

## RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HOME AND THE SCHOOL

Practical Discussion at Meeting of Teachers' Institute Yesterday

BOTH SIDES WERE DEALT WITH

Illustration of Modern Methods in Teaching Singing a Revelation to Many Present—Influence of War on Education.

Almost every teacher in the city and county was present at the opening sessions of the Teachers' Institute of the city and county of St. John held yesterday morning and afternoon in the High

### Landing the Big Order

Jim Evans had reported the biggest day any salesman had had in the history of the house. But how in the world did you get both orders in one? exclaimed the manager. Shipman, of the Jennings Company, was there the same day.

Yes, as I registered I noticed the name, Jim said. I didn't see him, though, because I stuck around the hotel. I had the beginning of a cold and I wanted to take care of myself. Shipman went out to a show, I think. At any rate, I was out early next morning and had the first order in less than an hour. I was sure Shipman had the other order, though, but I wanted to say "how do you do to the purchasing agent. When I reached there I found they didn't even know Shipman was in town. That order was signed up in an hour.

Well, I went back to the hotel and found Shipman was in bed with the flu. I sent him a box of Weeks' Break-Up-A-Cold Tablets. He took one, and knocked out my cold the night before. Sent a note saying with them, too, and took the train back here. "What was in the note?" the sales manager asked with a chuckle.

"Just a little friendly advice," Jim replied. "Miss Dorothy Nice was complaining of colds and the grippe. I advised her to take a box of five cents in a box at any drug store. I said I knew they were the best, because they saved me from being laid up and losing two orders that were waiting for me. I'll take Weeks' Cold Tablets on my trips after this."

school assembly hall. The addresses delivered were most enthusiastically received and were all of very practical import; the institute this year promises to be a notable one. The president, J. A. Edmonds occupied the chair at both sessions.

The morning was devoted to business, the president's address and discussions on the teaching of arithmetic, conducted by Miss Mary Burgess, Trueman Copp and Beverly Steeves. In the afternoon the North End Club, under the direction of Miss Catherine Robinson, gave an excellent concert in two-part chorus, and papers on the proper relations between home and school were read by Mrs. R. A. Jamieson and W. L. McDiarmid. Many spoke in the discussion which followed these papers. Mrs. Jamieson's address was received with heartiest approval and will be published in full.

**Afternoon Session.**

The North End Glee Club opened the afternoon session with the following musical programme: My Own Canadian Home, Who is Sylvia, Oh West Thou in the Cold, Cold Blast; The Old Folks at Home; Annie Laurie; Nancy Lee and The Anvil chorus. Miss Robinson led the club in a demonstration of the teaching of a new song by the tonic sol-fa method. Miss Dorothy Nice was the accompanist and took her part with splendid success. The enthusiastic applause which greeted the numbers was evidence of the delight of the audience in the children's performance. Both children and teachers were most highly complimented on the quality of the singing and the apparent perfection of training.

In voicing the appreciation of those present Mrs. H. Lawrence spoke particularly of the excellence of tone which marked all the songs and of the clearness of enunciation which made them doubly enjoyable. She complimented the children and Miss Robinson on the fact that tone had been maintained and had not been sacrificed to volume, as was often the case in large choruses.

Miss Robinson told of the forming of the Glee Club from among the scholars of the North End school who wished to devote more attention to singing than the ordinary class provided for. She said it had for its main objects the inspiring of a love of good music, the storing of the mind at its most impressionable period and to teach the children how to sing in unison. She thanked the teachers in the schools for their co-operation and gave special praise and thanks to Miss Dorothy Nice and Miss Madeline Adams for assistance in the choral training. Dr. Bridges spoke of "My Own Canadian Home" and the "Maple Leaf Forever" were well known, and said he had sent to King and several copies of this beautiful national song, which was written and composed by St. John men.

**Parents and School Teachers.**

Mrs. Jamieson, who in a direct and outspoken manner took up the parents' view-point on the relation of home and school, gave a forceful and able address. She said the real object of education was the building of character and the foundation for this work was laid in the home. Though the school was a close second in influencing the child, she urged a sympathetic co-operation between the parents and the teachers. Mrs. Jamieson laid stress on the importance of instilling the principles of obedience in the home, and advised teachers not to criticize the parents to the children, but rather to appeal to the parents in the case, so as to in no way lessen the children's respect for home authority even if misguided. Of corporal punishment, she said that there were occasions when it should be used, as certain faults could be dealt with more kindly that way, though she expressed the opinion that, wherever possible, an appeal to the child's higher instincts should be tried first. She showed also how, through the inspiration of heroic characters in history, children could be influenced and, having learnt to submit to discipline, would be able to discipline themselves.

