

Thoughts by the Way

The Influence of the School in Rural Life

Written for The Ontario by "Wayfarer."

Beside you straggling fence that skirts the way. With blossomed fringe unprofitably set.

There in his noisy mansion, skilled to rule The village master taught his little school.

—Goldsmith

The importance of child-life, and the necessity for its proper development in view of its influence on the life of the community and the world at large, is being felt at the present time as never before and is evidenced by the many organizations for the physical, mental and moral development of the child.

The influence of the public school on the life of the child and on the life of the rural community is being acknowledged. On the child itself, the public school exerts a powerful influence, an influence surpassed only by that of the home.

Then, the public school is the place where a great many children learn the essentials of refinement, culture and courtesy. In some homes, refined conversation, good reading and refinement of manners are unknown.

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Who has a better opportunity than the public school teacher in the patriotic development of child-nature? The study of literature and history may both be used advantageously in instilling into a burning glow the innate fire of patriotism in every child's heart.

The writer was afterwards surprised and pleased to hear that this enthusiastic patriot had had been expelled from school for insubordination to the rules. What a pity that his teacher had failed to discover his zeal and interest in at least one subject of the curriculum, the subject of his country's history!

A pupils training at a public school, prepares him for the duties of life. Here he is trained in self-control, both in the school and on the playground; here he is taught application of mental energy and will power in conquering obstacles; here he is trained to think and thus develop his powers of concentration and reasoning. Competition with

others, both mentally and physically, render him resourceful, and ready for the trials and encounters of life. Cleanliness and order can be taught from a clean and attractive school-room, and a love of the artistic and beautiful may be developed from the interior condition of the school.

The public school may be counted on as a force in the social life of the rural community. Lacking a public hall for entertainment and social gatherings, the schoolroom can be advantageously used for these purposes and thus becomes a centre for the social life of the locality. This fact does not seem to be fully realized as yet and the sanctity of the church is often desecrated by social gatherings, implanting in the hearts of the young, a spirit of irreverence for the House of God.

Recognizing as we must the influence of the school upon a rural community, can any pains be too great to ensure the success of this institution? A vast improvement in conditions of our public schools, in regard to suitable buildings, heating, ventilation and light, of hygiene might be brought about more readily if women trustees were appointed on the Trustee Boards.

Leaving this thought for consideration and discussion, the writer will close.

—WAYFARER

ENTERPRISE

The recent heavy snow storms have made aching good and left the roads good.

Election passed off quietly. Every man almost going out to exercise his franchise. We hope the right men are elected.

Mr. Andrew Lyons moved on his new farm in Chamico, last week. He will be in Chamico, last week.

Mr. Thomas Carlin remains about the same. Slight hopes are held out for his recovery.

A number of our young men who are being held for military service, are appealing for exemption.

Mr. Allan King and wife have moved home to his father's place, having given up the Wagar place he had rented for the past two years.

There have been several cases of scarlet fever around here but fortunately no deaths have resulted.

Mr. Norman Wagar has arrived home from Stoo where he has spent the last two years.

Wishing Mr. Editor and all the staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

THOMASBURG

Sawing wood is the order of the day around here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Adams are moving to Madoc.

Mr. and Mrs. Melburne Adams are moving to their farm, recently purchased from Mr. W. Holbert.

The Methodist Sunday School is practicing for a Xmas entertainment, to be held here Xmas night.

Mr. J. Drake is not improving as fast as we would like him to.

Mrs. Arthur Thompson is spending a few days with her parents.

Mrs. L. Mosier spent a day last week at J. C. Morton's visiting J. Drake.

TWEED

Mr. Thos. Hawkins, of St. Michaels, Toronto is home for the holidays.

Messrs. Jonas Feaney and W. Kinlin, of Rosopolis College, Kingston, are home to spend the holidays.

Ye editor was on the shelf from Sunday to Tuesday afternoon, suffering with an attack of neuralgia.

A letter from Sapper Clarence Donohue to his mother, received on Monday, conveyed the news that he left Ottawa with his battalion on Saturday bound for St. Johns, Quebec, from whence they expect to sail shortly for overseas.

Mr. Wallace Provost, tonorial artist, of Havelock, spent Sunday and Monday with his parents in town. He has enlisted in the Aviation Corps for overseas service and we feel confident that his ability to "trim" will more than manifest itself when he comes in contact with the "Huns."

PICTON

Dr. and Mrs. Pablow arrived in town from Brockville last Saturday and will spend a few days in town.

Deat. Beath Morden, who has been attached to the A. S. Corps at Regina, visited his parents this week at Toronto on his way overseas.

Mrs. Flora McDonald Denton, of Toronto, has gone as Canada's delegate to the National Convention being held at Washington this month.

MADOC

The Madoc Halifax Relief Fund yesterday remitted \$750 in cash for the sufferers.

Mr. and Mrs. Mawson, of Langdon Sack, after an absence of 23 years, have returned to Madoc to visit their sister, Mrs. Chas. Hart.

Miss Luella Harrison of Toronto University is spending the Xmas holidays at her home here.

