

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., MAR. 12, 1909.

The Kenville Y. M. C. A. appears to be a very enterprising organization. Its members have arranged an interesting program of Sunday afternoon meetings, the first of which was held on Sunday last when Rev. A. C. Borden gave an address on 'Christian work among young men in the Orient.' Among the other speakers of the course will be Rev. E. R. Moore, Rev. E. D. Webber and Prof. H. G. Hartmann, of Wolfville.

A unanimous call has been extended to Rev. H. T. DeWolfe, principal of Acadia Seminary, by the Baptist church of Amherst, N. S. This is probably the largest Baptist church in the Maritime Provinces, and the call is a high testimonial to Principal DeWolfe. Mr. DeWolfe has not yet given his answer, but it is hardly likely that he will accept, as he has evidently found a very congenial work here. Wolfville people, generally, will wish that he may remain in our town.

A very commendable measure has recently been introduced in the parliament of Canada providing that in the future when a criminal receives the death sentence he shall be taken to the nearest penitentiary and there kept until the execution, which must take place within the precincts of the penitentiary. This is certainly a vast improvement over the former one of having executions in the shire-towns of the counties in which the crime was committed. Probably no county in the Dominion has suffered more in this regard than our own and the change will be gladly welcomed. It is hoped there may never again be occasion for imposing the death penalty on any citizen of this county, but if we have the satisfaction of knowing the carrying out of the sentence will not be attended with any of the gruesome details of the last event of the kind.

Sunday-school Convention.

The Sunday-school District Meeting of Eastern Kings county held its annual meeting in the vestry of the Wolfville Baptist church, on the afternoon of Friday, the 5th inst.

The Rev. J. W. Brown, Field Secretary of the N. S. Sunday-school Association, was present to direct the services.

Mrs. G. W. Whitman, of the primary departments of Sunday school work, was also in attendance.

W. H. Chase was chosen president for the year and J. D. Chambers was reappointed secretary.

The afternoon was chiefly occupied with a discussion of the Union formed from the classes in the Sunday-schools under the age of twelve years. This was conducted by Mrs. Whitman, who satisfactorily answered all the questions propounded concerning the object, aims and methods of the Union. A committee composed of the teachers of the primary grades was chosen to confer with Mrs. Whitman relative to the formation of a Union for Wolfville and neighboring sections.

An evening session was held in the audience room of the church. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Brown and Mrs. Whitman, the former speaking of the place and value of the Sunday school and the latter on the elementary work.

Rev. Mr. Webber added a few very appropriate remarks. The choir discoursed such music as greatly added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Lower Horton.

Principal H. T. DeWolfe delivered a masterly lecture on 'The Secret of Success,' to a delighted audience on Friday evening last in the vestry of the Methodist church.

The many friends of Mr. Oliver Fullerton, of Long Island, whose health was a matter of anxious apprehension for some days, will be pleased to know that he is rapidly recovering. Under the skillful treatment of Dr. H. Chipman it is hoped he will soon be restored to health.

Rev. A. C. Borden, of Berwick, paid a brief visit to the parsonage on Saturday last. Mr. Borden has purchased Mr. Weddell's driving outfit including his beautiful little chestnut mare 'Belgian,' a grand daughter of the famous trotting stallion, 'Special Blend.' The friends are glad to know that the little beauty will continue to be a familiar object as she carries the preacher to his appointments.

The snow of a week ago tarried long enough to permit the boys of the Acadia Villa School to enjoy their annual sleigh-drive. The head-master, Mr. D. E. Cronin, took the lady members of the school with several of the older boys on a moon-light drive to Kenville on Wednesday, the 24th ult., giving them supper at the American House. All voted the occasion a most delightful function.

On Monday evening Evangelical Division No. 7, entertained Hope with Division of Avonport. The divisions co-operated most heartily in contributing to the enjoyment of the occasion. Readings, recitations, music and speeches, followed by refreshments, were on the program.

The 'Alexander Club,' a literary society recently organized under the presidency of Dr. George J. Brown, met at the residence of Miss Annie Stewart on Tuesday evening, and enjoyed a musical treat by the local performers of Holley and Grand Pop.

Fourth postage is now to be established between the U. S. and France.

The New Parliament.

It is freely admitted that the new Federal Parliament is a great improvement over that which was dissolved last September. It has even been said by men who have had a long connection with the Departments or the Press Gallery at Ottawa that it is the best Parliament since Confederation. That probably is saying too much when it is remembered that the House of Commons contained such men as Sir John Macdonald, Hon. Edward Blake, Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, Sir John Thompson, Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, D'Alton McCarthy, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. David Mills, Hon. Thomas White, Hon. J. A. Chapleau, Hon. A. G. Jones, Hon. L. H. Davies, Hon. William Mulock, Charles Weldon and R. C. Weldon and other men of equal or hardly lesser calibre.

