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Benwell's Boyhood.

A Schoolmate writes feelingly of a Murdered Friend.

Frederick Cornwallis Benwell, the young Englishman, for murder of whom J. Reginald Birchall is to suffer death at Woodstock, Ont., near the scene of the tragedy, was a highly cultivated and refined specimen of the British youth.

Punctilious in his dress and appearance, even to fastidiousness, he always presented the appearance of having just stepped out of the proverbial bandbox. He held himself very erect in walking, and his well-developed chest lent an air of importance to his bearing, even when a boy of ten years of age.

In June, 1876, the writer first met him as a schoolmate in Cheltenham, England, at an academy presided over by the Rev. C. E. Lefroy Austin, now headmaster of the junior department at the college in that town. The particular attention which he always paid to his dress, even at this time, caused him to keep somewhat aloof from the boisterous horseplay of other youths of his age.

His temperament was of an extreme impulsive character. Quick to resent an insult and to take offence where often none was meant, it often led him into schoolboy fights. In these he displayed the quality, commonly conceded to be characteristic of the Englishman, of not knowing when he was beaten. It was with the greatest difficulty that he could be brought to believe that he was fighting with a better man than himself even when flogged four or five times.

As an instance of this trait in his character a little episode in his career at "Austin's" will not be out of place. Benwell for some breach of school discipline rather too serious to be properly punished by a writing imposition was ordered by Mr. Austin to "go up stairs at the close of the school."

Now, this "go up stairs at the close of the school" was a formula which was always used by the head master when he meant to cane a defaulter. Summed up in this one simple sentence was sufficient venom to strike terror deep into the hearts of every boy in school.

The whole act included more than the words implied. "Going up stairs," consisted in wending unwilling footsteps up two short flights of stairs, turning sharp into a room set apart for punishment and their waiting the arrival of Mr. Austin. When he arrived he would take a sugar cane about three feet long out of a drawer and bend it, as the boys used to say "lovingly" backward and forward while apparently testing its staying powers.

This was the signal for the culprit to kneel down on the seat of a chair turned with its back toward a plain deal table, fold his arms on top of the chair, lay his head on his arms and await the s-w-i-s-h of the cane as it swiftly cleft the air.

On this particular occasion Benwell did not find the punishment room empty. Another boy who had preceded him "upstairs," and together each discussed the unfairness of his own case. Five minutes of suspense, and Mr. Austin's tread was heard on the stairs.

With a wave of the hand Benwell was first selected for punishment. Six times did the "tan" descend, and "You may go Benwell," was pronounced. Benwell proceeded to make his exit, and as he neared the door he turned and uttered one single word, "Bully!" "Come back, Benwell." And once more the cane descended.

The other boy, an amused spectator in spite of his next turn, was preparing to occupy the seat of honor when "Bully!" was repeated by Benwell, who had reached the door again. Again was Benwell called back and another stroke fell; and even yet again was the whole performance repeated.

Three separate times he said "Bully!" before he became convinced that his pastor and master had the best end of the stick. After this the other boy took his dose and departed.

In 1878, at the commencement of the mid summer term, Benwell began his career at Cheltenham College. He lived at home with his father, Lieutenant-Colonel Benwell, at Iseultine, and went

back and forth to his studies every day. Soon after his entrance to college he began to give rein to his love of athletics, and though too young at the time to wrest big honors from his elders, he gave great promise of athletic possibilities.

His peculiar, though vigorous sculling made his figure a well-known one on the river Severn at Tewkesbury, about nine miles from Cheltenham, where the college boat club had its headquarters. In the gymnasium he was an especial favorite with the instructor, and in the foot-ball field his adventurous disposition manifested itself. His particularity about his dress never seemed to desert him.

At the post-mortem examination a scar on his right leg was noted. This scar was the result of an accident that occurred to him during his college life. On his way home one evening after "lock up," as the time was called after which it was a breach of discipline for a college student to be out of doors without permission, he and a companion determined to risk detection in taking a short cut diagonally across the then deserted college recreation ground, as by so doing they would save nearly a mile.

