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EASTER STORY

Kit sat on a corner of the old lounge swinging one foot discontentedly as she stared out of the window. The weather was gloomy, so was Kit for the next day 'was Easter Sunday' and mother was away from home. After the mills in Keniston shut down, three weary weeks ago, she had gone to the next town to look for work and had not yet come back. Kit could have cried with disappointment, if she had not remembered that she was twelve years old and the head of the family. She moved carefully to look at Edith, who was asleep after crying nearly all day with the carols. Edith was only six and it was to be expected that she should cry; besides, carols was a very uncomfortable thing! Kit had tried all the simple remedies she could think of, and, at last, had rocked the child to sleep in her arms and had managed to get her upon the old lounge without waking her, so now she sat alone in the twilight, and wondered if the carols were really worse than the heartache and whether wanting one's mother didn't hurt sometimes as much as anything that could possibly ail one's body.

There was a little book on the table close by and Kit reached out for it cautiously, not to wake Edith, whose tired little hands were clutching her dress, though she was fast asleep, and opened the book.

"The glory of Easter—shall follow the night of sorrow," she read slowly. "As surely as the heart is open to the light—though the clouds hang low—and the storm windman—the-sunburst of joy shall come."

"That means if you're cross you can't have any Easter," Kit said to herself, "cause Easter is a feeling you get in and your mind on your feet. But I'd like to know one thing—if you don't have any hat 'cept a hood with a darn in it, and don't have any mother to speak of on account of her being gone to Smoketown, and your sister has the carols, and there ain't anything nice for supper—breakfast either—where's the joy going to come from?"

Kit pondered on the problem for a while. There was no joy in sight, certainly. The fire had burned low and the shabby old room with its out-split carpet, the unmade bed, the rag carpet littered with the paper doll she had been cutting to amuse Edith, the worn old lounge by the window, the corner cupboard that seemed to have opened its door on purpose to show shelves as bare as Mother Hubbard's—all this did not look very cheerful. Outside it was worse yet, for the rain was falling straight out of a gray sky and the church about twenty yards from the window was hardly to be seen through the mist. It was a strange, still, lonesome world, all gray and white with the shadows late this year. A sunburst of joy! It didn't look much like it certainly. Even the church organ, the children's dearest friend and comforter, was dumb, as if the damp weather had spoiled its voice, or it had caught such a fit of the blues that it didn't have the heart to sing.

Kit read the words in the little book over again.

"As surely as the heart is open to the light," she said; "that means you mustn't be cross and must make the best of things—it's easy enough for folks that write books to talk. I guess anybody'd be cross. And how are you going to make the best of the carols? And your mother's away, and—"

It was the same old train of thought loaded with trouble that had been coming and going in Kit's mind all day, and the last thought was just a little too heavy, as it came rolling back. The head of the family covered her face with her apron, and a big sob almost tipped her off the lounge. Two little hands crept across her neck and a sleepy voice said: "Don't cry, Kitten! The baked potato has cured my ear." "I'll lend it to you if you've got the seed, too."

Kit's apron came down from her face

with a jerk. Edith was sitting up on the lounge, gravely offering her the potato poultice that had been bound on her ear. Kit gave a little laugh that nearly threw the train load of trouble off the track and the potato flew over on the rug as she pulled her sister into her lap.

"I just wish, Edith Moulton, you was big enough to tell me how to make the best of it," she said. "Am you hungry, Edie?"

"Yes, I am," said Edith, leaning her head against Kit's shoulder thoughtfully. "I'm so hungry I could eat—any-thing, if it wasn't too hard, Kit."

"There's only cold potatoes and bread," said Kit, "and the fire's out. And I guess they ain't going to play the organ 'cause it storms so. Don't you wish we was going to church tomorrow to hear the singing and had a whole lot of lilies to carry—"

"An' a pinky hat with white buttons on it and tails behind," put in Edith, "remembering the glories of a milliner's window she had seen one day when Kit took her for a walk down town."

"And that they'd play 'O Sweet bells of Easter,'" said Kit, "and we could come home and have chicken for dinner like Flora Keith. And—and—wouldn't you like to see—mother, Edie?"

There was silence in the room for a minute; then a brave little voice answered:

"I guess I'd rather see mother, Kitten, than to have a hat made out of gold dollars and eat—soft-pillars—made of—ice-cream—offen, a silver plate!"

And then the head of the family quite forgot her role, and two cold and hungry little girls were crying so hard on the shabby lounge that the old cat jumped out of her basket behind the stove, and came over to see about it with sympathy in her very whiskers, as she rubbed her head against Edith's hair.

They crept into bed by-and-by, and Kit pulled the old quilt over them and they fairly cried themselves to sleep.

