

TRINITY

THOMAS JENKINS, 1830-1924

Probably there was no man better known in Trinity fifty and a few years ago than "Skipper" Jenkins. To begin with, he was the biggest man physically, that ever came to Trinity; and 'till within a short time before his death, he had the healthiest-rosy-cheek-complexion of any man or boy in Trinity. Thomas Jenkins was born in Shrimminster-Newton, Dorset, England, in 1830, and came to Trinity when he was seventeen years of age. He came to Trinity, consigned to Mr. Slade; but he spent some time with Mr. Richard Brown in Trinity. Then he moved back to Trinity, and became one of Mr. Slade's faithful servants for several years. The following entry in the old Church register, tells of his home-making and settling down for good: "1858. Married, Thomas Jenkins, of Shrimminster-Newton, Dorset, England and Ann Elizabeth Dampier, of Trinity. Witnesses: Charles Granger, Richard W. Hibbich."

In 1855, he decided to leave Trinity, and go to New York to live; but after he had made all arrangements to do so, he changed his mind, and did not leave Trinity; though in after years he went alone to New York, and visited his sister there. At this time he owned all the waterfront land in Goose Cove. A part of this he gave to old Mr. Dampier—and the Dampiers still own it—while the rest now owned by the Bartlets was bought from Mr. Jenkins by old Mr. Bartlett in 1855. After selling this property, he bought the land known today as Jenkins' arm, including that on which the Railway Station is built. This property at the time included land belonging to George Churchill, Charles Granger, Captain Facey and Rev. William Bullock.

Mr. Jenkins was in charge of the Stores belonging to Slade, and later, with Messrs. W. Grove and Bremner, on Slade's premises; and when Messrs. W. Grove and Bremner moved down to Garland's premises, he went there in the same position. He gave up the work about 1880, and lived quietly amid home surroundings, 'till he was called to rest in 1894, aged 64 years. Mrs. Jenkins had died ten years before, aged 75 years.

Seven children were born to them, of whom two are still living, Mr. William Jenkins, and Mrs. Emma White. Thus it is one of the old names that is still preserved to Trinity in the person of Mr. William Jenkins and the children of his son Malcolm, represent the fourth generation. Mr. Jenkins was a faithful servant, and devoted all his energies to the best interests of his master; whilst he ever demanded the same service from the workers who were entrusted to his oversight and direction. The same voice that struck terror into those whom he caught idle during working hours, was not wanting in sympathy and affection in home and social life; nor was it lacking in devotion whilst taking his part in the prayers and responses of the Services of the Church.

Grant him Lord, Eternal rest.

LOCAL CHURCH INTERESTS.

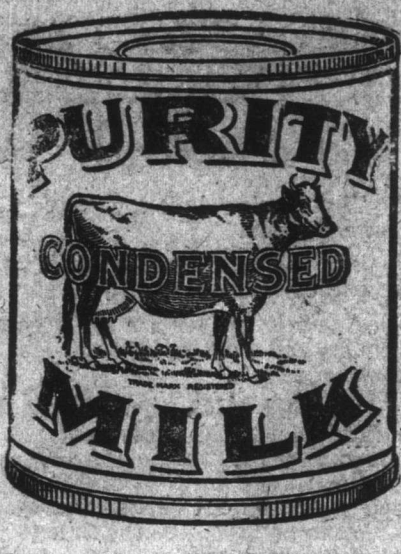
For some time I had been at a loss to know why certain Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths of people in the Eastern part of St. Paul's Parish (English Harbor, Salmon Cove, etc.) were not to be found in the old registers of St. Paul's Church, Trinity. Those books have been so well kept, and the entries have been so faithfully attended to since 1758, that it was always a humiliation to me, as well as a disappointment, when, after careful search for an entry, I had to admit that it was not there. It was doubly so because I had taken it for granted that the books in possession of the Parish Church, Trinity, were the only books used for such Registrations of the official work done by the Clergy of the Parish. I became aware of the fact, that the entries I could not find were between the years of 1840 and 1880. Not very long ago I heard (for the first time) of an old register in possession of the Church Warden of English Harbor. I did not get very deeply interested in it, because I was under the impression that all the Registrations were in the old books at Trinity; and hence the book at English Harbor could not be of any great value. Recently, however, the Church Warden of English Harbor kindly allowed me to examine the book, and I am glad to find it contains entries of Baptisms and Burials at St. Silas Church there from 1843 to 1879, and of marriages from 1848 to 1862; and of burials from 1843 to 1879. These are the entries that I could not find in the old books at Trinity.

