CONVENTION CLOSES WITH FINE MEETING

Sunday School Workers Listen to Fine Addresses by Rev. Mr. Lawson and Rev. Dr. McElfresh—St. John Men Occupy Many Offices—List of Teacher Training Graduates.

Friday, Oct. 20.

The sessions of the Provincial Sunday School Convention were brought to a close last evening with an impressive meeting at which the debt of the churches to the association was clearly shown in a vigorous address by Rev. G. A. Lawson and the relation of the Sunday school to Christian progress was ably dealt with by Dr. McElfresh.

At the close of the afternoon session the report of the nominating committee was submitted by Ald. R. T. Hayes and officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President, Fred. R. Murray, St. John.

Vice-president, Rev. J. C. B. Appel, St. John.

Secretary, Rev. W. A. Ross, St. John.

Treasurer, A. H. Chipman, St. John.

Department superintendents—Elementary division, Mrs. W. A. Ross, St. John; secondary division, Rev. S. J. McArthur, Newcastle; adult division, Fred. R. Murray, St. John; home department, Rev. G. A. Lawson, Moncton; education department, Rev. J. B. Ganong, Havelock; temperance department, Rev. W. B. Wiggins, Moncton; missionary department, Mrs. David Hutchinson, St. John; I. B. R. A. department, Alex. Murray, St. Stephen.

Additional members of executive committee—Andrew Malcolm, W. J. Parks, J. Willard Smith, E. R. Machum, R. T. Hayes, Robert Reid, Alex. Law, Lewis W. Simms, J. W. Flewwelling, Rev. H. D. Marr, Rev. Gordon Dickie, Rev. David Lang, Rev. David Hutchinson, Rev W. Camp, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, Rev. F. S Porter, Rev. W. F. Gaetz, Rev. A. F. Newcombe, St. John; Mrs. B. Carr Harris, Bathurst; Mrs. W. C. Matthews, St. John; Joshua Colwell, Jemstg; R. B. Wallace, Fredericton; I. A. Corbett, Hillsboro; Rev. M. F. McCutcheon, St. John; Rev. G. M. Campbell, D. D., Sackville; Rev. D. McOdrum, Moncton; Rev. J. B. Champion, Salisbury; Hon. J. K. Flemming, Hartland; W. S. Loggie, M. P., Chatham; Col. T. L. Alexander, Fredericton Jct.; S. H. White, Sussex; D. C. Firth, Campbellton; C. W. Manzer, S. J. Parsons, Woodstock.

Afternoon Session.

E. R. Machum, superintendent of the teacher training department, in his annual report, said that the necessity for more thoroughly trained teachers was undoubtedly the greater need of the Sunday school today and this need would be felt to even a greater extent as the new system of graded lessons come into vogue. He reported that although some years ago the work of this department was in a most flourishing condition that at present the work of the department was at a very low ebb. Why this was the case he was at a loss to understand.

The report for the year showed classes regularly enrolled as follows: Canadian course, 28; Harlburt's lessons, 42; Disciples of Christ, 22; advanced course of Harlburts, 2; total, 94.

In addition to these, 59 books of the Canadian course were ordered through the association office from which it may be supposed that many other classes not reported were in existence.

The Graduates.

Mrs. J. C. Calkin and Miss L. Edna James, of Sackville, passed an examination in Hurlburt's studies in the Old Testament and received certificates.

Four of Rev. Mr. Hardy's class at Red Head, and Misses Hazel E. MacMurray, Annie Y. McDonald, Helen C. Hannah and Catherine M. Hunter, of St. David's school, St. John, received diplomas after passing examinations in Hurlburt teacher training course.

Of the class at Burtt's Corner studying the course prescribed by the Disciples of Christ, five passed the examination on the New Testament. They were Beulah K. Allen, Mrs. Wesley H. Jones, Maggie D. Burtt, Florence E. Allen and Mrs. Wm. D. Tilby.

Eight passed on the book, "From Eden to Jordan," viz.: F. E. Allen, G. K. Allen, Jennie L. Allen, Mrs. Wesley H. Jones, E. Pearl Lawrence, Mrs. Stillman Jones, Maggie Burtt and Lucy Foster. Certificates will be issued to them.

Books for the reading circle were supplied to Mrs. J. K. Flemming, Hartland; Miss Julietta Brown, Sussex; Miss Alice C. Dickson, Kirklands; Rev. J. H. Brownell and family, Port Elgin; Mrs. Howard E. Beach and friend, Honeydale, Charlotte county, but none had reported the completion of the course.

Dr. McElfresh gave a short address on the problem of teacher training. He told how the International Sunday School Association had established standard courses for the training of Sunday school teachers. Many teachers were taking advantage of these courses and were thus preparing themselves for better work in their classes. A great many had utilized their spare time in the study and in the larger cities teachers who were employed during the day were using the time while going to and from their work in the electric cars for study on their course. On the completion of one of these courses a diploma was issued by the International Association. By this method of teaching the workers in the different denominations were brought closer together and combined their efforts.