Rev. W. B. Tucker has been called to Toronto on account of the death of his mother which occurred Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Nixon, who has been visiting relatives in Buffalo for the past two months, has returned home.

Mr. J. A. Dwyer, who was in Madoc this week, relates that while he, with some other men, were digging a well at McGary flats last June, they unearthed an immense egg which was buried in the sand at a depth of 23 feet and which measured 19 inches in length.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Red Cross and Patriotic Association was held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 24th and was presided over by Mrs. O'Flynn, the first vice president.

BANCROFT

Mr. Jas. Best, of Hanley, Sack, arrived in town on Saturday night.

What might have been a very serious blaze started in Mr. A. Mountain's residence on Hastings St. on Tuesday morning, but was fortunately noticed in its incipient state and with a good supply of water on hand, was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

In our last issue an item appeared to the effect that Alva Lawrence, of Chandos township, had been eaten by a bear and part of one of his limbs and a foot had been found. Lawrence is still very much alive and had dinner at the Middle Brook camp in Paraday about a week ago.

CAMPBELLFORD

Mrs. Fairman, of Vancouver, is the guest of Miss Jennie Donald, Mrs. Nellie McArthur and Miss McArthur left this week for Peterboro, where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. F. E. Gaudrie and Miss Gaudrie left yesterday for Gravenhurst to reside with Mr. E. W. Gaudrie. The best wishes of all follow them to their new home.

The marriage of Miss Alice Bartley to Mr. George Meeks, both of Rawdon township, is to take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nix on Christmas day.

OBITUARY

Through the death of G. W. Ostrom in the early hours of Wednesday last, Trenton has lost one of its oldest, best known and highly esteemed citizens.

Gilbert Wellington Ostrom, son of Sylvester Ostrom and Margaret Freil, was born in Belleville on June 30th, 1837. After passing through the schools at his native city, he travelled extensively in the Southern and Western States and then studied law under the late Justice Wallbridge and John Bell.

Some of our Review readers may appreciate hearing of another old Madoc boy, Harry A. Walsh, coming forward in the professional world. He is a self-made man and in his

twenty-fourth year. We find in the Edmonton Bulletin the following account of him:

Harry A. White, B. A., L. I. B., was on Wednesday admitted to the Alberta bar by Mr. Justice Walsh. Mr. White who is the youngest barrister in Alberta, took charge of the defence in a Supreme Court action immediately after his admission to the bar. The case was that of John Slivinski vs. Peter Kotelko.

This is the only incident of its kind in the annals of the Alberta bar. In congratulating Mr. White, Mr. Justice Walsh remarked that it was seldom that a man was admitted to the bar as a barrister and as a solicitor at the same time.

Mr. White was introduced by Frank Ford, K. C., and the oath was administered by George Henderson McLeod of the Supreme Court—Review.

SCOTT-COVERT

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at 2:30 o'clock on Monday, Dec. 17th at the Havelock Methodist church, when Rev. Charles Adams joined in wedlock Augusta Murrell Covert, daughter of Mr. John Garrison, of Trent River, formerly of the staff of Market Branch of the Standard Bank, Toronto, and J. Raymond Scott, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Scott, of Belmont.

The bride, wearing her travelling suit of Russian green broadcloth and hat of crushed straw, was attended by her sister, Mrs. Harry Pollock, in mulberry broadcloth. Mr. Harry Pollock officiated as groomsmen, and Miss Hazel Adams presided at the organ.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Scott left for Toronto and other Western points and on their return on Wednesday night were tendered a reception at the home of the groom's parents, "Maple Grove Farm," Belmont.

A host of friends join with us in extending hearty wishes of happiness to the young couple.—Havelock Standard.

GEORGE C. ADAMS KILLED IN ACTION

Somewhere in France, on Nov. 6, Pte. George Clinton Adams, No. 991193, of 175th Battalion, Medicine Hat, was killed in action.

Pte. Adams was engaged in farming at Tilo Lake prior to enlisting for overseas service. The deceased leaves three sisters, Miss Clara Adams, Mrs. Letty Vanderwater and Mrs. Albert Lambert, all in Prince Edward county, and two brothers, Pte. W. H. Adams now in England, J. B. Adams of Tilo Lake, Alberta.

TRUE BLUES ELECT OFFICERS.

Last night Derry Lodge No. 36 of the Loyal True Blues elected their officers. There was a large attendance of members and much interest manifested in the proceedings.

Master—Bro. E. Fenn Deputy Master—Bro. E. A. Sanford Sec.—Bro. E. Thompson Treas.—Bro. Fred Sanford D. of C.—Bro. L. Frizzone Conductor—Bro. W. Kent Inside Tiler—Bro. J. Terwin Outside Tiler—Bro. J. Johnson Chaplain—Bro. P. Creeper Committee, Bros. Wm. Diagma, J. Johnson, W. Stanley, J. Deval, W. Lucas.

Trustees—Bros. Fred Sanford, H. Thompson, Ed. Thompson, H. Auditors—Bros. E. Fenn, C. Hanson and P. Creeper.

After the election the brethren sat down to a sumptuous supper which was thoroughly enjoyed, after the arduous labors of the evening.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY MORTON.