The Church at Trinity and the Church at English Harbor were the only churches at that time in the Eastern part of the Parish; hence the register at English Harbor. It is evident from the entries of Services, etc., that one of the Clergy of Trinity officiated at English Harbor once a month at least, for Sunday Services; and all Baptisms were administered by him at those Sunday Services.

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There are only eight marriages recorded as having been solemnized there during those years, as the majority of the people still came to Trinity to be married. Those eight marriages were: Joseph Batson and Mahalia Penny; George J. Ford, and Catherine Long; Henry Mate and Maria Reid; William Miller and Elizabeth Jones; George Eastman and Mary Wells; Robert Nurse and Susanah Batstone; Thomas Oates and Mary Ballett. Whilst the Sunday Services, and Marriages, and Baptisms were performed by one of the Clergy; the greater number of Burial Services were conducted by a Licensed Lay Reader (chiefly by James R. Moore). The clergy who officiated at the Services were: Revs. David Martin, H. Fitzgerald, Todd Jones, Thomas M. Wood, Benjamin Smith, and W. G. Crouch; whilst the Services on Sept. 19th 1848 were conducted by "the Bishop"; and at this time Mary, child of William and Catherine Penny was baptized. Again, the Services on Sunday, March 12th, 1871, were conducted by Rev. A. M. Bayly, Rural Dean of Bonavista Bay; and Elizabeth, child of Charles and Mary Ann Freeman, was baptized.

Up to this time the Church people at Ship Cove, and Salmon Cove, attended the Services at English Harbor;

and those at the North Side of Trinity came to St. Paul's, Trinity. Then a Church was built on the hill that was the dividing line between Ship Cove and the North Side. That part of the old Parish of St. Paul—From Freshwater to Green Bay Cove—including the North Side of Trinity; Ship Cove; Salmon Cove East, and West; and English Harbor, was set off as a separate Mission, with Rev. Benjamin Smith as its first Incumbent. Then followed the erection of a Church at Salmon Cove West, by Rev. B. Smith; and one at Salmon Cove East, by Rev. John Godden. Later, at the request of the people, the Salmon Coves (then known as Champneys) and English Harbor, were set off as the Mission of Champneys, under Rev. James J. White, who died there. The forming of this Mission, however, was an error in judgment, and it is now again associated with the Parish of Trinity East; and under the able leadership of Rev. E. P. Law, the Spiritual life of the people is being deepened, and their interest in Civic and Social questions (as parts of their religious life) is being developed. As the descendants of a fine class of men who came to those shores from Dorset, Devon, Hants, and Somerset, England; the younger men of to-day are intelligent beyond the ordinary; and in proportion as this

intelligence is sanctified, and used in the cause of Christ and His Church, a Christian manhood is being built up that some day will be the best asset of the Community. With a return of the old time prosperity, such as will enable them to provide the means necessary for the equipment of every department of religion (soul and body, spiritual and temporal) and that will make Emigration to the other lands unnecessary; a highly creditable future is assured to the Parish. I offer no apology for so frequently referring to the doings and the history of the Church in our midst; for, directly and indirectly we are indebted to it for the moulding of that life and character such as I have referred to, and such as we are proud of to-day. No one realizes the fact more fully than I do to-day, that we are not what we should be as Christian citizens, in proportion to the help that God's Church has provided for us; but I should not wish to realize that we would be to-day without that Church and its help during the past two centuries of life in Trinity.

"Church of the Living God,
Pillar and ground of truth,
Keep the old paths the fathers trod
in thy illumined youth."