But at least there is a great deal of fine material in the new House, and it is certain that the Opposition has been greatly strengthened by the election. It would be foolish to deny that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a distinguished figure and as always the authority of office is a distinction in itself. Mr. Graham is a favorite on both sides of the chaffier. He is always courteous. He is a hard worker and is getting a good grasp of his Department. Mr. Fielding has lost none of his ease and facility in debate, but his prestige for some reason or other has curiously declined. Mr. Fisher is an excellent departmental head. So is Mr. Laidlaw and there is reason to think that he will achieve yet greater eminence in Canadian affairs. Mr. Aylesworth, embarrassed by an unfortunate temporary affliction, and often extremely partisan in his deliveries, is admittedly an able Minister of Justice, and at his best speaks with power and lucidity.

On the other side Mr. Borden's leadership is unchallenged. He holds his position and exercises his authority through sheer mastery of public questions, soundness of judgment, simple dignity and courtesy and freedom from vanities and affectations. Moreover, he is greatly influential in maintaining the character of the House, and his whole standard of personal conduct is beyond reproach. He has the respect of the Ministers, and his confidence and affection of the Oppositionists.

In the thrust and parry of debate, in readiness, in vigor of attack and defence, Mr. Foster remains without a rival. Mr. Monk speaks seldom, but his best performances rise to a high level. Mr. Lake and Mr. Heron add materially to the strength of the Opposition. But attention for the moment centers particularly upon the new material. Here the Opposition has great cause for rejoicing. Mr. Barrett, of British Columbia, has long been a personal acquaintance and something like a genius for public affairs. Mr. Goodwin is also a noteworthy addition to the ranks of the Opposition, and indeed there is much to be said for the whole Conservative contingent from the Pacific Province.

Sir Magrath, of Alberta, is a very valuable representative of the newer provinces. Mr. Meighen, of Manitoba, gives great promise of public usefulness and he has a worthy colleague in Mr. Bradbury. Mr. Rhodes, of Nova Scotia, who brought Chambers and back to the Conservative column, has unusual steadiness of character and great maturity of judgment, and from him much may be expected. Mr. Maddin, of Cape Breton, is another valuable recruit to the ranks of the Opposition, and altogether the Nova Scotia Conservative contingent is strong and active. The Opposition gains greatly by the presence of Mr. Doherty in its councils, and there is strong reason why he and others of these new members should be better known in Ontario, and indeed through out the whole country.

In the Ontario Conservative group Mr. Middleboro, of North Grey, promises to take high rank, while Mr. Macdonnell continues to be a very active and valuable member of Parliament. Mr. Barker, Mr. Blain, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Northup and Colonel Hughes are industrious and effective in committee. Mr. Leacock has risen to an influential position in the House and Mr. Armstrong, of Lambton, is certain to achieve great distinction in the public life of the country. Mr. O'Rourke speaks seldom, but it is little to say that he leads distinction to the party to which he belongs, is very well added to counsel, and that his whole public career is distinguished by admirable unselfishness and public spirit. Mr. Crothers has said little as yet, but no one doubts his ability to take a foremost place in Parliament. The House loses much by Mr. Bourne's withdrawal, while Mr. Macdougall plays his separate role with familiar pertinacity and courage. Other names in both parties have strong claim to recognition, and altogether the new Parliament is one of which the country has no need to be ashamed, and which is highly promising for the future.

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It is sincerely to be hoped that 'spring work' will soon begin. Otherwise it is certain that President Taft will lose his job. When an ignorant, bumptious, ill-fitted, impotent and silly farmer forces himself into the regiments of a great political diplomat, the chances are that 'spring work' is needed.

We know of a college professor who gets out of his bed at five o'clock every week day morning, to study in preparation for his day's work in the classroom. Such a man can be depended on to get into his regular seat in church long before the service begins, on every Sabbath.

Wolfville needs a town clock. The college bell is not always correct. In the absence of a town-clock the church-goers of the town might present Mr. Oliver with a \$5 watch and twenty \$5 bills per annum. A poor watch and \$5 per annum is not enough pay for Mr. Oliver. We know of a few citizens that should willingly pay Mr. Oliver \$5 individually if he would make them get out of bed before five o'clock.

Mr. Burpee Bishop has finally accepted his own challenge and made us acquainted with his views on certain points. He does not want his children to come in contact with the dear old 'Bible,' so called, in the public-school room. He also is anxious to be considered a Unitarian, so far as theological belief is concerned. If he had not been so modest he would have told us that he raised the local turpins in Horton. ANON.

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