Mrs. Jamieson went on to show how both parent and teacher could develop the child in the early school years by cultivating in him the power of observation, self-reliance, self-knowledge and self-control. While the mother holds the first place in the child's affection and is considered the fount of all learning, she should defer to the teacher's ruling in matters in which the teacher was a specialist. In this connection, Mrs. Jamieson advised mothers to go direct to the teacher if they thought she was not doing the best for the child and to choose an opportune time for doing so, for the child would respect a parent that stood by his teacher.

When high school time came, then the child was apt to discover that his parents had not unlimited knowledge and skill. Mrs. Jamieson thought, it was the teacher's part to emphasize the duty of filial love and respect. She spoke of an excellent plan of a mother who endeavored to keep up with her child in his high school course and said that, in talking over the work with her child, the mother gave encouragement and remained completely the confidante of her child. She was emphatic in her declaration that no one who did not love children and teaching should enter the profession for such could not have the patience essential to success.

W. L. McDiarmid taking up the subject from the teacher's standpoint,

thoroughly endorsed all that Mrs. Jamieson had said. He considered the problem one of the greatest affecting school life. The teacher could not be successful without the parents' co-operation, and unless the teacher liked teaching the school room was no place for her or him. He advocated gaining the parents' sympathy through the child, and that of the child through play, if possible. He showed the folly of holding a sullen attitude against the child reporting untruths and blaming his parents unjustly. The parents' opinion of the child should be formed by what the child reported and if the teacher were talked about and laughed at in the home, his work in the school would be valueless. He considered it desirable that the teacher should become acquainted with the parents, if possible, and should make friends of them.

The matter of the amount of home study and the nature of home study to be given was spoken of by Mr. McDiarmid, who advised gauging the home studies by the ability of the child and told the teachers to be sure that the children did the work themselves, for otherwise the lessons were valueless.

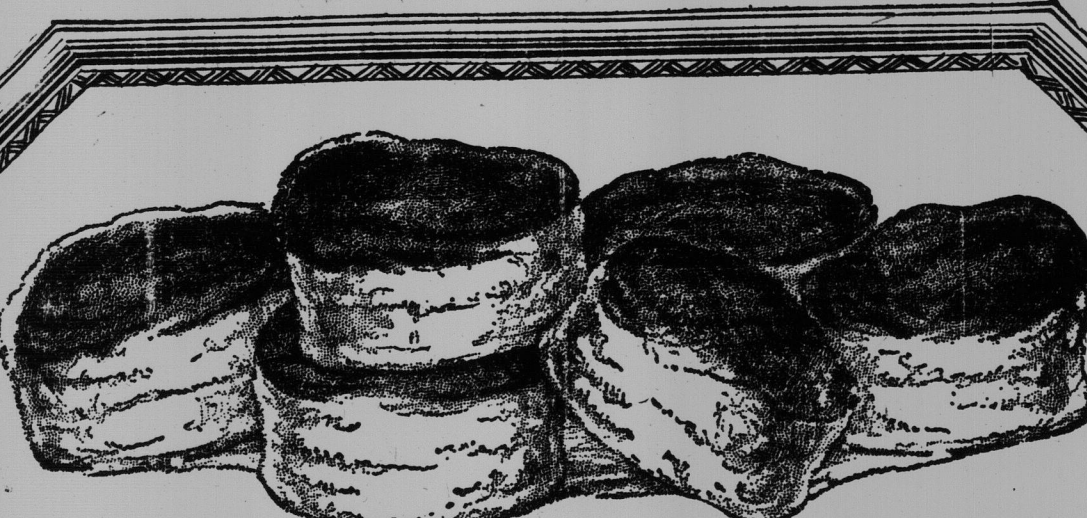
**Dr. Bridges' Views.**

Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of schools, spoke of Mrs. Jamieson's address from the teachers' viewpoint, but said that it had often fallen to his lot to settle disputes with parents who were far from tractable. Mentioning a recent agitation regarding the use of corporal punishment he said the teachers' attitude was unreasonable. He expressed himself as favoring corporal punishment only for direct disobedience or insolence and then only when inflicted in the presence of the principal, that there might be no wrong pupil. In closing, Dr. Bridges said he often wondered how primary teachers had so much patience when he considered how much they had to do in dressing the children and assisting them in other ways. For all he recommended that they should have no rules so strict that they could not conform to circumstances, and above all to keep in sympathy with the child. He referred to the great benefit which the institute was to the teaching profession in the city and county.

Frank Owens spoke of the modern tendency to throw the responsibility which properly belonged to the home on the school and he declared such a state of affairs tended to socialism and Bolshevism.

**Evidence of Regeneration.**

W. J. S. Myles said that though the previous speakers had the dual position of teacher and parent, the average teacher was not a parent and had come to be regarded as somewhat of an autocrat. He thought there was cause for complaint on both sides in the relations of teacher and parent. He emphasized the importance of maintaining discipline in school. On the matter of home work he said that parents, by following their children in high school studies, might improve the children's scholarship but would retain their reverence. He asked the teachers to make allowance for the fact that in some homes conditions made home study almost impossible. Mr. Myles compared the boys and girls of today with those of thirty years ago and said that he believed there was a decided regeneration evident today in the better discipline and the absence of personal conflict. He also spoke of the desirability of teachers knowing the parents.