HAPPY EVENTS OF A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

1814.—Married, John Archibald, of Ryder's Harbor, and Bridget Brennan of White Point. Witnesses: Alex. Bremner, David Bailey.

1814.—Married, Hannah of the Parish of Stalbridge, Dorset, England, and Catherine Harnham. Witnesses: John Hart, E. J. Church.

1815.—Married, James King of Old Perlican, and Sarah Miller, daughter of Samuel and Martha Miller of New Bonaventura. Witnesses: Thomas Miller, Elizabeth Pittman.

1815.—Married, John Barber of the Parish of Chard, Somerset, England, and Susanah, Widow of the late James Fifeild. Witnesses: John Killand, Jonathan Jones.

1815.—Married by Abraham Akerman in the Church at Bonavista, James Ivamy, Planter, of English Harbor, and Sarah Skelington.

1815.—Married, William Simpson of the City of London, England, and Elizabeth Nicholls, Widow, of this Harbor. (Her third marriage). Witnesses: Thomas Green, William Justican.

The Combination Craze

In a decade when novelty is held to be more than steadfastness, and freaks are regarded with respect, it is not surprising to find people much exercised over the possibilities that present themselves in effecting combinations among animals, birds, plants and vegetables. Indeed, one or two very diverting novels have already been written on the subject, and have enjoyed a great circulation in Europe. The last suggested that it was possible to combine human energy and intelligence with the dynamic force in an automobile engine. Not to be outdone, the fruit-growers of Florida

have combined the tangerine orange and the grape fruit in order to give the American public something new for the breakfast table apart from the sensation of the day in news. We in Montreal, being hearty fruit-eaters and patrons of Florida's output, have been vouchsafed a taste of the new fruit.

The incident is perhaps mainly interesting on account of the developments it connotes. What, for instance, is to prevent us from developing this combination grass along other lines besides that of fruit? Why can we not develop a bread loaf that will combine all the qualities of a club sandwich and still be available for cutting into slices? Why not a combination of salt-and-pepper pot and crumb brush? Why not a hair brush that automatically provides electric massage? Why not dress shirts that can be washed by air? Why not a tea that can be turned into coffee by the addition of a bean? Why not rindless bacon, fatless steaks, waistless cabbage, griddleless spinach, pipless melons, and eyeless potatoes? There are possibilities in all these directions, only awaiting the ingenuity and application of the experimenters. And for him who shall invent a beverage that will provide all the mental exhilaration of Omar's liking and yet pass any non-alcoholic test, there lies a fortune compared with which Rockefeller's bank account is a trifle.—Montreal Star.

Warning to
School Teacher

An inquest was held at Leigh, recently, on Michael James Scully, aged twelve, of Holt-street, who had attended the Twelve Apostles Roman Catholic School. Patrick Griffin, the schoolmaster, was represented by Mr. A. H. Hayward, on behalf of the National Union of Teachers.

The boy's father said his son attended school until December 17th, when he came home and complained that the master, Mr. Griffin, had struck him in the ribs. On December 28th, the boy was taken to the infirmary, where he died on Saturday.

He did not see any marks on the boy.

Mr. Griffin said it was not true that he hit the boy on December 17th on the neck, head or ribs. If he had ever hit him it would have been with the cane on the hands. He was authorized by the headmistress to cane boys to maintain discipline.

John Seddon (11), a scholar in the same class as Scully, said he had seen Mr. Griffin hit Scully on the face with his open hand a week or two since. He could not remember the day. Scully did not come to school afterwards. He had seen Mr. Griffin hit Scully many times. Another schoolboy, named John Brady (12), said he had seen Mr. Griffin hit Scully on the side of his face about two weeks ago.

Dr. William Edward Cook, who made a post-mortem examination, said there was evidence of chronic inflammation of the middle ear. That was the primary cause of death. The secondary cause was cerebral meningitis.

The Coroner—Supposing the boy had been hit on the head on December 17th, would that have caused his condition?

Witness—Not at all.

The Coroner—The condition existed before December 17th?

Witness—Oh, yes, months before. Was there any evidence that death had been accelerated by any blow as recently as December 17th?