The teachers training conference was led by Dr. McElfresh. Members of the convention gave their views on the way classes should be formed and pointed out advantages that certain books on the subject possessed.

Rev. S. J. MacArthur.

Rev. S. J. MacArthur continued his talk on the Child and the Evangel. The young child could be greatly influenced by stories and at times it was easier to win over a child with a story of some historical or Bible story than with candy.

Nothing should be taught to a child that would not bear the closest scrutiny and investigation. The mind of the child in the early stages of its development was very easily impressed with the happenings around it, and therefore great care should be exercised in teaching children. Good home training was very essential but the home seemed to be losing its influence. While the Sunday school and church had a great influence still that of the home should be greater. There were many good parents who do not understand their children and therefore do not know how they should be handled. Personal influence of the teacher was very necessary and tended to make teaching a success.

Evening Session.

Andrew Malcolm acted as chairman and the opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. George Steele, of Shediac.

During the evening a pleasing duet was given by Rev. J. F. Williams, of Marysville, and his brother, Stanley A. Williams, of St. John.

The offering during the evening amounted to $80.92, which with $41 pledged and $72.05 contributed in ehe afternoon, made the day's total $193.97.

Reference was made to the fact that His Worship Mayor Frink was in attendance at the Wednesday evening session, and regret expressed, owing to a very full programme, that an opportunity had not been given to his worship to address the convention, as he was not able to attend the Tuesday evening session to give the address of welcome as he had been called from the city.

The report of the credentials committee showed that those who registered numbered 236.

Rev. A. D. Archibald, of Rexton, for the committee on resolutions, moved that the thanks of this convention were due and (1) to the minister and officers of the church for the use of their fine building; (2) to H. W. Bromfield and the choir for their splendid assistance in leading the service of praise; (3) to those churches who so kindly furnished hymn books for the use of the meetings; (4) to the international committee for sending Dr. McElfresh, whose excellent addresses contributed so materially to the success of the convention; (5) to all who by addresses or otherwise provided so admirable a programme; (6) to the press for their excellent reports, and to the railways and steamship lines for reduced fares; (7) and lastly but by no means least to the good people of St. John who opened their homes and so hospitably entertained the delegates.

Rev. G. A. Lawson.

Rev. Mr. Lawson, in his address, said: "There is an inspiration in looking over the account between the association and the denominations represented in this gathering. The question is: Are the churches under any obligation to the association? he reason why some have asked the question is because some of the denominations have taken a more active part in Sunday school work and were employing their own workers for this purpose. Notwithstanding this he felt that the churches were under deep obligation to the association.

"The hope of our world is in the church and the hope of the church is in the Bible schools which determine its strength," he said.

"In dealing with the valuable opportunities of this work we cannot afford to use any but the best instruments. And we find that the schools are adopting those things which have been proved of value by our associations. Many of the methods in use today were unknown a few years ago and the work was, because of this, much less effective.

"Conditions have vastly changed and methods have greatly improved. To what is this due? I have to answer, to the association work. The Sunday school association has given the church a new conception of Sunday school work.

"In other years the only aim was to give the children a knowledge of the Bible. But as the work progressed men began to see that the Sunday school could be of use not only in preparing the pupils for the future life but also in making of them better citizens for this life, and they also began to see its possibilities for organizing men and women as well as boys and girls for work for the betterment of the world. The need of an organized lesson system was recognized and because of this new conception all denominations are working together along the same line, in studying the word of God.

A Cohesive Force.

"The association has also been the greatest instrument in bringing together the members of various denominations and the energy formerly devoted to denominational rivalry is now devoted to building up a common platform for all the churches. The association has lifted high the standard for the teachers through the influence of the great leaders who have been engaged in the work of the association. If no new methods had been presented by the association gatherings we would be still under a great debt to the International organization for the great men that have been sent to us to instruct and inspire us in our work.

"As a final illustration of the debt of the churches to the association," he said, "if their interest is purely selfish they may be under no obligation but if they have the larger vision and can see the greater formalities in the wider work for others they will recognize the full value of the association and will lend it their active support."

Rev. Dr. McElfresh.

Dr. McElfresh, in opening his address, told of what had been done in a single case in leading boys to begin the Christian life by concentrated effort and said that this was the kind of work that was needed today.

"We are facing the problem of labor everywhere," he said. We know that we are facing great problems that will never be solved until they are solved according to the way of Jesus Christ."

"There is a great gulf between secular and religious education and there is a great divergence of opinion as to the purpose of education. There are some who aim, simply at qualifying for money-making and business efficiency without a thought to the claims of morality and religion.

