

MIDDLETON

Middleton, March 24.—Mr. Chas. C. Slocumb passed away on Sunday, March 16th after several months of intense suffering. Much sympathy is felt for the sorrowing wife and son.

Mr. W. E. Johnson returned from Boston on Saturday.

Much enthusiasm is expressed here over the prospective sheep ranch.

P. Giffins was in town last week completing the purchase of the driving park land.

Rev. J. L. and Mrs. Batty, of Moncton have been visiting at the home of Mrs. C. C. Slocumb.

Mr. John Tate spent last week with his mother. He has been transferred from the Royal Bank in Truro to Vancouver, B. C.

Lt. Col. McNeil and Capt. A. H. Dodge were kept busy on Good Friday taking more applications of Fenian raid volunteers.

Mr. J. R. Harrison of Canadian Bank of Commerce with wife and child, leave in April for a three months' visit in England—his native land.

Mrs. W. G. Parsons returned home on Saturday from Halifax, where she has been receiving medical treatment for several weeks at the Infirmary for her eyes.

The Acadia students home for the Easter holidays are as follows—Miss Florence Morse, Miss Dorothy Burditt, Miss Charlotte McGregor, John Fiendel, George Elliott, Guy Phinney, Lester and Loring Andrews, Harold Cox, Oswald Barker.

The telephone men are busy. Three carloads of cedar poles have been unloaded at Middleton recently by the N. S. Telephone and Telegraph Co. They will be used to re-pole the line to Margaretville and a metallic wire will also be strung.

OBITUARY

CHARLES C. SLOCUMB.

In the death of Charles C. Slocumb of Brooklyn, after a lingering illness, on March 16th, 1913, the entire community suffered an irreparable loss, and every acquaintance feels the loss of a friend, and the sympathy extended to the sorrowing wife and son is of a particularly heart-felt nature.

Mr. Slocumb was a man of refinement, culture and ability, who filled many public offices with complete satisfaction to everyone. By occupation he was a fruit grower and farmer, leaving one of the best propositions in the Valley in that line. His interest in public affairs was of the keenest and maintained until the last. The magnitude of the loss of such a man in the prime of life cannot be estimated.

"Sustained and soothed by an altering trust, approach thy grave, Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

CHINA DRAINS OUR GRAIN ELEVATORS.

San Francisco, March 18.—Simultaneously with the awakening of China, a shortage in the world's supply of flour and the raw product for breadstuffs is threatened, according to Mr. George Bury, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway who has just returned on the liner "Siberia" from a visit to the Orient.

Within a single year the increased demand for flour for China has emptied many of the big grain elevators of the North-West, and the flour mills have been in operation day and night to prepare the commodity for the hungry millions of the new China, according to Mr. Bury.

Amherst ratepayers voted on the 19th to borrow \$200,000 for town services. The sum of \$85,000 was voted for permanent street work and \$75,000 for better school accommodation.

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Preparing for Peace Centenary

New York, March 15.—Plans for important preliminary work in connection with the celebration in 1915 of the One Hundredth Anniversary of Peace between English-speaking peoples, dating from the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, shaped themselves rapidly yesterday, the outgrowth of a meeting of the American sub-committee appointed to prepare for the celebration.

A conference between representatives of the English-speaking nations to be held in this city from May 5th to 9th next. The British and Canadian committees have accepted invitations to attend the conference, it was announced.

On May 9th, the closing day of the conference, the American committee will hold its annual meeting, and in the evening a dinner will be given, to which President Wilson, Vice-President Marshall, members of the Cabinet, Mr. Borden, Premier of Canada, and ambassadors of foreign nations at Washington, will be invited.

The celebration will take place in February, 1915, it was decided and Senator Elihu Root was authorized to draft a bill for introduction in Congress and the various State Legislatures making February 17th, 1915, a national and State holiday for thanksgiving for peace and prayer for its continuance. The bill provides for suspension of all travel, business and recreation for five minutes after noon of that day.

