

1822.

BATH. The academy at Bath which had been so ably conducted by Barnabas Bidwell until his removal to Kingston in 1813, was in a prosperous state in 1812, when the war upset and deranged the whole fabric which had been gradually reared after the turmoil of the revolution. Upper Canada was slowly but surely rising from wilderness and emerging into the light of civilization, but soon all was changed and teachers were warriors once more. At the commencement of war the academy classes were broken up and scattered. The academy building was transformed into a barrack and the rattle of accoutrements took the place of the call to prayer and the classes. Unfortunately the end of strife saw no revival of the school's former status until 1822, "when the building was once more transformed and utilized as a place of public worship and a common school."

GRAND RIVER. Stone's "Life of Brant," page 527, under date of 1822, states that, "it was the design of young Brant (this would be John, the son of Chief Joseph) on his return to Canada to resuscitate and extend the schools among his Nation." On page 531 of the same authority also appears the following: "In my next I shall draw on you for the amount appropriated for the building of the Mohawk and Oneida School Houses, as also for the School Master at Davis's Hamlet. As you have not mentioned Laurence David's, I shall continue to draw for his salary as usual, out of the two hundred pounds appropriated by the Corporation in 1822. In my next I will tell you how the Scholars get on."

(A letter from the Mohawk Village, Grand River, U.C., 1828, to James Gibson, Esqr., Treas. of the New England Corporation, London.)

DUNWICH. John Pearce's home became the first pioneer school here, and Thomas Gardiner its first teacher for a term of six months. (Ermainger's "Talbot Regime.")

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WEST GWILLIMBURY. The Scotch settlers erected a log school-house on lot 8, con. 6, to be also used as a church when occasion required. Lieut.-Gov. Sir Peregrine Maitland once visited this school and addressed the scholars. The first teacher was Mr. William Moffat. (A. F. Hunter's "History of Simcoe County," Vol. I, p. 281.)

SCARBORO. There is some doubt about the exact year and the exact location, so far as the concession number is concerned, of the first school in Section number 5. Local tradition says that the school "was known as the Squaw Village School." (see Boyle's Scarboro, page 187, in the footnote), and although the teacher is not named for this year we have it that "A Mr. Carruthers taught in 1824." This building was erected on the Northwest corner of lot 26. In school section number 9, the first school-house is stated to have stood on lot 18, concession D. ("Scarboro, 1796-1896," page 191.)

1824.

DUNWICH. In the home of John Miles Farlane, scholars were taught the rudiments of education, and it was in this year that a schoolhouse was