"This is a day of religious unrest but it is a day that requires a positive religion. How are we to meet this responsibility? Luxury is undermining our people and taking our time from more important things. We must have something to offset this influence.

"The greatest need of public life is honest men. We see continually men in public life breaking down under the temptation of money. We need men whom no money can buy. We need men who are honest not because honesty is the best policy but because they realize that they must answer to God for their every act. Unless we can develop such men and enough of them there are sad and troublesome times ahead.

"We must devote ourselves to the work of directing the youth of the nation towards the religion of Jesus Christ if we are to develop such a generation. The question whether Christianity is to win its way depends on the men of the church today."

The speaker closed with an eloquent appeal to the men of the church to give themselves to this work.

Rev. D. Lang.

Rev. David Lang followed with an interesting account of the recent International Sunday School Convention held in San Francisco this summer to which he was a delegate. He repeated some of the most striking phrases from the addresses he had heard and read extracts from two of the speeches.

A vote of thanks was then tendered the recording secretary, Mrs. M. J. Steeves, of Moncton, for her work in keeping the minutes of the convention and the minutes were adopted as read.

The closing moments of the session were devoted to a consecration service led by Rev. C. R. Flanders, D. D., who, in an eloquent address pleaded for greater devotion and greater self-consecration on the part of the workers.

The convention closed with the singing of the old hymn, God be With You Till We Meet Again.

Morning Session.

The morning session of the conference considered several departmental reports. Short addresses were also delivered.

Rev. J. T. Tucker conducted the devotional exercises and Dr. McElfresh had charge of the teachers' conference. The elementary department report was given by Mrs. W. A. Ross. About 250 schools were reported through the general secretarys' system. The membership of these was reported as follows: Cradle roll, 1,566; beginners' classes, 1,288; primary, 2,511; making a total enrollment of 7,841 in the elementary. Addresses were delivered by Rev. W. B. Wiggins, Rev. J. K. Curtis and Rev. S. J. McArthur. Reports from different departments were read by Lewis Simms and Rev. M. E. Fletcher.

WEDDINGS

Kaye-Wanamaker.

Nauwigewauk, Oct. 18—A pretty wedding tok place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wanamaker, when their daughter, Maude P., became the wife of Harry A. R. Kaye, of Sackville (N. B.) The ceremony, which was witnessed by the immediate relatives of the bride and groom, was performed at 4 p. m. by Rev. Mr. Appell, pastor of Coburg street Christian church, St. John. The bride was unattended and was handsomely gowned in a dress of white silk with silver trimmings, and was given away by her father. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion. After a dainty wedding supper was served the happy couple left on a honeymon trip before taking up their home in Sackville.

Many presents, including substantial checks, silverware and china, shewed the high esteem in which the bride and groom were held.

Dun-Beers.

A very quiet wedding took place at the home of Miss Anine Campbell, Harcourt, at 11.30 a. m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18, when Miss Maud Beers, of Pine Ridge, was united in marriage with William B. Dun, of Beersville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. H. Stavert, in the presence of a number of friends. The wedding march was played by Miss Ethel Wathen. The groom was supported by Phineas Beers, while the bride was attended by Miss Minnie Dunn, sister of the groom. After dinner at the Eureka hotel, the bridal party drove to Mr. Dunn's home in Beersville.

Killam-Shirley.

Bathurst, Oct. 17—A very pretty house wedding took place on the afternoon of the 17th inst. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Shirley, Bathurst, when their daughter Maud was married to William A. Killam, of Campbellton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. McN. Matthews, in the presence of relatives and a few friends of the contracting parties. A large number of beautiful presents were received by the bride. The young couple left on the Ocean Limited for a trip to Toronto, after which they will reside in Campbellton.

McKeen-Gunn.

(Vancouver News-Advertiser, Oct. 13).

The marriage of Fred. Harrison McKeen, of this city, to Miss Hester Alma Gunn, of Chatham (N. B.), took place on Monday evening at the Wesley church parsonage, Calgary, Rev. A. S. Tuttle officiated. Mr. McKeen went east as far as Calgary, meeting his bride there. After a short honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. McKeen will return to Vancouver and will reside here.

Jones-Brownell.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Wood, 751 Homer street, was the scene of a quiet but nice wedding on Wednesday at high noon, when their cousin, Miss Frances L. Brownell, formerly of Westmorland county (N. B.), was united in marriage to George R. Jones, of this city. The bride, who was given away by her cousin, James Wood, wore her traveling costume, a tailored suit of grey broadcloth with hat to match. They were unattended. Rev. Dr. Fraser officiated. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Jones left on the Princess Charlotte for a trip to Victoria, Seattle and other coast points, and on their return will take up their residence here.

Dillabough-Perkins.