It was a sorry waking next morning in the cold, out-of-doors—that had such a chance look by daylight, and the train load of trouble was on the track all ready to bear down upon Kit as she sat up in bed and looked around her.

But again the words of the little book came back like a song: "As surely as the heart is open to the light—the sunburst of joy shall come." Her meaning had gone home to Kit's child heart, though she couldn't have explained it very clearly. She pulled the coverings over Edith, who was still asleep, and climbed bravely out of bed in the cold room.

"Now, I didn't make the best of it yesterday," she said as she opened the stove door. "Mother always says, 'Don't worry over things you can't help, nor things you can help.' I couldn't help its raining nor the organ not playing, nor Edith's carols, but I could have made the bed and kept the room from looking like a—hor-net's nest, and stopped havin' the blues like Mrs. Carvel. Now let's see—there's some codfish boxes that'll do for a fire, and I'll fry the potatoes for breakfast, and there'll be plenty of hot water to make cambric-coffee—I must hurry up, too, before Mrs. Carvel comes poking round."

Mrs. Carvel owned the house and lived downstairs.

(To be continued.)

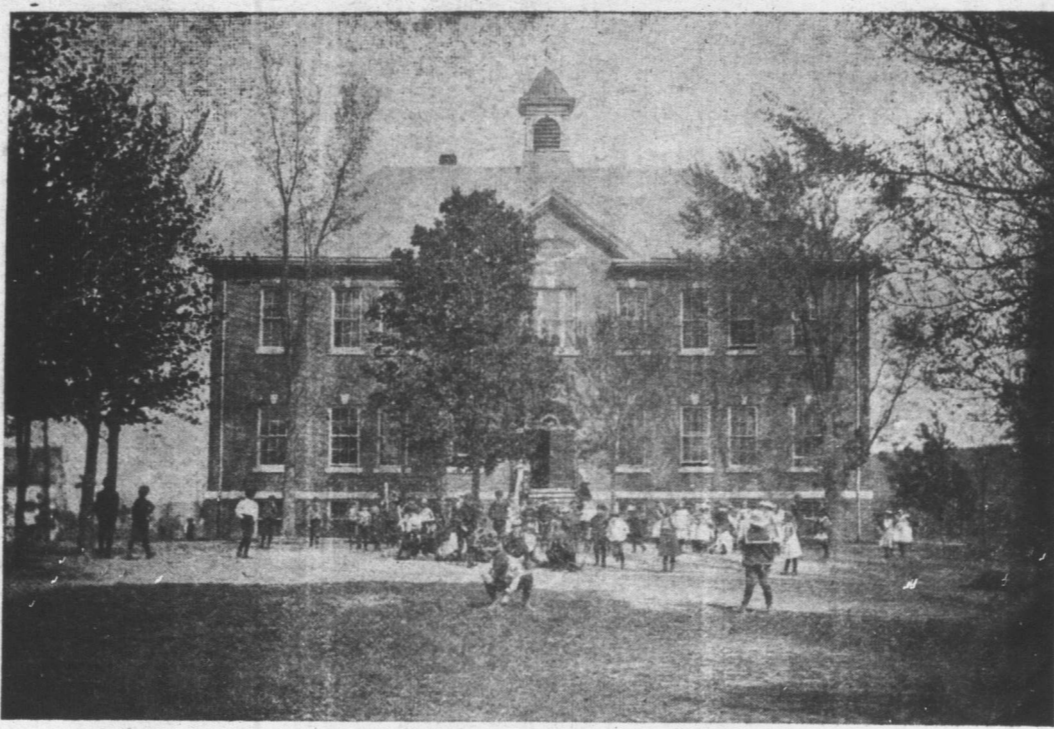
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The first new coins from the Royal Mint were despatched to the principal cities last week. They do not differ in any marked manner from previous coinage.

One effect of the coin production by a Canadian mint is that the Royal General's offices in the principal cities are no longer called upon to carry enormous quantities of coins were minted in England it was necessary to carry in store as much as \$10,000 in coppers in Toronto, owing to the delay in securing the change from London. The stocks are now being largely reduced.

Copper and silver are what is called token money. Their intrinsic value is an unknown quantity, and therefore if a man, in making an offer, in silver an amount above \$10, it is not necessary for the creditor to accept it. If one is being paid by a bank any sum over \$100, one has the right by law to say that \$100 shall be paid in one and two Dominion notes. Bank bills, although almost absolutely secured, are not legal tender, and in the letter of the law cannot be forced to be accepted for a debt.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT BRIDGETOWN



BRIDGETOWN SCHOOL WHERE INSTITUTE WAS HELD.

The teachers of Digby and Annapolis Counties, and several from the neighboring counties of Kings and York, held their twenty-seventh session in the High School at Bridgetown on April 15th and 16th. The attendance, as indicated by the enrollment, was 118, a considerable increase over that of last session.

