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Additional Locals.

—The Rev. Mr. Reynolds will preach on the lessons drawn from the life and death of President McKinley at next Sunday evening's service.

—Mrs. J. H. Blair, of Ellenville, and Mrs. Halladay and Miss L. Brown, of Elbe Mills, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornhill.

—Mrs. M. W. Crouch, of Rochester, arrived in Athens Saturday evening on the B. & W., and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Witte.

—Mr. H. H. Arnold presented the Ladies' Aid Society with a very handsome communion table-cloth, a gift which is much appreciated.

—Miss Wright, who has been the guest of her brother, Rural Dean Wright, for the past two months, returned to her home in Montreal last week.

—Mr. Stearns Gray, who recently went to Prescott to take charge of the Model School, will remain there until the close of the term, when he will return to resume his studies at Queen's University, Kingston.

—The Reporter extends its sympathy to Mr. Cameron McIntosh, principal of the Athens model school, in the deep loss sustained by him in the death of his mother, Mrs. Donald R. McIntosh, near Chesley, on August 19th.

—Mrs. Geo. A. Lane and Mr. J. N. Patterson, after visiting his mother for a short time, return to Burlington, Iowa, to-day accompanied by Miss Lucy Patterson as far as Buffalo where she will attend the Pan-Am.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist ist church met at the home of Mrs. D. Fisher on Tuesday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the year:—

President—Mrs. Blackburn.
1st Vice-President—Mrs. D. Fisher.
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. T. G. Stevens.

Secretary—Mrs. J. H. Ackland.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Witte.

—His many friends in Chesley and vicinity will be pleased to hear of the success of Mr. Cameron R. McIntosh, who has been appointed principal of Athens Model School which stands third highest for attendance of students in this province. Mr. McIntosh has exceptionally good ability as a teacher, and we have no doubt that Athens Model School will rank among the best in Ontario under his direction. As a disciplinarian he cannot be surpassed and he possesses the happy manner that makes study a pleasant task under his teaching.—Chesley Enterprise.

A MOVEMENT FOR HIGHER SALARIES.

Feeling the depressed condition of teachers' salaries, and knowing that such a state of affairs is detrimental to the teaching profession, we, the pupils in training at the Athens Model School, after securing the hearty support of our worthy principal, thought that it might be advisable to take the initiative step, and set on foot a movement with the express end in view of bettering the present existing state of affairs.

In a meeting called for this purpose on Monday last, the following resolutions were adopted:—

1st.—That we are willing, if the proposal should meet with the approval of the other Model schools in Gannanque, Prescott, Kingston and Perth, to enter into a combine, and solemnly declare that we will do all in our power, to promote the interests of the teachers throughout this province, and make known to the general public, the evil effect of starvation wages.

2nd.—That we would be pleased to sign papers to the effect that no gentleman or lady teacher, should enter in and take charge of any school, rural or urban, under a fixed salary of \$300 and \$275 per year respectively.

3rd.—That we, being the originators of this movement, and knowing that other surrounding schools are as yet unaware of our plan of action, will endeavor to communicate with as many teachers as possible in our locality, and use all our influence to persuade them to join us in the task now in hand, in order that we may become as it were,

a unit, and work harmoniously together.

4th.—That no teacher, male or female, shall withdraw from the combine if the affair should reach an extreme crisis, without the willing and unanimous consent of the majority of teachers, whose names we hope to obtain.

We now submit to the above mentioned Model schools a copy of our resolutions, and earnestly ask them to consider the matter seriously and make known to us their conscientious and valuable opinions. Trusting that our efforts in this direction will be productive of much good and hoping to hear from you in the immediate future, I beg leave to subscribe myself in behalf of the pupils of Athens Model School, JAS. M. DUNN, Secretary.

Hutcheson & Fisher's Reply.

Editor Reporter:

Sir,—Your article from Reporter of 11th inst., concerning William Gossage, in which our names appear, contains some erroneous statements, regarding ourselves, which do us an injury. 1st, Hutcheson & Fisher never entertained Mr. Gossage's proposition to fight his case; 2nd, Having never entertained the case, we never through "any unexplained reason decided to throw it up"; 3rd, If you mean that we were Mr. Gossage's lawyers, no offer of \$3,000 damages was ever made to us.

The first we ever knew of Gossage and his case was through a letter from Cardinal, dated 21st July, 1899, asking us for legal advice, and setting forth the circumstances of Gossage's accident. We wrote in reply that the Ontario act required a certain notice of injury to be served on the contractors within twelve weeks of the accident, and an action for damages commenced in the proper court within six months from the date of the injury. Gossage had not given any notice as required by the Statute, nor had he instituted any action for damages within the six month period required by the law, so that we were obliged to tell him that any action to recover damages from the contractors had been outlawed—barred by the operation of the Statute. This letter with our advice was written 25th July, 1899, over two years ago. We then informed him that the maximum amount of damages recoverable under the Act was \$1,500, and that since he had no legal claim he had better appeal to his employers' sympathy, as he was in no position to compel them to give him redress.