A pretty though quiet house wedding took place on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Perkins, 625 Sixteenth avenue west, when Miss Lila Flanagan, elder daughter of Mrs. Perkins, was united in marriage to Normal L. Dillabough, of 882 Hamilton street. Only the relatives and a few intimate friends of the bride and groom were present. As the bridal party entered the room at 8 o'clock the Mendelssohn Wedding March was rendered by Miss Alice M. Jackson. The bride was brought in and given away by Mr. Perkins. She wore a tailored costume with lace blouse. Her bridesmaid was her cousin, Miss Reed, of Buffalo (N. Y.) Warden H. Flanagan, a brother of the bride, performed the duties of best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. Clifton Parker, pastor of the Central Baptist church. Following the ceremony a reception was given, at which the young couple received the congratulations of the guests. Among the guests were Mrs. Dillabough, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rolston, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnstone, Rev. P. Clifton Parker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Reed (Buffalo, N. Y.), Mr. and Mrs. G. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Radlet Mr and Mrs. Barr, Miss Dorothy Johnson and Herbert Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Dillabough will reside for the present at 882 Hamilton street. The bride, who was formerly of Florenceville (N. B.), has a large circle of friends here. The groom is cashier of the B. C. E. railway office staff.

Barnaby-Purdy.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archelaus Purdy, Upper Jemseg, on the morning of October 19, when their twin daughter Jennie Lee, was married to Fulton T. Barnaby, of Lewisville. The parlors were tastefully decorated with plants and autumn leaves which, with the beautiful dresses of the guests, gave a charming effect. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. G. Pincombe, pastor at Jemseg. The bride wore a traveling costume of blue broadcloth with hat to match. Winslow Purdy, brother of the bride, acted as best man, while the bride was escorted by Mrs. Needham T. Springer. Miss Snow, of Moncton, played the wedding march. Immediately after the ceremony a sumptuous breakfast was served. The presents included a gold watch and chain from the groom, silverware, glass, china and checks. Among these present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Snow and Miss Snow, Moncton; Mrs. Byron Estey, Mrs. Gilbert Dykeman, Fredericton; Mr. and Mrs. George McIntyre, Springfield; Mrs. Jarvison Purdy, Mrs. Edwin Cowan, Mrs. N. S. Springer, Miss Myles, St. John. The happy pair left on the May Queen for St. John en route to their new home at Lewisville.

Pratt-O'Neill.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, on the 18th inst., when Miss Jennie O'Neill, daughter of the late Daniel and Ellen O'Neill, was united in marriage to Capt. J. Pratt.

McCarthy-McLaughlin.

Clarence McCarthy of Calais, and Miss Eva F. McLaughlin, of Baillie, N. B., were united in marriage at the home of Rev. Chas. G. McCully, in Calais, on Tuesday.

Pratt-O'Neill.

A wedding of much interest to St. John friends of both bride and groom, took place in Boston on Oct. 18, when Miss Jennie O'Neill, of this city, was united in marriage to Capt. John Pratt, of Wolfville (N. S.) Miss O'Neill, who was the daughter of the late Daniel and Ellen O'Neill, had been stenographer in the office of J. Willard Smith, Ward street. She was a sister of John O'Neill, ball player. Captain John Pratt was well known at this port, having sailed on the bay route for some years in the packet schooner Shamrock, which he still owns. He has recently been given command of the large schooner Advent, owned by W. H. Chase & Co., of Wolfville, and the vessel is now loading at Port William (N. S.), for Cuba. The marriage took place in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

OBITUARY.

George Black.

Saturday, Oct. 21.

An old-tome resident of Indiantown, one who was well known to a large circle of acquaintances, passed away yesterday morning at his home, 48 Kennedy street, in the person of George Black, in the 91st year of his age. He was a respected citizen of North End all his life, and won many friends. He was a native of St. John, and for years had been a coachman on the old Douglas avenue route, before the "cab line" had been replaced by the street cars.

Mr. Black had been ill about four weeks. His death was due to old age. Only about five weeks ago he celebrated his golden wedding anniversary, when his children, grand-children and great-grandchildren gathered about him and his wife and congratulated them upon their years of married happiness. Soon afterwards he was compelled to remain in bed, and he had been gradually sinking since then. He is survived by two sons, George T. Black, of this city, and James M., in Providence, R. I., and three daughters, Mrs. A. W. Orchard, of Chipman; Mrs. Jas. A. Scribner of Cumberland Mills, and Mrs. John O. Wilson, of North End. There are also nineteen grand-children, and twelve great-grand-children surviving.

The funeral is to be held on Sunday morning when, following a short service at the home, there will be services in Victoria street Baptist church at 11 a.m. Of this church he was a charter member. He was also a member of the Temple of Honor, and that body will attend the funeral on Sunday, besides conducting their burial ceremony at the grave.