At 9:30 a. m., on Wednesday, President Morse called the meeting to order. On motion, N. W. Hogg was appointed secretary-treasurer. After roll call of those present, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The first subject announced for the program was "A Nature Lesson on Bulbs," by Miss E. R. Morse. This was a simple illustrative lesson to Grades I and II, and furnished convincing proof that, when properly guided even the youngest children can be led to see and reason, and then draw conclusions for themselves. Miss W. H. Hogg, primary teacher at the Consolidated School, Middleton, then conducted a reading lesson on "The Snowflake," by Miss E. R. Morse. This lesson was an interesting and instructive example to teachers of the lower grade and was very interesting to all.

These lessons were favorably commented upon by Principals McGill and Ruggles, who considered each a model of its kind and thought that their superiority was shown by the intense sssup and the interest of the entire Institute.

Miss E. M. Hokin, of the Consolidated School, then read an interesting and most instructive paper on "Domestic Science." In her pleasing style, Miss Hokin convinced those who listened that Domestic Science embraces not only a knowledge of cooking, but bears upon every action of the home—indeed that it is the study of the art of homemaking.

Principal McGee of Annapolis Academy was very much pleased with this paper. He thought the one sad feature about Domestic Science was that it could only be taught in the most important centers in the province, but it should, at least, be taught in Bridgetown, Annapolis, Bear River, Digby and Weymouth, as it now is at Middleton. He felt that greater publicity should be given to this paper. (This paper will appear in the press and we recommend its careful perusal by every parent in our District.)

Miss E. R. Wotton then read a paper on "Morality in the Public Schools." In this paper, the author pointed out that the teacher should be of a strong, gentle and refined character, with a high standard of morality. This same high standard will then gradually develop in the child, since the lesser mind is always stimulated by the stronger. The teachers should associate in terms of intimacy with their pupils, since a word uttered at the right time and in the right spirit often changes the moral tenor of the school. The teacher is not by any means wholly responsible for the moral standing of the school, but they can do a little

to influence it, and it is important that they do what they can.

Principal Ruggles spoke on this paper. He thought the important thing about a school was to keep the moral tone high. It was unwise, he thought, for a teacher to engage in those forms of social amusement, the propriety of which is questionable in the minds of a large number of the parents. Principal McGee thought this a very grave part of our work. We should set the very best example possible. With so many conflicting standards of morality in different homes, it becomes a very delicate part of our work but we should always remember that our object is to make future citizens.

After a few further remarks from Principal McGee, the meeting adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Miss Irene Balamon opened the afternoon session with a Language and Nature Study Lesson on wood. To Grade III. This was another excellent lesson. By means of samples of different kinds of wood, the children were led by observation to a knowledge of many things about the growth, varieties, uses, etc., of wood.

Dr. Hall and Professor Harlow, of the Normal School, having arrived on the mid-day train and being present, made some complimentary remarks on the lesson.

At this stage of the meeting a telegram was received from E. G. Morrison, Secretary of the Teachers' Institute for District No. 7, in session at Pictou, conveying to us Easter Greetings, and on motion of the Institute, the Secretary was instructed to send a reply reciprocating the same.

Miss M. E. Fitzrandolph then gave a lesson to a class of Grade VI pupils on Lettering, illustrated by specimens made from the skins of various animals. This lesson was on a par with those previously taught. The teacher held the undivided attention of every pupil, and their eagerness to answer questions asked indicated their intense interest in the lesson.

Prof. Harlow commended this lesson. He thought the teacher who is able to relating the different subjects and using all as a language lesson as well.

Mr. A. D. Brown, of Bridgetown, a retired teacher but one who is still in touch with all educational work, also commended Miss Fitzrandolph on her method of conducting the lesson. He thought it difficult to decide who displayed the more enthusiasm over the lesson, the teacher or the pupils.

Miss Cassie S. Whitman then gave an interesting talk on "Teaching Writing to Grades I and II." There were many helpful suggestions given in this talk. Not the least important of them was one, to put a small exercise book in the hands of each pupil with a copy set for them, and request them to write the copy a few times at home. By this method the teacher contacted with the parents—who see what the children are doing daily. Miss Whitman vouched for this method as she had produced good results from it.

Several teachers made brief remarks on this paper, deploring the amount of the slang element working into our English, as well as the gross violation of the simplest rules of Syntax, not only by pupils but even by teachers and college professors.

