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Poor Mail Service.

Editor Evening Telegram

Dear Sir—Please allow me space in your columns for a few words regarding our mail system on Bell Island. This winter is undoubtedly a stormy one in the extreme and ice conditions would not permit a regular mail to or from the Island.

Now before going any farther I wish to emphasize the fact that the people of this Island do not expect impossibilities but they do want and expect what is reasonable. I can certify that the mails could have been brought from Portugal Cove on the ice, on the 14th and 15th of this month, for people travelled across on both these days, but where was our mail boat? Plying between the D.I.S. Co's pier and Horse Cove with passengers and if I mistake not on one or two other occasions, bird and seal hunting. Now, Mr. Editor, may I ask if the S.S. Othar is subsidised by the Government for the kind of thing?

It is time for the people of this Island to wake up to the present conditions, which I must say are rotten. The mail matter for Bell Island is just as important as that of other places in the Dominion (and probably more so). Then, in the name of common sense, why don't the people of Bell Island look for a square deal? Are they afraid to offend the company concerned? It seems that way to me. I remember that when the Euphrates S. S. Co. were handling the mail of this Island, the local papers were full of comment on the mail boat and the Euphrates S. S. Co. This criticism was due to an opposition and one could read between the lines and tell from what quarter it came. I can safely say

we were getting a better mail service then. I remember one winter in particular here that the above company were out dories hauling them over the ice in order to serve the public. How many dories have been or will be worn out this winter, may I ask? And I may say, that the present mail boat isn't fit at all for the service, especially in winter time. I think it would be better to let them have been as a pleasure boat at their own expense and let the Government give somebody else the Conception Bay Mail Service. Yes, give it to some dependable company that will put a substantial boat here, a boat, if necessary, that can get through thicker ice than our ordinary salt water birds, for mail and general passenger service.

The present conditions are rotten to the core and aren't going to be good enough in the future. Apologizing for taking up so much of your valuable space and thanking you in advance for the publication of this letter, I remain,

Yours, etc.,

BELL ISLANDER.
Bell Island, Feb. 17, 1921.

(The above letter was mailed at Bell Island on Feb. 20th according to the post office date stamp and bears the St. John's Post Office date stamp of Feb. 25th. No wonder there is a complaint about the mail-service from the Iron Island.—Editor.)

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Final Session Laymen's Convention.

The postponed meeting of the Convention of Lay Agencies of the Methodist Church was held at Gower Street Church last night. Rev. Dr. Bond was the Chairman. The general subject was "Church Music," and a large and appreciative audience assembled to hear the set speakers of the evening, Mr. Arthur Mewa, C.M.G., the organist of Cochrane St. Church, and Prof. King, of the C. E. Cathedral, delivered their addresses on this most important phase of the activities of the Church.

The subject of Mr. Mewa's address was "The place of song in Christian Worship," who said in part: "The choir is not an invention, but a creation. Singing originated in Heaven. 'And they sang a new song.' Song is a Divine gift to mankind. Moses sang of God's mercy while journeying through the wilderness. David, the sweet singer of Israel, sang his songs of deliverance and praise. The Virgin Mary sang 'My soul doth magnify the Lord.' Simon, when he beheld the infant Christ, sang his song of praise, 'Lord now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace— for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation'—all songs of thanksgiving to God. Music is older than civilization. Music is one of the church's chief attractions, and is often used as a means of advertising the church. But music has a higher and holier mission than merely to attract and entertain congregations. It should be a beautiful handmaid who acts as a messenger of religion, an act to promote spiritual worship. Music is not an end but a means to an end, and by rendering simple, sincere, dignified, soul-inspiring songs, aid worshippers to realize God's presence. Martin Luther, during the most trying periods of his life, rose triumphantly above every obstacle, secure in the knowledge that 'a mighty fortress was his God.' Chas. Wesley sang his songs of repentance and joy of forgiveness. God gives to every man a song to sing. It is one medium of adoration of God and consecration of life. The greatest event in all history—the Birth of Christ—was heralded by the choir of angels singing 'Gloria to God in the highest.' And the world continues to sing, and will continue its service of song as long as time lasts." Mr. Mewa's address gave every evidence of being well prepared, and was also well delivered and heard with the greatest attention and appreciation.

Professor King followed, and spoke on "The Ideal Choir, its Duties and Privileges." Mr. King spoke at length, and was listened to with rapt attention. He was naturally very much at home with his subject. He said that the nucleus of the ideal choir could be found in this city, but the talent was so much split up amongst all the churches, that it was impossible for the choir of any one particular church to attain to the ideals in production or effect. The adult male and female voice offers the best material out of which an ideal choir could be developed. Music is an art that recognizes no perfection, and that which would be considered today as ideal would be classed as second hand fifty years hence. What would be accepted as an ideal choir in the Non-Conformist Church, would not be so regarded in the established churches, neither would the ideal choir of the C. of E. be regarded as ideal in the Roman Catholic churches. This is accounted for mainly because of the great difference in the form of services and style of music used in those churches. The ideal choir is a great and perfect blending of voices, distinct from congregational haphazard singing, which includes purity of volume, not necessarily loud, and produces an atmosphere of reverence and devotion in worship.