Rev. J. T. Pitcher.

Rev. J. Tallman Pitcher, a former pastor of the five Methodist churches in Montreal, died at Gananoque (Ont.) at an early hour on Thursday. He was in his sixty-ninth year. He was born in Ontario in 1843, and ordained in the Methodist ministry in 1863, and had, therefore, completed the forty-ninth year of his ministry. He had labored in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Sherbrooke, Stanstead and Smith's Falls, his last church being at Gananoque. He was a past president of the Montreal conference, and in the last twenty-five or thirty years was a delegate from that body to all the general conferences in Canada. In 1870 he married Miss Lucy Robinson, daughter of the Rev. John Robinson, of the New Connection church, who predeceased him in 1903. They are survived by four children—F. H. Pitcher, Montreal; Norman Pitcher, Kipp, Alberta; Miss Pitcher, Rothesay, and Miss Wynona Pitcher, who lives at home.

Mrs. Eliza Stronach.

Moncton, Oct. 20—Many friends in Moncton learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Eliza Stronach, widow of Alexander Stronach, which took place in Winnipeg on Thursday morning, in the eighty-first year of her age. The deceased's husband, who died about four years ago, will be remembered as a former general locomotive foreman in the I. C. R. and later as master mechanic of the P. E. I. railway, Charlottetown. Deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Paradis, now living in St. Paul, but who was with her mother in Winnipeg when she died.

Mrs. J. F. R. Robinson.

Windsor, N. S., Oct. 21—The news of Mrs. J. F. R. Robinson's death at an early hour this morning was learned with deep regret. Mrs. Robinson had been ill for several months and her love and consideration for those in the home has kept her up until the past week. Of a loving and beautiful disposition she endeared herself to all, and to the sorrowing husband and only son, Harold, goes forth sincere sympathy. The deceased's sister, Collie (Mrs. Harry Wilson), has been her constant attendant for three months. The other surviving members of the family are two sisters—Mrs. Andrew Hunter, Wentworth; Mrs. I. E. Fraser, Rawdon; Miss Ethel Murphy, Windsor; also three brothers—H. Bliss Murphy and Dr. Charles R., in Windsor, and Dr. George N., in St. John's (Nfld.) Deceased was a daughter of the late Harry B. Murphy.

Mrs. Francis Mavor.

Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 21—(Special)—Mrs. Francis Mavor of Kintore, N. B., who was visiting her sons here, died this morning at the residence of her son George, aged 79 years. She is survived by her husband, at his home and nine children—George and Leslie in Woodstock, James, Alexander, Mrs. George Barclam, Mrs. John McLellan, Mrs. George Robertson of Kintore, John in Fredericton and Mrs. Robertson in Fairfield, Me.

She and her husband were born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, where they were married. They came here and settled in the Scotch colony at Taintore in 1873.

Burial will take place in the Kincardine cemetery, Kintore, services by Rev. G. C. Pringle. George and Leslie Mavor are railway contractors.

Walter J. Hogan.

General regret will be felt at the death of Walter J. Hogan, which occurred under distressing circumstances at Stanwood (Wash.) The news of the death was received here yesterday morning by a sister of the deceased, Mrs. Josh Ward, Dorchester street. While full particulars were not received, the telegram which conveyed the sad intelligence, was to the effect that Mr. Hogan died suddenly while traveling from Seattle to his home, Stanwood. Accompanied by his wife, he went to Seattle to have medical advice, after which he started on the return journey. When but a few miles from Stanwood he suddenly expired. While he had been in ill health for the past few weeks, the symptoms were not of a character to excite alarm, and his sudden demise came as a shock to Mrs. Hogan, who was with him at the time, as well as to relatives and friends. The late Mr. Hogan was well known here, having been in St. John on several occasions. Only a year ago he married Miss Mary Dolan of this city, and for the bereaved wife and for the relatives of the deceased in this city sincere sympathy will be felt. Mr. Hogan was born in Calais (Me.), but for many years has been a resident of the west. He is survived besides his wife by two brothers, Edward, of St. John, and John, of Stanwood. Four sisters survive: Mrs. Josh Ward, of this city; Mrs. Chas. Morris, of Albert, Albert county; Mrs. Edward Omelia and Miss Agnes Hogan, of Stanwood.

Thomas Bell.

On Friday night Thos. Bell, an old resident of Juvenile Settlement, Sunbury county, passed away He was a well known farmer, having resided in that vicinity for fifty-five years. He was in the 84th year of his age and is survived by his wife, five sons, Williams, George, Bennett, Charles and Thomas, and three daughters, Mrs. E. W. Fries, Mrs. Thos. Charlton and Mrs. James Charlton. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

Dr. Charles J. Morse.