No, there was no mark of violence at all.

Dr. F. P. Stern, aurist surgeon of the Leigh Infirmary, said the boy was suffering from long-standing middle-ear disease, which was the most fatal of all surgical diseases, without exception.

The Coroner said it was quite clear that the poor boy was suffering from a fatal disease. Still, it was wrong for a schoolmaster to hit a boy on the head.

The jury returned a verdict that the boy died from natural causes, but they thought the schoolmaster should be warned.

The Coroner (addressing Mr. Griffin) said he thoroughly agreed with the jury that he ought to be warned only to punish a boy in a proper manner. "You ought," said the Coroner, "never to strike a boy on the head, not even with your open hand. You can cane them on the hand of some other part of the body that will not cause injury."

Mr. Griffin said it was very rarely he had done so.

The Coroner—I hope you will remember for the rest of your life never to hit a boy on the head at all, especially a boy under your care.

AT BROWNSDALE HOTEL.—The following have registered at the Brownsdale Hotel:—Hon. J. F. Downey, R. W. and Mrs. Spracklin, D. Warman, New Glasgow; T. Robertson, G. and Mrs. Robson, Scotland; Capt. E. Bishop, Wesleyville; R. Joyce, St. John, N.B.; J. Donaldson, Toronto; A. Feltham, Deer Island; W. H. Hillier, Freshwater, and F. Woodland, New Hr.

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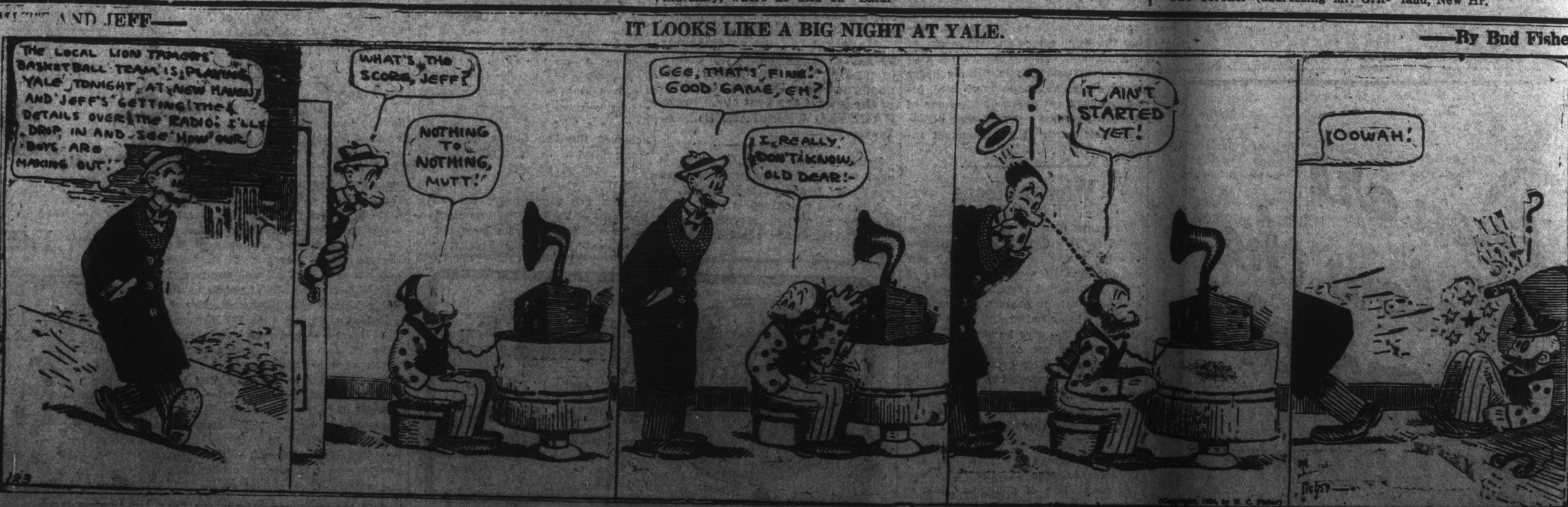
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