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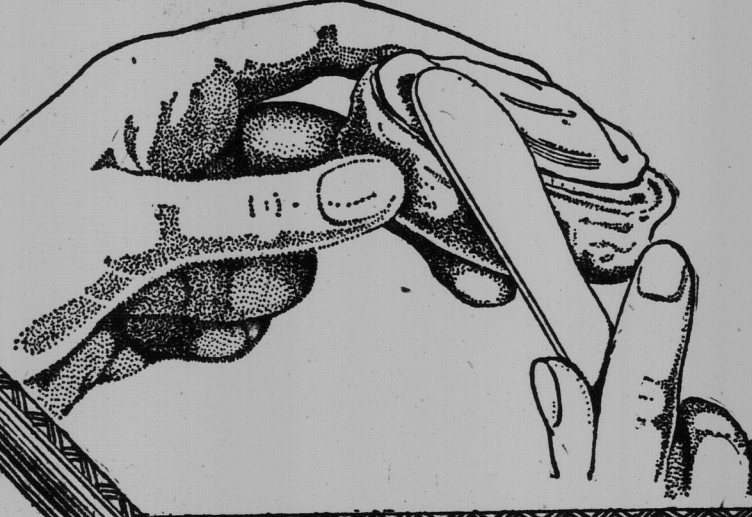
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(Special correspondent of N. Y. Evening Post.)

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 8.—Bermuda is coming into its own again this season after a practically closed season of two years, on account of the war, and the winter of 1919-20 promises to be one of the most brilliant in the history of the island. The old Bermudaian is already on the route with the motto of "forty-eight hours from New York to Bermuda" and in January the 14,000-ton Fort Victoria will also run between here and Hamilton. Both ships have been fitted up expressly for the Bermuda trade and are the last thing in comfort. Most of the smaller hotels and boarding houses will be in full swing. A new eighteen holes golf links is now under construction and will greatly add to the attractions of the island.

In these delightful subtropics, where frost never comes and where perpetual summer reigns, one cannot help resting, although there is ample entertainment for those who choose to seek it on the golf links and tennis courts, fishing on the reefs or sailing in many square miles of water protected by the big coral rocks to the westward. Then there are the drives along the coral roads—dry as a bone an hour after a three days' rain—along the picturesque winding road, arched over by the great oleander trees—for such they are in Bermuda. But those who really want to see the islands at their best should bicycle, or still better, walk, and thus be able to explore the old tribal roads, which wander off from the main roads into most delightful places. Once there was an automobile in Bermuda, but it reduced the population so rapidly that it was ordered out. A number of American residents have been fighting a proposition to admit motor cars now before the parliament of the islands, and the prospects are dim.

Inspector McLean spoke of the excellent results obtained by the parent teachers' associations established in Milltown and St. Stephen and suggested that one be formed in St. John. He also strongly advocated the establishing of a special parents' day, to be observed every month, when parents could attend and see the children at work. He made a strong plea for greater co-operation between the home and the school. Joseph Harrington moved the hearty vote of thanks which was extended to Mrs. Jamieson and, on the motion of Trueman Copp, seconded by Mr. Owens, it was decided to have Mrs. Jamieson's address published in the public press.

## QUEEN ELIZABETH MEDALS PRESENTED

The Queen Elizabeth medals awarded to Mrs. E. Atherton Smith and Mrs. Frank S. White by King Albert were presented to these ladies yesterday by D. Mullin, K. C., Belgian Consul for New Brunswick, to whom they had been forwarded through the Consulate-General, Ottawa.

The following official document, as translated, accompanied each medal: Kingdom of Belgium. The Minister of Foreign Affairs has the honor to announce that, in recognition of the devotion the has evinced in war work, it has pleased the king to confer upon her by a decree dated September 5, 1919, the Medaille de la Reine Elisabeth.

### HYMANS.

**CANTATA ENJOINED.**

At the Tabernacle church, Haymarket Square, last evening, a very successful candy sale was held and an amusing cantata entitled "Around the World With Santa Claus", was given for the special benefit of the kiddies. The stage was arranged to represent Santa's ship, which was to cruise around the world doing a great business as is usual with the year. Calls were made at ports in England, Ireland, Scotland, Spain, and many other countries, and also at the Isle of Fairies. At each port the ship was welcomed by the young inhabitants in song. The crew was kept very much on the alert in navigating the ship and their efforts caused a great deal of fun for the audience. The entertainment proved a great success.

A still alarm was sent in from box number three shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for a fire in the residence of Alexander Demerson, 4 Colburn street, above the Royal Ice cream and confectionary store. The blaze, caused by an overheated stove-pipe igniting a cloth which was wrapped around it, was put out with a chemical, after a lounge in the room had been somewhat damaged.



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