The duty of the choir is to study the words that are being sung; this is even more important than accurate production of the note and should be such as to promote a devout sense of worship amongst the congregation. Choir training is most difficult work, and practical results can be achieved only by much practice. Too much precious time is given up to the pursuing of light and frivolous pleasures, declared Mr. King, and urged a closer and more energetic following of the higher ideals of life such as the ideal choir. It is the duty of the choir to set an example of reverence and devout worship to the congregation. This is also a great privilege. It is pleasant to receive the sincere compliments of an appreciative congregation, as well as an encouraging and helpful, and it is to be regretted that so few words of praise are accorded our choirs and choir masters for their ardent and faithful service, but to earn the deeper sense of pleasure of Him whose we are and from whom cometh every good gift, said Mr. King, is the greatest privilege of every member of every choir. A most illuminating and instructive address was concluded by a quotation from Mark Twain with regard to reaching the ideal: "Don't stare up the steps but step up the stairs."

Last night's session concluded the sittings of the Convention, and it is now hoped that some of the improvement so eloquently advocated will take definite shape.—Com.

An Extra Pair

Of glasses is more necessary than an extra pair of shoes, yet almost every one has the latter, and but few the former.

I endeavor at all times to repair your glasses promptly but if you will consider what it means to you without your glasses, should you break them on Saturday night or before a holiday, you can readily see why you should have an extra pair. Take advantage of the evening hour 7 to 8 o'clock.

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Wedding Bells.

The wedding of Miss Florence Marion Cassidy, for a number of years district nurse and very well known in Horwood, and Dr. Henry Martin Field, was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Willett, Walpole street. The home was handsomely decorated for the occasion and the ceremony was witnessed by about 60 guests. Rev. Allison Ray Heaps, pastor of the First Congregational church, officiated, and the single ring service was used.

The bride was gowned in blue georgette crepe, with heavy colored hat and she wore a handsome diamond pin, the gift of the groom. The couple was unattended.

As the bride and groom entered the parlor the wedding march was played by Miss Agnes Bridges, who also furnished music during the reception which followed the ceremony. White ribbons kept back the guests as the ceremony was taking place and these were held by Nancy and Philip Allen, children of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Allen of Walpole. After an informal reception the newly married couple left for a short wedding trip from which they will return next Wednesday. They will make their home at the present residence of Dr. Field, 784 Washington street, until their new home at the corner of Washington and Winter streets is completed.

The whole affair was simple and informal and was all the more enjoyable for that reason. The bride's cake was cut and amid a good deal of merriment the piece containing the ring was carried off by Mr. Heaps. Mrs. Field was well known here because of her work as district nurse and it was while in this work that she first met Dr. Field. Mrs. Field is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Cassidy of Brigus, Nfld.

The S.S. Venus sailed from Philadelphia on Saturday, bound for St. John's, with a cargo of Westmoreland Gas Coal for the St. John's Gas Light Company.

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83rd Annual Meeting Trinity Benefit Club.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir—The Trinity Benefit Club held its eighty-third annual meeting on Candlemas Day, Feb. 2nd. The day was beautifully fine, though somewhat cold, and not only the Trinity members but those from the outlying settlements, including English Harbor, to Bonavista, turned out in great numbers to take part in our annual meeting and parade. This shows what a lively interest our members have in the old club, and long may it so continue.

Rev. Canon Lockyer in one of his contributions to the Evening Telegram last year gave some very interesting facts concerning our club, and Rev. Canon Smith in a letter appearing in your columns, commenting most favorably on Rev. Canon Lockyer's article, stated that the Trinity Benefit Club was the third oldest Benefit Society in the Island. Our club was founded in the year 1838, and has been in existence ever since. During that period it has paid out in sick benefits and mortality fees the sum of \$17,000. It now has to its credit in the Royal Bank of Canada \$1,050. The object of the club is: "The affording of relief to members and their families in case of sickness and death." All male residents of the district from British Harbor to English Harbor inclusive, between the ages of fifteen and forty-five years, who are in good health are eligible to join.

We now have one hundred and thirty-six members on the roll, and of these, one hundred attended our meeting on Candlemas Day. Quite a pleasing event on that day was the presentation of an address, together with a flashlight, to each of our two oldest members, Messrs. Joseph Morris and Reginald Mills. Mr. Morris has been a member of our club for 64 years, and Mr. Mills for 63 years.

Following is the address:—

Messrs. Joseph Morris and Reginald Mills:

Sirs and Brothers—We, the officers and members of the Trinity Benefit Club, assembled at this our eighty-third annual meeting, are conscious of, and thankful for, many things that it is our privilege to enjoy. Amongst those privileges we wish to acknowledge the past year of your Mr. Joseph Morris and Mr. Reginald Mills—and to do honor to you as our two oldest members.