Special committees were appointed to prepare a programme for the May conference; to take up with yachting authorities plans for an international yacht race in connection with the celebration and to arrange for securing sessions of important international congresses and conferences in America during the celebration year.

It was announced that the British delegates to the May conference would include Earl Grey, former governor-general of Canada; Lord Thomas Shaw, of Dunfermline, a member of the judicial committee of the Privy Council; Mr. W. C. C. Gladstone, M. P.; Sir William Mather, educational leader and philanthropist; Mr. Allan Baker, M.P., president of the British Peace Society, and Mr. H. S. Perry, M. A., secretary of the British committee.

The Canadian committee will include the Hon. George H. Perley, Sir Edmund Walker, Toronto; Sir Alexander Lacoste, Montreal; Mr. John Travers Lewis, Chancellor of the Diocese of Ottawa, and Mr. Charles Frederick Hamilton, honorary secretary of the Canadian committee. Acting for Australia will be Sir George Reid, Lord High Commissioner of Australia, in London, and for Newfoundland, Sir Edward P. Morris, Premier of Newfoundland.

LONGBOAT HANGS UP A NEW RECORD.

Before a corporal's guard of spectators at Madison Square Garden, on the 14th inst., Tom Longboat, the great Indian runner, wasted a world's record for fifteen miles in his match race with Mauro Visconte, a youthful Italian. The race was burlesque, but Visconte could not see any humor in it and quit after covering ten miles and seven laps.

Longboat's time for the complete route of fifteen miles was one hour, seventeen minutes and thirty seconds. The former record made by Hans Holmer at Buffalo was one hour, twenty-one minutes and four-fifths seconds.

There was but a handful of rabid "bugs" when the runners were started on their journey by Martin Sheridan shortly after nine o'clock. The largest group visible was the band, which consisted of less than a dozen pieces. The musicians showed great fortitude and bravely rendered their selections despite lack of appreciation for their efforts. In fact, the little covey of bandmen showed the only enthusiasm of the evening.

As for the race, it was not a race. Longboat took the lead at starting, and at four and a half miles lapped his rival. Longboat was leading by two laps when Visconte decided he had enough. The elongated reuskin covered the first mile in four minutes and twenty-eight seconds—quite a bit of running, he it remarked.

The Italian had an unending retinue of attendants. On every lap a new face appeared at Mauro's side, shouting words of encouragement.

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LAWRENCETOWN

In our next week's issue on this page we will give our readers a review of the business houses of Lawrencetown.

Lawrencetown, March 25th.—Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Young returned home last week, having spent the winter in Halifax, the guest of their daughter, Mrs. Thos. Elliott.

Miss Nina Foster is spending a few days at Annapolis Royal.

Mrs. McNutt, of Truro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Palfrey.

Mrs. Harlow, of Liverpool, was a guest of Mrs. J. Stoddart on Sunday.

The Methodist Circle was held at the parsonage last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bishop are spending a few days with friends at Kings'ton.

Mrs. Heber Boland gave a party in honor of her son Laurie of Halifax, last Thursday evening.

The services on Sunday were of a marked Easter tendency and good congregations assembled.

Miss Laura Payson, accompanied by Miss Rita Phinney, spent the Easter holidays with her parents at Meadowvale.

The last meeting of the Mission Study on "China's New Day" will be held at the home of Mrs. H. E. Freeman.

The ladies of the Baptist sewing circle will meet with Mrs. T. G. Bishop on Friday afternoon at the usual hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marshall, of Bridgetown, are spending a few days with Mrs. Marshall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hall.

On fine days the hum of the gasoline engine, the buzz of saws in the hands of orchardists and the twittering of birds announce spring in no uncertain terms.

Easter holidays brought our young folks home. I wonder if they realize how pleased we are to see them or how interested we are in their ambitions and successes?

Mrs. E. J. Shaffner entertained a number of young people on Wednesday evening last in honor of Miss Marie Durling, who leaves this week for Boston to train for nurse at the Newton Falls Hospital.