They crossed the ground in safety and on reaching the gate by which they expected to make their exit, it was unexpectedly found to be locked. The iron railings which enclosed the college domain offered but a trifling obstacle to two vigorous school boys, and in a trice one was over in safety.

Not so Benwell, however. In some way he got caught in the *fleur-de-lys* ornamentation on the top of the railings, and a nasty gash in his leg was the result. He limped home with the aid of his friend, and in a week was around again as well as ever, but the cicatrice of the wound remained to the day of his untimely death.

The course of study he proposed to pursue at college was for the purpose of fitting him for a commission in the army, but for family reasons this scheme was abandoned.

After Benwell left College he and the writer drifted apart, and their next meeting was on the promenade in Cheltenham, in September of last year. Benwell was in company with his brother Charles, who was in Woodstock testifying at the trial. At this meeting Benwell gave a brief account of himself during the time since his departure from Cheltenham College.

On leaving Cheltenham Benwell went to a school in Switzerland and then, like many another young Englishman, had tried the Colonies, New Zealand in this case. There he remained for about two years and had returned some little time previously. He was then staying with his father for a short time, pending future arrangements.

Recollections of old times, of course, were a result of their meeting and he recalled to the writer's memory the scene "upstairs" with Mr. Austin; for the other boy that was there, it must be confessed, was the writer himself.

At this meeting Benwell was dressed in a suit of light checked tweed, a high standing collar with a wide margin of cuff. He wore a gold rimmed monocle in his right eye, he had been short-sighted all his life, and was smoking a cigar in a holder, probably the same one as was found beside his dead body in the lonely swamp, five miles from Woodstock.

The writer does not remember whether Benwell contemplated his visit to America when he met him, just a year ago, but if he did and disclosed the fact the writer does not remember it, so the surprise and pain of the discovery that the Benwell with whose murder the newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic were raving and the "Conny" Benwell of schoolboy memory were one and the same, can be better imagined than described.—New York Morning Journal.

The Election Trials.

The judges on the rota have fixed the times and places for the trials of the twenty-two provincial election petitions as follows:

North Renfrew—Pembroke, Tuesday, 11th November.

North Essex—Sandwich, Wednesday, 12th November.

South Essex—Sandwich, Monday, 17th November.

Kingston—Kingston, Monday, 17th November.

Frontenac—Kingston, Thursday, 20th November.

West Kent—Chatham, Thursday, 20th November.

East Hastings—Belleville, Monday, 24th November.

West Middlesex—Strathroy, Monday, 24th November.

East Middlesex—London, Thursday, 27th November.

East Durham—Millbrook, Thursday, 27th November.

South Ontario—Whitby, Monday, 1st December.

East Elgin—St. Thomas, Monday, 1st December.

West York Toronto, Thursday, 4th December.

South Norfolk—Simcoe, Thursday, 4th December.

North Perth—Stratford, Monday, 8th December.

Welland—Welland, Monday, 8th December.

North Grey—Owen Sound, Thursday, 11th December.

Hamilton—Hamilton, Thursday, 11th December.

South Wentworth—Hamilton, Monday, 15th December.

North Bruce—Walkerton, Monday, 15th December.

Lincoln—St. Catharines, Thursday, 18th December.

Muskoka—Bracebridge, Tuesday, 6th January, 1891.

In each case the trial will commence at 11 a.m. on the day named. The judges to preside at the trials are Justices MacLennan, MacMahon, Robertson and one other to be chosen. They will work in pairs.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

School Section No. 5.

To the Editor of THE BEE.