We congratulate you upon your honorable age and respected position as citizens of our community, and we congratulate ourselves as a club in your presence to-day, and we wish to assure you of the good influence of your example over us—not only in our club meetings but also in our daily life as citizens of Trinity and as followers of a common Saviour.

We ask you each to accept this flashlight, because of its intrinsic value but as a little tangible evidence of our good wishes, that you may, for many years to come, be helpful to others in the darker times of life, and to illustrate the wish expressed that when the call comes to you to enter upon the other part of life, to endeavor to be able to light.

(Signed),
EDWIN G. GRANT, President.

At the conclusion of the above address Mr. Mills, on behalf of himself and Mr. Morris, suitably replied and thanked the officers and members for their kindly thought and appealed to us all to ever have the interests of the old club at heart. Next to Messrs. Morris and Mills our eight oldest members are:

Mr. Richard Woolridge—57 years a member.

Mr. Thomas Welshman—55 years a member.

Mr. Charles Fleet—51 years a member.

Mr. Robert Pacey—48 years a member.

Mr. Walter C. Hart—48 years a member.

Mr. Jacob Woolridge—47 years a member.

Mr. Charles King, 57—47 years a member.
Mr. James Bartlett—47 years a member.

Another item on the day's programme, which was voted a great success by all, was the splendid dinner provided by the refreshment committee. After the election of officers and stewards for the ensuing year, and the disposal of other routine work, our eighty-third annual meeting came to a close at 4 o'clock p.m. with the singing of the National Anthem.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for space, and trusting the above account will be of interest to some of your many readers, particularly those who reside in that section of Trinity district which takes up from English Harbor to British Harbor.

I am, your very truly,
WALTER N. WHITE,
Trinity, Feb., 1921. Secretary.

St. Thomas's Sunday School.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Under the chairmanship of the Rector, Rev. Dr. Jones, the annual distribution of prizes for St. Thomas's Church Parish Sunday Schools was held in Canon Wood Hall on Sunday afternoon. The Hall was filled to overflowing, and the event was a pleasure throughout. The Rector, in his customary sprightly manner, congratulated the pupils, and welcomed the visitors, also detailing the school work of the past year. The Superintendent's report showed the Schools to be in a healthy and satisfactory condition. The registered pupils, including the Boys and Girls Bible Classes, exceeded five hundred in number, while the Pout Roll contains the names of four hundred.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. John Browning, whose kindly expressions to the recipients were greatly appreciated. Mrs. Browning also delivered an inspiring short address to the gathering, the key note of which was the sacredness of friendship.

Mr. H. R. Cook, Superintendent of the Virginia Sunday School, was present, and in extending the congratulations of his section of the Parish, expressed the pleasure that such an inspiring gathering afforded to all participants. It was evident, from Sunday's prize distribution, that the Sunday Schools are not without the enthusiasm that attends other organizations of St. Thomas's Parish. Appended is the prize list:

PRIZE LIST—UPPER SCHOOL.

GIRLS.

Class 1—Mildred Oliver, Mabel Bright, Belle Hennebury.

Class 2—Mildred Thorne, Elsie Corlick, Mabel Chaytor.

Class 3—Lillian Bridden, Marion Bartlett, Lillian Butler.

Class 4—Ethel Hancock, Doris Withers, Mildred Cook.

Class 5—Shirley Green, Helen Thompson, Marion Grouchie.

Class 6—Mabel Martin, Marion Wood, Lila Pike.

Class 7—Hilda Hancock, Marjorie McGregor, Violet Diamond, Lizzie Carter.

Class 8—Margaret Williams, Violet Crocker, Edith Carter.

BOYS.

Class 1—Malcolm Jones, Harry Mott, Willie Lockyer.

Class 2—Cyril Press, Fred Press, Victor Dowden.

Class 3—Raymond Udle, Wm. Nichols, Eric Duffett.

Class 5—Victor Heale, Gerald Hynes, Max Carter.

Class 6—Wm. Ralph, Albert Bradbury, George Grouchie.

LOWER SCHOOL.

GIRLS.

Class 1—Elsie Bailey, Katie Smith, Mildred Doynton, Emma Holwell.

Class 2—Florence Hayward, Gladys Blusey, Francis Burnell.

Class 3—Olive Hall, Audrey Duffett, Susie Kelley.

Class 4—Marjorie Hammond, Louise Nosworthy, Emma Menchenon.

Class 5—Caroline Thompson, Elsie Streeter, Laura Martin.

Class 6—Jean Willard, Phyllis Dowden, Dorothy Sheppard.

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House Buried.

The house of Mr. Alfred Smith, Spaniards Bay, was completely buried with snow by Wednesday week.

The whole shore from Spaniards Bay to Bishop's Cove is a mass of snow, and people have to mount high drifts to get along. The road is impossible for horses. No one is the locality has ever seen such quantities of snow down, and the storm of Wednesday week raged so fiercely that no one dared to leave his house. The storm was the worst experienced in Bishop's Cove.—Mr. Grace Stander, Feb. 25.

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