Amherst, Oct. 22—(Special)—The citizens of Amherst were shocked this evening to learn of the sudden death of Dr. Charles James Morse. Dr. Morse had been in poor health for some time, but was able to be out and around as late as Saturday. This evening about 8 o'clock he expired suddenly from heart disease.

The deceased was a son of the late Hon. James Morse, for many years, prior to confederation, a member of the legislative council at Halifax. His great-grandfather was one of the original settlers of Cumberland and was at one time the officer in command at Fort Cumberland. He was born seventy-one years ago. He graduated from Edinburgh and practiced his profession in Montreal for some time, returning to Amherst in the early seventies, where he has since remained.

Ernest R. Gunning.

Moncton, Oct. 22—(Special)—The death occurred at Lower Coverdale today of Ernest R. Gunning, postmaster, and a well known market gardener and farmer at that place. Deceased was 45 years old and a son of G. W. Gunning. He was a brother of James W. and William Gunning, locomotive drivers, I. C. R.

J. T. C. McKean.

Monday, Oct. 23.

Many friends in the city will regret to learn of the death of John T. C. McKean, which occurred at the residence of his son yesterday afternoon, after a lingering illness. Mr. McKean was born at St. Andrews (N.B.), and was the youngest son of the late John McKean, of this city. His wife, who died some years ago, was the daughter of the late John Winters, of this city.

Mr. McKean was well known as an architect, which profession he practiced in this city for nearly thirty years. He studied his profession at the office of Vaux & Withers, New York, a firm of high repute. He started in business in St. John about 1870 and the first year of his practice he drew the plans for the fine stone house on Mount Pleasant, recently purchased by Henry Gallagher, known as the Kaye house, and the Hampton court house. In 1872 he formed a partnership with G. Ernest Fairweather and they continued in business together till 1880. Among the buildings designed by the firm were the Victoria school, West End; Normal School, Fredericton; City Hall, Fredericton; Market Building, St. John.

Under the direction of the chief architect for the dominion government at Ottawa the firm made the working plans for the Custom House. After the fire they did a lot of work and have had numerous buildings in St. John designed at their office, the most notable being the Masonic Temple in Germain street, and the Sands building in Prince William street, at present occupied by Comeau & Sheehan, and many others.

The late Mr. McKean was also a student of the late Matthew Stead, who designed St. Paul's (Valley) church, and Reid's Castle. The most recent monument to his skill is the beautiful new church edifice of the Church of the Assumption, on the West Side.

The surviving members of Mr. McKean's family are; One son, John W. McKean, of this city, and Mrs. Otty Sharpe, of Toronto. The funeral will take place from his son's residence, 6 Richmond street, Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

William Donlon.

William Donlon, tuberculosis patient, who was admitted to the Municipal Home on Friday, died there on Sunday. Mr. Donlon was a native of Ireland and was only 23 years of age. At the time S. M. Wetmore got him into the home it was thought he was so far gone that he could not live long. About two years ago deceased came to Boston from Ireland. He had been employed in that city as an elevator boy, but about the middle of September he came to this province with the hope that the change might be of benefit to him. He went to Sussex, where he stayed for some time, then came back to the city with the intention of returning to Boston. The United States officers would not allow him to proceed, and after drifting about for a day or two, Mr. Wetmore had him taken care of. Mr. Donlon has sisters in Boston.

F. Blake Crofton.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 23—(Special) —News from Southsea, England, tells of the death of Blake Crofton, for twenty years Nova Scotia's provincial Librarian. He was well known in literary circles.

Edward Maclatchy.

Edward Maclatchy died very suddenly at his home in Grand Pre on Thursday. On going down stairs Thursday morning he was seized with intense pain, passing away in a few moments. Mr. Maclatchy, who was in his 79th year, was a member of a large family, of whom now there is but one surviving—Miss Cecilia Maclatchy, of New York. He is survived by his widow, who is a sister of Hon. R. L. Borden; three daughters and five sons—Mrs. Harry Rand, Canning; Rupert E., a merchant in Boston; Arthur C., of the post office department, Halifax; Reginald L., of the R. & O. Steamship Co., Toronto; Kate, a nurse in St. John; Harry O., barrister, Truro; Walter F., in Buffalo, and Frances at home. In the forty-seven years of married life this is the first break by death in the family.

Stephen J. Smith.

The death of Stephen J. Smith occurred Sunday at the home of his son-in-law, 57 Lombard street. He was a native of Queens county, but had resided in St. John for thirty years. He was 75 years of age and is survived by two sons, one daughter and two sisters. The sons are Easton, of Boston, and David, of St. John. Mrs. A. Mealey, of this city, is the daughter. One of the sisters is Mrs. Jane Smith, of Fredericton, and the other Phoebe A. McDonald, of McDonald's Point. Services were conducted at his late home last night at 8 o'clock, and the body will be taken up river this morning on the 9 o'clock boat to Washademoak for burial.

