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SERIOUS FIRE

On Tuesday morning fire destroyed the dwelling and barn of Mrs. Bruce Connell, situated at Alquire's Corners. About 5 o'clock the fire was observed by Mr. Sherman Coon, a near neighbor. It was then, apparently, in the loft of the barn, but before anything could be done it spread to the lower part and a cow and calf in the stable were burned with the building and contents. A stiff breeze from the east was blowing and the fire speedily communicated with the dwelling, which was only a short distance away. On Mrs. Connell and the children being aroused the first thought was to take to a place of safety Mrs. Torrence Brown, an invalid, who was being cared for by Mrs. Connell. She was safely conveyed to the home of Mr. Coon, and attention was turned to saving the household effects. Mr. Fortune and a boy arrived and lent their aid, but only part of the furniture down stairs could be saved. The piano was brought to the door but had to be abandoned.

Mrs. Connell's loss will be heavy, and expressions of sympathy are heard on all sides. There was an insurance of \$300 on the barn, but the house and contents were not covered.

The house was one of the old landmarks of that section, and for many years was used by the late Harmoisius Alquire as a workshop.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

Last Sunday was Temperance Sunday throughout the world, and its observance in Athens was marked by a union meeting of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Sabbath Schools, held in St. Paul's church. There was a good attendance of pupils, teachers and friends of the schools, despite the rain that was falling at the hour fixed for assembling.

Following the devotional exercises, Mr. Joseph Thompson, who presided over the gathering, delivered a brief, appropriate address and then introduced the following programme:—

Chorus—by schools
Recitation—Clara Lillie
Solo—Miss Greenham
Recitation—Gertrude Weeks
Exercise—by fifteen little girls, trained by Miss B. Wiltse
Recitation—Mills Johnston
Solo—Miss Annie Barber
Chorus—by schools
Recitation—Donna Thompson
Recitation—Gertie Breese
Chorus—by four little girls
Reading—Mrs. Bishop.

The lesson for the day followed and it was presented very fully and clearly by Mrs. Wm. Johnston. The latter part of her remarks were addressed particularly to the children and the methods that have been adopted and that should be adopted in curtailing and abolishing the liquor traffic were made plain by use of a chalk sketch that the speaker had prepared.

The children acquitted themselves well, and the whole tone of the meeting was such as to make an impression for good that should be lasting. A solo by Miss Barber and a song with a hidden chorus, in which the solo was taken by Miss Ethel Slack, were particularly fine numbers.

The chairman expressed his appreciation of the work of Mrs. Cornell and Mrs. Massey in connection with the union meeting and of the able manner in which Mrs. Johnston had presented the difficult lesson assigned for the day.

Mr. D. Fisher and Mr. Taylor, the evangelist, spoke briefly, and the meeting closed with the benediction.

Death of P. S. Trickey

After a lingering illness, Mr. P. S. Trickey died at the home in Athens on Tuesday.

Last spring, owing to ill-health he sold out his farm property at New Dublin and came to Athens. He grew gradually weaker, and for several days his death was expected. Ever of a philosophical turn of mind, Mr. Trickey was ready, willing, even glad to pass away, and his bright Christian testimony and the spirit of perfect resignation he manifested were a great comfort to his family in their contemplation of the impending crisis.

To mourn his loss, he leaves his wife, four sons and four daughters. Cyrus of Watertown and Arden of New York are expected to arrive home to-day.

The funeral services will be conducted in the Methodist church, Athens, at 2 p.m. on Thursday by Rev. S. J. Hughes.

Addison Circuit

The pastor, Rev. H. W. Burnett, will preach in the newly renovated church next Sunday evening at 7. Subject, "The great assize." Service to commence with a short song service.

GREENBUSH

Don't fail to attend the quarterly rally of the Addison Circuit next Sunday morning. Special sermon "The question of the day."

ATHENS MODELITES

Hear Address on "Habit" by Rev. I. N. Beckstedt

On Friday, Nov. 24th, the teachers in training at the Athens Model School listened with great pleasure to an address on "Habit" delivered by Rev. I. N. Beckstedt, B. A., of Athens.

The theme was dealt with in three divisions, viz.:

1. Definition of Habit.
2. Growth of Habit.
3. Relation between Thought and Habit.

The definition which was given was "Habit in its crystallized form is nothing more or less than Character." Our inherited instincts, our natural inclinations are, it is true, very powerful factors in shaping our life, but, through Habit, we are enabled to easily overcome the natural tendencies and inclinations. What is the Law of Habit? It is that every time we perform any action, mental or physical, we have more proneness to, and greater facility for, the performance of that action under similar circumstances than before.

Truly, a natural law. The little acts performed for ourselves and for others finally become mechanical and almost resemble one another. On the other hand, duties left undone become more and more difficult to accomplish. Habit of not doing becomes as established a fact. We remember the old saying "Procrastination is the thief of Time." Many a man possesses not the faculty of true decision. As the careless child, he is lulled to sleep with the comforting thought that "Fortune may crown him, sometime, somewhere."

There is no Habit that grows so largely in the soul as the Habit of Resolution. The little indulgences of everyday life may seem trivial, but these, some day, may become as lions crouching at our door seeking whom they may devour. Often, we find our selves pining away, sad and disheartened. Our achievements have, apparently, come far short of the ideal. But we must remember that only our Maker attained Perfection. A story is told of John Morley, the author and philosopher, who believed not in the Divine. He thought of God as a being having neither will nor feeling. Although Morley was a great man in some respects, yet his life, for this reason, lacked completeness and gradually his praises died away in silence. Thus, the best cannot live away from Christ. The degree of Perfection attainable in this world cannot be realized apart from Him. So it is, when, in a lonely mood, we ponder on the past, remedy may be found in bracing ourselves for some new enterprise, in being "up and doing" and in forming new habits whereby "the soul is strengthened, purified, and rendered more worthy of heaven."

In the last place, let us briefly consider the relation of Thought and Habit. These bear much the same relation as cause and effect. Every conscious act is preceded by a thought. Thought occasions action, action ultimately issues in Habit, and Habit is the basis of Character. Thus, in building our character, these living monuments which shall never crumble or decay, how careful should we be to think those thoughts, pure and inspiring, which, being objectified, shall render us citizens worthy the imitation of men for generations to come.

"You never can tell what your thoughts will do, In bringing you Hate and Love, For, your thoughts are things and their very wings Are swifter than carrier doves; They follow the law of the universe, Each thing must produce its kind, They speed o'er the track to bring you back Whatever goes out from your mind." Signed on behalf of the A. M. S. Executive,

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