Mrs. Crowe, of Middleton, then favored the Institute with a vocal solo which was highly appreciated, after which she followed a paper on "The Relation of Mechanical W. Science to the Public School," by Mr. E. Bent, of Middleton. This paper contained much information about a subject too little understood by the majority of our ratepayers. Mr. Bent showed that it was not an addition to the School course, but rather its complement. Its purpose was not to teach proficiency in the use of tools, but to train the powers of observation, attention and judgment. It is an application of the kindergarten system to all ages of school life. The three divisions of the course are drawing, wood-work, and nature study, and each strengthens the boy's knowledge of the common studies and develops habits of independence and self-control.

After a short discussion of this paper by Principal McGee and others, the meeting adjourned to 9 a. m. Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The first hour of the morning session was taken up by two practical lessons, one in mathematics—the area of a circle—by Miss L. M. Sutherland, and the other in science—botany—by Mr. B. S. Banks. These lessons were conducted as only natural and trained teachers could. It was a case of keeping some of the best of all the good wine until the last.

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EASTER SERVICES

Easter was generally observed in the Bridgetown churches and although a heavy rain prevented many from being present at the services there was a moderate attendance at the morning services, while fair weather brought out a large number for the evening services.

At St. James' Church an appropriate sermon was delivered by the rector, Rev. E. C. W. G. J., and the following musical program was rendered:

MORNING, 11.

Opening Hymn, "Welcome Happy Morning."

Easter Anthem, "Christ our Passover," Grand Chant.

Te Deum, Caleb Simper.

Jubilate, Rev. G. F. Foster.

Anthem, Caleb Simper.

Kyrie, Selected.

Hymn before sermon, "The Strife is over."

Hymn after sermon, "At the Lamb's high feast we sing."

EVENING, 7:30.

Opening Hymn, "Jesus Christ is risen to-day."

Magnificat, Rev. G. F. Foster.

Agnus Dei, Rev. G. F. Foster.

Anthem, "We will rejoice," Caleb Simper.

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Hymn before sermon, "Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem."

Soprano Solo, "Face to Face," Mrs. H. Ruggles.

Hymn, "Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven and Voices Raise."

Penselation.

Sevenfold Amen, Stainer.

At Providence Methodist Church the event of the day was the opening of their fine new organ which has just been installed. Professor Morse assisted the organist, Mrs. Bishop, and the superior merits of the instrument were displayed in their rendition of a number of classical selections as well as an accompaniment to the hymns and anthems. A sermon suitable to the occasion was preached by Rev. G. Johnson.

At the Baptist Church Rev. A. S. Lewis preached an Easter sermon on "Lessons from the Flowers," and the choir rendered an Easter anthem, "Consider the Lilies."

At Gorden Memorial Presbyterian Church the sermon by the pastor, Rev. A. J. MacDonald, and the music by the choir were also suitable to the joyous season, the anthem being "Christ is Risen from the Dead" arranged by Sir George Elvey.

L. S. Morse, Esq., M. A., Inspector District No. 4:

Honored Sir:

We, the teachers of Inspectoral District No. 4 in Convention assembled, desire to offer you our hearty congratulations upon the restoration of your wonted health.

It was with much grief that we, last year, heard of your serious illness, and the fear came to us all that we had perhaps enjoyed your last official visit and we wish to state here, that we were not only grieved at losing your kindly presence in our school-room year by year, but that we were still more grieved to miss your presence as that of a kindly, gentle gentleman. We have felt that we could always rely upon you in our school-rooms, and even our ex-official troubles, assured that they would receive kindly attention and consideration, and elicit judicious advice. We are, Sir, delighted to have you with us again and, though not many of us will have the pleasure of an official visit from you during this present school-year, we look forward with confidence to your presence during the coming year.

We wish further to express our hope that your health may be continued, and we trust that in the coming years when you retire to that "otium cum dignitate," which your long and arduous life deserves, you may feel that you have done that, than which earth's noblest cannot do more, namely, your part in the uplift of this rising Dominion of which we are all so deservingly proud.

Signed on behalf of the Teachers of District No. 4.

W. H. MCGEE.

Mr. Morse feelingly responded. The financial statement was read, showing a satisfactory balance in favor of the Institute, and the secretary-treasurer was ordered to pay all bills.

On motion, the salaries of the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the secretary-treasurer was fixed at ten dollars each.

The following resolution was then passed:

That the thanks of this Institute be extended to the several teachers who have assisted by lessons and papers, to the School-Board of Bridgetown for the use of the school building, to the Rev. A. S. Lewis for so kindly arranging for our use of Baptist Vestry for evening session, to Principal H. L. Bustin for providing classes of pupils, to Dr. J. B. Hall and Professor L. C. Harlow of the Normal School for their valuable help, to the railways—B. A. R. and H. & S. W.—and to any others who gave of their time and talents to promote the good and welfare of this Institute.

On motion the Institution adjourned sine die.

N. W. HOGG, Sec'y-Treas.

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