We heard nothing further from Gossage for several months, until we received another letter similar to the one of 21st, July 1899. We replied to him, stating that we could add nothing further to what was contained in our letter of advice of 25th July, 1899. Unfortunately he had let his case out-law, and we knew of no remedy for him under the law of this province. This we have repeatedly told Mr. Gossage. Does this look like entertaining his proposition to fight his case, as stated in your article? Since the first time he sought our advice we have had to tell him that he had no case against the contractors.

After Gossage was taken to the House of Industry at Athens he came to Brockville to see us, which was the first occasion we ever saw him personally. We went over with him the facts of the case, and again told him that his suit for damages should have been commenced six months after the time of the accident, and not having been commenced, his claim was outlawed. We believe he was hurt on 20th May, 1898, so that the last day to enter his action was on 20th November, 1898. As this was a complete bar to his claim we never went into the merits of the case, with a view of deciding whether or not Gossage could have succeeded against the contractors had action been taken prior to 20th November, 1898.

Gossage bitterly complained at the manner the Cardinal authorities had removed him to the House of Industry, and complained also of his detention there, and he wanted proceedings taken for damages sustained reason by thereof. While the manner of his removal, as detailed by him, was decidedly harsh, we pointed out to him, that in view of the fact of his being without a home, and without funds and friends, he was exceedingly fortunate in having the House of Industry at Athens open to him. After our interview we thought we would bring to the notice of the Department of Railways and Canals at Ottawa, particulars of the accident. We thought that if the Minister of that Department at Ottawa knew of the case, he might bring some pressure on the canal contractors to do something for Gossage in some way or other. We accordingly wrote a letter, containing full particulars, to a leading barrister, who was also a member of the Dominion Parliament, Mr. Hugh Guthrie, M.P. for South Wellington. Mr. Guthrie laid the letter before the Department, and they referred the letter to the contractors, Davis & Sons. The latter replied, stating that they were in no way responsible for the accident, and that out of charity they had taken care of Gossage from May 1898 until his removal to the House of Industry last spring. They further stated that arrangements were made to deposit

with the authorities of the home, or with the levee at Cardinal some \$200 for the benefit of Gossage. We duly reported to Mr. Gossage the substance of this reply, received through the Department. We afterwards wrote on different occasions to the Ottawa people, asking them to put pressure on the contractors, but without success, and we told Gossage that we could do nothing further. Subsequently Gossage wrote us a sharp letter that if we did not answer his letters he would place his case in other hands, and we promptly replied that we would be pleased to have him do so. All our services were rendered without any charge whatever, or any hope of reward. This case excited our sympathy, and we did all for him that lay in our power. We there fore strongly object to the charges in your article that having undertaken to fight this case we deserted him, an act which would be a violation of our professional obligation. Some of your readers have inferred from your statement that we threw up this case for some unexplained reason, to mean that we were subjected to some corrupt influence from the contractors. With the above statement before them, your readers will see that such an inference is absolutely without foundation. We would have been pleased to furnish you this statement before your article appeared had you or anyone else requested it, and we will be glad to show you copies of all our correspondence in our possession, concerning this matter.

Yours Respectfully,
HUTCHESON & FISHER.
Brockville, Ont., Sept. 16, 1901.
NOTE BY EDITOR.—Our comments on above communication will appear next week.

CORN ROAST DECLARED OFF.

Owing to the heavy rains of the past few days rendering the roads very bad and the ground wet and muddy, it has been decided to abandon the Corn Roast for this season.

A judgment of considerable interest to municipalities as well as to individuals has been given in Hamilton. One Homewood fell into an open arway and sued city, a man named Hughes, the owner of the arway, being made a third party. Homewood was given a judgment for the sum against Hughes. Homewood's sight is defective and an effort is being made to escape damage under the plea of contributory negligence. This court would not listen to. In giving judgment it was held that a person may walk or drive in the darkness of the night on the sidewalks or streets relying on the belief that the corporation has performed its duty and that the street or walk is in a safe condition. "He walks by faith justified by law, and if his faith is unfounded and he suffers injury, the party in fault must respond in damages." So one whose sight is dimmed by age, or a dim sighted person is entitled to the same rights. The judgment is based on common sense and it is presumably good law.

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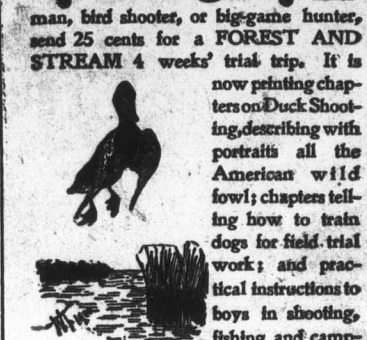
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