DEAR SIR:—Would you be kind enough to allow me space in your widely circulated paper to inform the ratepayers of S. S. No. 5 of what I consider a mean and uncalled for act on the part of the men who pretend to guide the educational affairs of our school section. We do not believe in rushing every little thing into print, but a matter in which a whole section is deeply interested, more or less, deserves public notice. We regret having to state that the section will most likely be deprived of the able services of our much esteemed teacher, W. G. Morrison, at the close of the present year, and this through jealousy and selfishness on the part of the men, to whom the section entrusts her school affairs. All honest thinking men, who have the education of their children at heart, will doubtless agree with me that such a change is entirely uncalled for, and I would therefore urgently request the people of the section to use all possible means to allow no such change at the present time. And let me also inform the section that the trustees expressed themselves well satisfied with the manner in which the school has been conducted, but through party influence being brought to bear upon one of the above named trustees he allowed himself to be made a tool of, and as a matter of consequence one of the others was at his bidding and gave his consent ere he thought of what he was doing. Having children attending the school I feel deeply concerned, and being highly pleased with their progress I am grieved at the contemplated change. All are familiar with the high standing the school was in before Mr. Morrison took charge of it and I ask the section if it has not maintained that standing. At the two promotion examinations held all the pupils passed successfully, and at the last entrance exam., held at Listowel, a pupil from No. 5 headed the list. We fail to see what more is required. In conclusion I would urgently request the Secretary of the trustee board to call a meeting of the ratepayers of the section and see what action can be taken in the matter. I remain, yours truly,

RATEPAYER.

Elma, Oct. 21, 1890.

Mrs. Booth's Obsequies.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Booth, wife of Gen. Booth, who was known as the "Mother of the Salvation Army," took place in London on Tuesday, Oct. 14, and was made the occasion of a great demonstration by that organization. The weather was exceedingly disagreeable and a murky enveloped the city, but despite that thousands of persons assembled in the streets to witness the funeral procession. The route from the Thames Embankment, where the Army mustered, to Abney Park Cemetery, where the remains were interred, lay through the densely populated district of Stoke Newington. The entire route was crowded by spectators, and the windows of the houses were thronged by the occupants and their friends. All the railways entering London ran excursion trains, and the throng in the city was augmented by numbers of Salvationists and their friends from the provinces. There was also a large attendance from countries adjacent. The family were attired in their uniforms, wearing a white badge of mourning, and were everywhere conspicuous in the crowded streets. The crowd of this occasion surpassed in point of number that which gathered to witness the show of Lord Mayor's day. The demonstration was a convincing proof to the public that the Salvation Army wields a powerful influence in the country.

Monkton.

Mrs. S. Nicholson, who has been ill for some time, has recovered.

Fred. Hord, of Mitchell, is in the village this week assisting Mr. Wilson at the Ontario House.

Mrs. Harris returned from Brussels last week. She is recovering from the illness she contracted while there.

John D. Merryfield, formerly of this place, but now of Stokes Bay, is visiting in this vicinity. He is the same happy John, genial and talkative as ever.

Be sure and go to the tea-meeting in Knox church next Monday evening, 27th inst. Able addresses, delightful music and an enjoyable time may be expected.

The new organ has been placed in Knox church and a grand affair it is. A large congregation assembled to hear it on Sunday, indeed the crowd was so large that the aged bell ringer had to stand throughout the service. Why did he not take a seat on the sofa?

James Watson, who was so suddenly stricken down with paralysis, died on Tuesday. Deceased was an honest, hard working man and was generally respected. He leaves a wife and family of grown-up children to mourn his loss. The funeral on Thursday was largely attended.

Two parties on the 14th con. Elma have manufactured and circulated a false rumor to the effect that part of the August make of the Monkton cheese factory was unsaleable. The rumor could not be farther from the truth because the cheese was without a fault and was sold at the highest market price. The parties mentioned are actuated by selfish motives, but were they as good Christians as they profess to be they would disdain to raise false reports!

The Russian Government will send out an expedition to explore the Desert of Gobi.

A case of cholera is reported on a steamer arrived at Liverpool from Wilmington, N. C.

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