Rev. Dr. A. R. Gregory.

Toronto, Oct. 23—(Special)—Rev. Dr. A. R. Gregory, principal of Westminster Ladies' College here, whose death occurred here on Saturday night was known to several graduates now living in the maritime provinces.

Mrs. Michael O'Donnell.

Chatham, N. B., Oct. 23—(Special) — Mrs. Michael O'Donnell, who lived about six miles out the Richibucto Road at a place always known as Gallows Hill, died on Thursday, aged seventy-nine years. She is survived by one son James in the west. The funeral was held on Saturday morning with requiem high mass by Rev. Fr. Hartt, in the pro Cathedral.

Richard Rogers.

Richard Rogers, a former well-known resident of this city, but who had been living in Boston for the last eight years, died there on Sunday, aged sixty-one years. Mr. Rogers was financial man with T. R. Jones & Co., a wholesale dry goods firm of some years ago in St. John, and was also connected with the wholesale house that succeeded it, W. C. Pitfield & Co. For some years previous to his leaving St. John, he was in the life insurance business. In Boston he also followed that line. He is survived by one son and six daughters.

His son, William J. Rogers, is manager of a photograph establishment in Boston. The daughters are: Misses Mary, Nellie, Florence, Edith, Gladys, and Frances. His death occurred at his home in Huntington avenue, where he had been ill for a year. The body will be brought here on Wednesday, and the funeral will be held from the depot or from the Mission church. Mr. Rogers was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was a native of Fredericton. He is also survived by one brother, residing in Boston.

LOCAL NEWS

Correspondents who send letters to The Semi-Weekly Telegraph and who wish to have them returned if they are not printed, must send stamps for return postage.

Mrs. Thompson of Richibucto, Kent county, is staying at the parsonage with Rev. Mr. Lawson and daughter.

It is reported that there is a dangerous hole in the South Bay bridge, which needs attention. Driving over the bridge in the dark is dangerous.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Dodge announce the engagement of their daughter, Georgie B., to G. Hartley Colwell, of Vancouver, the wedding to take place in Vancouver on Nov. 17.

Miss Katherine MacLatchey, trained nurse, of this city, was called home to Grand Pre (N. S.), by the death of her father, Edward MacLatchy, which occurred Thursday, Oct. 19th.

Sir Maxwell Aitken, M. P., arrived from England this week, and is at the Windsor, Montreal. Lady Tilley, St. John (N. B.), will probably be in Ottawa after the New Year.—Mail and Empire.

Mrs. William Hodgins, wife of Colonel Hodgins, London (Ont.), has returned to Ottawa with her little daughter, Betty, and is visiting her sisters, the Misses Ritchie, Laurier avenue east.—Toronto World.

Manitoba flour in all patents advanced ten cents late Saturday afternoon. There was no change in Ontario, although it is generally expected that when Manitoba advances the other grades are not long in following.

The cosy little homestead of John Taylor at Cole's Island was burned to the ground on Thursday night and he and his family, including four children, were forced to seek shelter with neighbors. They saved but one bed. The loss is probably about $1,500.

R. Dunbar, Toronto, secretary treasurer of The National Sanitorium Association, acknowledges the receipt of one dollar ($1) for the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives from some one in St. John. As the sender gave no name, a direct acknowledgment was not practicable.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will hold the usual drawing room at Ottawa after the opening of the houses of parliament, and have decided, that, as yet, they will make no change in the regulations that have been in order during the regime of the previous governor general.

F. W. Daniel & Co., Ltd., have made a satisfactory settlement with their creditors. This assures the continuation of the business, with some reported new capital, under a basis of a permanent nature. The buying public will be pleased to know that this old hereofore successful business will be continued with renewed vigor.

County Secretary J. King Kelley and Councillor F. M. Cochrane, of St. Martins, left Saturday for Guelph (Ont.), to inspect the prison farm there. Their trip is in line with the scheme recommended to the municipal council to convert a portion of the property on which is situated the isolation hospital on the Sandy Point Road, into a prison farm.

Lady Laurier, accompanied by the Hon. Senator Edwards and party, left yesterday morning for Montreal, where they will attend the P. Jan Lavole recital in the Windsor Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Payne of Australia, who have been with Sir Thomas and Lady Tait, left on Friday night, on which afternoon Mrs. Payne motored to Brompton with Lady Tait, and enjoyed a visit to the fine Dale conservatories.—Toronto World.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick will hold their sixty-fifth annual session this year at Newcastle (N. B.), the meeting commencing on Wednesday, Oct. 25. Large delegations will be present from all parts of the province, the representatives from St. John including E. S. Hennigar, grand worthy patriarch; Colonel A. J. Armstrong, past G. W. P.; Rev. W. R. Robinson, grand worthy scribe, and others.