Mrs. Mary Morton, a well known former resident of this city, passed away very suddenly at her home in Toronto yesterday. Deceased resided on Charles street in this city for many years. The remains will be brought here tomorrow for interment at Belleville cemetery.

DISTRICT CHIEF RANGER

Mr. William Rodworn has been appointed District Chief Ranger for District No 5 of the A. O. F. His territory covers Belleville to Oshawa and to Lindsay, Peterboro and Campbellford.

George Gallagher, a young farmer residing two miles south of Palmerston, had delivered wood in town and after doing the chores sat down beside the stove for a rest and dropped dead. He leaves a widow and family.

The British Government has donated 1,000,000 pounds for the relief of Halifax. It was announced in the House of Commons by Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

YOUNGEST BARRISTER IN ALBERTA

Some of our Review readers may appreciate hearing of another old Madoc boy, Harry A. Walsh, coming forward in the professional world. He is a self-made man and in his

JOHN CORNELIUS PASSED AWAY

After a brief illness of one week's duration, the death occurred on Monday of Mr. John Cornelius at his residence, 32 Maliland St., Toronto.

Mr. Cornelius was born in Belleville, Ont., 65 years ago and came to Toronto about three years ago. He was employed in the office of J. J. Walsh & Company just prior to his illness, and was at work a week ago Monday. He was a member of the A. F. & A. M., Municipal Lodge Odd Fellows, and the A. O. U. W. Besides his bereaved wife, Mrs. Jenny Cornelius, he leaves one son, Mr. W. A. Cornelius, all residing at 28 Maliland St.

The late Mr. Cornelius was a well-known Belleville merchant. For many years he conducted a decorating business here.

ELECTION RETURNS IN PRINCE EDWARD

Table with columns: Division, Heppburn, Horsesy, Ameliasburg, Polling Division No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Majority for Heppburn.

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Table with columns: Sophasburg, Polling Division No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Majority for Heppburn.

Table with columns: Picton, Polling Division No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Majority for Heppburn.

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Table with columns: Heppburn, Horsesy, Majority for Heppburn, Majority for Heppburn in 1911.

CANADA IS NOW MUSICALLY FREE

Teutonic Influences Once Held This Country.

WAR HAS CHANGED THAT

Madame Schumann-Heink and Madame Gadski Received a Great Deal of Hospitality in Canada, but Have Shown We Had Better Seek our Artists Elsewhere.

It has been said that Madame Schumann-Heink, the famous contralto whose great voice has been growing very pale of late, has more fight to be a pacifist than any other person living. She has two sons in the American army and one fighting for the Germans. Of course it is not likely that these young men will ever fight against one another, but this fact shows that an extraordinary position, a number of German musicians who have been in the United States for a great many years, now occupy in an international contest. Canadians are chiefly interested in Madame Schumann-Heink because she proved at



MADAME SCHUMANN-HEINK

the beginning of the war that though she may be a naturalized American citizen, she still remains a Teuton at heart. She had a great many bitter things to say against the enemies of Germany, one of whom we are, and the people of the Dominion will not be slow to forget. She is not the only great singer who used to be greeted here with great hospitality, but still now find her money elsewhere. There was in this country before the war something like a conspiracy to make our people think that only the Teutons had written great music. The music of France and Italy received much less attention, while the music of Russia, the Scandinavians, and England was pushed into the background. German artists were hailed by a few self-appointed musical prophets as the proper people to be admired. One of the German women most greatly honored was, Mrs. Gadski. While the United States was still neutral, Mrs. Gadski's husband, Herr Taucher, was arrested for being connected with a German plot hatched in the United States to blow up the Welland Canal. At that time Mrs. Gadski made some very outspoken remarks about the things she would like to do to the country that had shown her nothing but hospitality in the past. She proved herself a worthy daughter of the nation that will be remembered until the end of time for the atrocities in Belgium. It is by no means a prophecy that these German women have made it impossible for them to ever come back again to Canada. Artists like Schumann-Heink and Gadski, who came across the line every year and reaped rich profits, were symbols of the musical slavery in which the Teutonized held Canada. That day is now past. In future we will always be sure of hearing the operas of France and Italy, and the great compositions of the Russians and the British. The war has brought about the declaration of Canada's musical freedom.

New Use for Basalt.

An American firm operating in Australia has started works near Melbourne for turning the local basalt into "mineral wool" for use as an insulator in packing machinery and ice chests and as a substitute for asbestos. The basalt is melted down with a proportion of freestone and limestone and then steam, at an immense pressure, is forced through the fluid. The liquid rock thus aerated, flies into the air and falls in flakes on the floor.—Scientific American.

On the Orinoco.

In the lowlands of the delta of the Orinoco river the natives build huts suspended between trunks of Mauritia Ricupusa, a palm. They also cut its fruits, its pith, its juice, and use the fibres of its best stems for making ropes, hammocks, etc.

Lanterns Tell Time.

Correct time is announced every seven hours in the port of Lisbon by means of two lanterns placed on the columns one hundred feet high. The lanterns each have three faces measuring 2.5 feet by 3 feet.

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