Mr. Alburn Marshall and family are moving to Middleton this week, after which the residence they vacate, owned by Dr. Hall is to be remodelled. A number of other homes are to be beautified by modern improvements this spring.

On Thursday evening a lecture on the Ne Temere decree by the Rev. J. L. Batty, of Moncton, was held in the Methodist church. The subject was eloquently and logically treated, and listened to with intense interest by a large audience. Rev. Wm. Brown, a former pastor, was present and presided as chairman.

The teacher and pupils of the primary class of the Baptist Sunday School are preparing a graduating exercise to take place in May, when nine scholars will be promoted to the Junior Department. The County Superintendent of the Elementary Division would like to hear of other teachers grading their classes systematically.

On Monday evening a meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, to discuss the subject of lighting the town by electricity. Determination and enthusiasm were the dominant factors of the gathering and it would seem that better lighting is at hand. Committees were appointed to work out details and report on Thursday evening, when the enterprise will be put in working order.

The Literary Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Daniels on Wednesday evening last. The following program was given. Current events prepared by J. Moore and read by R. J. Messenger, after which a reading was given by Prof. J. Morse. A communication from Mrs. L. A. Richardson was read by Dr. Hall. In this she presented the Club with her fine organ, as a token of her appreciation of the work and aims of the Society. The generous gift was accepted with expressions of sincere esteem for the work and a tribute of her character and life in our midst. A vocal duet was rendered by Mrs. H. T. Phinney and Mrs. Clarence Longley. Mrs. R. J. Messenger gave a recitation much enjoyed by all present. After the treat and a short time spent in social converse, the meeting closed with music by all. The next and last meeting of the season will be held at the home of Dr. L. R. and Mrs. Morse on Wednesday evening. A full program is expected.

The music in the Baptist church

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on Easter Sunday was as follows:—

- Morning. Opening Hymn—"Hallelujah." Hymn—"Christ is Risen." Anthem—"Easter Gladness." Hymn—"Pleasant are Thy Courts Above."

The choir was assisted by the orchestra. In the evening Rev. H. Mellick gave a very fine address on the life of David Livingstone, born March 19, 1813. The literary character of the address was of high order. A map showing the routes of travel of the eminent missionary explorer, served to deepen the interest manifested by all.

The Mission Band was held at three p. m. and the program consisted of short readings on the history of Livingstone, recitations and music. The first on the program was a solo, spring song, "Wake Up," by Master Vernon Shaffner; recitation, Frances Stoddart; story, "The boyhood of Livingstone," Miss Muriel Bishop; recitation, Mabel Stoddart; reading, Miss Mary Beals; music, "Nothing too hard for the Saviour to do," paper, "True to His promise," Miss Muriel Phinney; reading, "Friends who were faithful," Miss Vivian Phinney; music, "Christ Arose."

CHEESE FACTORY FOR SALE

To be sold at Public Auction at South Williamston on Tuesday the 5th day of April, at 2 o'clock the Cheese Factory and 12 Press Screws, belonging to the South Williamston and Victoria Cheese Mfg. Co. Ltd. By order of the directors BENJAMIN R. WHITMAN, Chairman

C. P. R. WILL MAKE BIG OUTLAY AT ST. JOHN

The C. P. R. announces that it will spend a million and a half in St. John, N. B., and vicinity, during the coming season. The largest single item to be spent will probably be one of about \$630,000, towards the cost of the new grain elevator at West St. John powerhouse, yard and track facilities in connection with it. The next in size is the appropriation for bridges and culverts, which includes the replacing of some large bridges, and renewals and repairs for many smaller ones. The cost of the new erecting and machine shops at McAdam Junction is included, and runs into six figures. Another interesting item is the completion of the automatic block system which is being established between St. John and Vaneboro. The blocks will prevent two trains entering the same time, and will thus ensure safety from collisions.—Montreal Witness.

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