An interesting announcement was made by School Inspector W. M. McLean on Thursday afternoon, that Principal Rex Cormier's class in Leinster street school, grade VII., have won second price for the district in the Lord Strathcona first annual physical culture competition, premier honors being awarded to the class of Principal A. S. McFarlane, of St. Stephen's High school. The award is made through Captain Frank A. Good, of Fredericton, chairman of the trust fund for New Brunswick.

RICHESON SAYS HE IS INNOCENT

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bridge Baptist minister, charged with the murder of Avis Linnell, the 19 years old music student, will be presented before the Suffolk county grand jury at a special session on Thursday of this week. This announcement was made this afternoon by District-Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier, of Suffolk county.

One of the results of the grand jury consideration of the case this week will be to forestall and also take the place of the municipal court hearing in the matter, which was to have been held next Tuesday, the day on which Richeson's marriage to Miss Violet Edmands, of Brookline, was to have been solemnized. The prosecution, it is understood, was not inclined to let the attorney for the defense become acquainted with the nature of the government's evidence against the minister and inasmuch as the grand jury proceedings are conducted in secrecy, the counsel for the prisoner will not know the extent of the government's case.

In the event that Mr. Richeson is indicted by the grand jury, District-Attorney Pelletier plans to have the minister tried before a jury in the criminal court at a special session to be held in January.

Pulpit Comment.

Boston, Oct. 23—In many churches of Greater Boston sermons yesterday contained references, outspoken or veiled, to the case.

In the pulpit of the Immanuel Baptist church, Cambridge, where Richeson preached eight days ago on the uncertainty of worldly things, the Rev. George Cross, of the Newton Theological Institution faced the congregation yesterday. He made no reference whatever to the plight of the man for whom he substituted. He avoided saying anything which might seem to have a reference to the case.

There was no word of Richeson's resignation at either service. On the sign outside the door his name stood forth in gilt letters as the pastor. Officials of the church had received no communication from him on the subject. Thomas M. Rumney, chairman of the finance committee, said that he and others would try to secure a resignation without having a church executive meeting act.

Richeson's relatives are rallying to his aid. His sister, Miss L. V. Richeson, a nurse, has come from Saranac Lake (N. Y.) An uncle, Dr. William A. Richeson, of Amherst (Va.), where Richeson's father lives on a farm, has placed his money at the disposal of the accused man. Charles Richeson, brother of the pastor, has made preparations to come from Amherst to Boston with money to enlist in the fight for acquittal. He is expected early this week. With that money behind him and the probability that the fortune of Miss Violet Edmands, his prospective bride, will be laid at his disposal, Richeson will be relieved of embarrassment because of his own lack of funds. He is practically penniless.

The police put in a busy day following the reported movements of Avis and Richeson on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 14, the day the girl met death. Deputy Watts interviewed Prof. Charles Bennett, of the New England Conservatory of Music, who saw the couple from time to time in O'Brien's sea grill on Dartmouth street. He also went to see Miss Annie Keeke, of 11A Mt. Vernon street, Dorchester, the cashier, and Miss Katharine Nevers, the waitress of the grill. Both recall the couple as frequent diners there.

While it is known that Miss Linnell had been taking medicine for some time and apparently had stopped its use shortly before her death, Dr. Leary said last night that he did not think the medicine could be connected with the case in any way.

Richeson spent a lonely day in his cell at the end of "Murderers' row." The regular Sunday gospel services were held and the singing carried down the echoing corridors to his ears, but he was not allowed to take part. From his pockee Bible he might read, if he desired. No visitors were admitted on Sunday.

Richeson's Other Escapades.

Liberty, Mo., Oct. 22—The Rev. J. J. Feltz, father of Miss Patsy Feltz, to whom the Rev. Clarence Virgil Thompson Richeson was engaged while attending William Jewell College in this city, refuses to affirm or deny the engagement, but friends of the woman admit it.

Miss Feltz met Richeson at a divinity students' reception at the Baptist church shortly after he came to Liberty in 1902 from Carroll county (Mo.), where he professed religion. She at once took a deep interest in him. He was a constant caller at her house, and it was thought generally that they would be married as soon as he completed his course in college, but Richeson was detected cheating in the final examinations of 1905 and suspended. He was expelled the next year for repeating the performance.

Richeson immediately brought suit against the college to compel it to give him a diploma, but withdrew it after a conference with the faculty, in which he is said to have been charged with unbecoming conduct with a young woman member of the Budd Park Baptist church in Kansas City, where he had preached every Sunday during his student days.

Richeson is said to have been engaged to two young women in Carroll county (Mo.), by whom he was jilted when news of his affair with Miss Feltz reached their ears.

Another sensational episode in which he figured in Liberty occurred just before his ac