stevens, the popular reciter, favored the audience with a reading, and also contributed very much to the success of the entertainment by her training of the nine little girls who took part in a dialogue. Readings by Miss Stone and Miss Vanarnum were well received by the audience. The Rev. Mr. Wilson was present, and spoke a few words for the encouragement of the ladies.

THE CHEESE MARKETS.

Special to REPORTER.

BROCKVILLE, Nov. 20.—The market has retained a firm undertone during the week. Private cables quote finest September at 53s., while the public cable remains at 50s. There is the impression among the lucky operators that the goods are wanted by the bear element, who feel much like the young man who went to see his best girl, but found that another chap had got there just before he did. During the week 2,000 boxes were sold in this market, which closes up business with the exception of a few hundred boxes in cold storage.

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