

George Matheson, the McKenzie boys, 'Yankee' Wilson's boys, Duncie and Jack; Wilfrid McCombs, Donald Manson's girls, Dollie Gordon, Jack McKay and John and Robert Conway. While the pupils were taking their seats, I quietly sat on the girls' side near my sisters, as I suspected the boys were about to play some trick on me.

"The teacher opened the duties of the day by reading a chapter out of the Bible and prayer. That over, he was about to teach his first class, when he espied me. He must have been surprised at seeing me sitting on the girls' side of the room, but though he appeared astonished I was permitted to retain my seat among the girls. He inquired my age and also if I had any brothers. I answered, 'Yes, sir,' at the same instant pointing to my two sisters, which caused considerable giggling among the girls and subdued laughter on the boys' side. Even the teacher could scarcely suppress a smile, but with a little more cross-questioning I acknowledged I had no brothers. Then he proceeded with the lessons. Each class was taken up in rotation, and so much time was devoted to each. There were first, second, third, fourth and fifth classes. The principal subjects those days were reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic. The textbooks were Mavor's spelling book, Gray's arithmetic. The name of the reader I do not remember.

"Each pupil in the school was compelled to commit to memory two or three verses of the Psalms for Monday morning. During recess I was the butt of much ridicule from some of the boys in reference to my sitting with the girls. Two brothers, Angus and Hugh Gunn, were the most annoying. I took it as good-naturedly as possible. At the noon hour, however, Angus Gunn continued his sarcastic remarks until I could endure it no