

trophies of victory, yet we weep not for our cause, as real strength and genuine material is still retained to sustain the inherited trust, which, in turn, we hope to leave as a legacy to multitudes yet unborn.

In any possible union, to take place some where in the dim and distant future, there would be indeed cause for rejoicing, as happy results would follow. But it would be bought too dearly if we become hungry Esaus and barter away our birthright with the mere hope of obtaining even something better than pottage. Let us stand fast in the liberty which we believe Christ has brought us, and the trust which has hitherto been so nobly defended.

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DANVILLE (QUEBEC) SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In presenting the report of the Danville Sunday School for 1892, I would call your attention to a few facts in the past history of this school for the benefit of the young people, that they may know the history of the school established by their forefathers. This school was begun by the Rev. Amini James Parker, on May 17th, 1829, and will therefore celebrate its sixty-fourth birthday next May. It began with fifty-five scholars, and in two months increased to 101, 100 of whom recited lessons. It was customary to commit the lessons to memory, which practice continued for a number of years. Prizes, it is said, were given to those who committed the most verses, and one girl named Alma Emerson used to repeat 100 verses Sunday after Sunday. After consultation, seven verses, one for each day of the week, was the allotted lesson, and all were expected to learn and recite them.

This school has continued without interruption ever since; and I have often thought how interesting it would be to read the record of the names of those who have been its members since 1829. At our fiftieth anniversary, our good friend, Mr. Joseph L. Goodhue, gave a carefully prepared history of this school, mentioning some sixty persons who had been connected with the school, but whose course was then finished. A great number had gone to all parts of America

(one was a missionary in Chili, South America, and one a missionary in Guadalajara, Mexico), many of them filling honorable and useful positions in society. We regret that we have not the report written by Mr. Goodhue's own hand, but we have to thank Miss Parker for having preserved a sketch of that report which enables us to know who were the first teachers, and who were members that assisted in the school during its first years. Its first male teachers were Joseph Silver, Ezra Leet, and Abel Willey; the first female teachers were Mrs. Eveline Parker, Mrs. William Pearson, Miss Abigail Flint, Miss Polly Cleveland, and Miss Lydia Barnard. Its first superintendent was Mr. Silas Whitcomb. The names of those who were active in the school and were members from the first were Mr. and Mrs. Parker, the Flints, the Willeys, the Leets, the Silvers, the Pearsons, the Cleverlands, the Bickfords, the Magoons, the Perkins, the Harveys, the Philbricks, the Smiths, the Bakers, the Morrills, the Emersons, the Burbanks, the Bonnelles, the Bains, the Allis, Wilcox and Brand families. In this first Sunday school in Danville nearly all the first settlers here and hereabout took part in its services, for "the people had a mind to work." Later on other denominations came in and divided the work: now Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Adventists all have Sunday schools in their several places of worship.

As far as we can ascertain the names of the superintendents of this school since 1829 are as follows: Silas Whitcomb, Thomas C. Allis, Abel Willey, Henry Cramer, James Laing, Joseph L. Goodhue, Archibald McCallum, James Mackie, Charles Patton, Col. A. B. Lawrence, Seth P. Leet, William H. Lynch, and James Riddle. The most flourishing school that I can remember was under the superintendency of Col. Lawrence about 27 years ago. He was an excellent Bible scholar, a ready and fluent speaker, and second to none (always excepting Mr. Goodhue,) in the requisites necessary for a good superintendent. In the local paper published in Danville at that time, we find the following account of the school:

The usual quarterly concert was on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Mackie, the secretary, read the report. The whole number connected with the