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COMMUNICATIONS.

Sunday School Convention.

To the Editor of THE BEE.
DEAR SIR:—A 22 page pamphlet, containing report of proceedings, statistics, etc., of the County of Perth Sabbath School Association, has just been issued, and will be distributed, free, to all teachers and officers of the schools in the county. From a glance at its pages I conclude that it will be of great service to all Sabbath school workers. A better condensation of the addresses, etc., could not possibly be given, which reflects great credit on the pains-taking Secretary, Rev. A. Henderson, M. A., who prepared the matter for the press. Get it. Read it.

D. ROGERS.

Bees and Honey.

PAPER READ BY D. CHALMERS, OF MUSSELBURG, BEFORE THE NORTH PERTH FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

IF there is any occupation apart from tilling the soil which deserves notice and is worthy of being discussed at such gatherings as the present, it is that of bee keeping. The Creator of all things in His unfathomable wisdom has made the bee an agent, as it were, to carry the fructifying influences from one flower to the other so as to enable the tree or plant bearing such blossoms to reproduce themselves, and while that little insect is performing that all important office it is at the same time collecting the necessities for its own subsistence, and if the season is at all favorable it will store an over-abundance thereby giving mankind the privilege of sharing with it in that most delicious and healthful food—honey, which in some throat diseases is an effective medicine as well.

Honey is ripened nectar, and nectar is a liquid secretion in the glands of plants which gives forth an inviting aroma thereby inducing the honey bee to make a visit and partake, and while doing so its body becomes coated with the pollen of the flower which the stamens and anthers produce, and when pistillate bloom is visited by bees so quoted, their chances for fertilization is one hundred fold greater than if that function were left to the wind. In proof of this allow me to quote the following from the American Bee Journal, of the 12th March, which article it copies from the Farm Journal, of Philadelphia:

"Bees and berries go together. Some years ago a friend, who is a great lover of strawberries, located in an unsettled part of a Western State; and as soon as he could get the soil into proper condition set out a large bed of several varieties. As it happened, every one of them were pistillate, but he did not know the difference. The next spring the plants were white with bloom, but not a berry did he get. He wrote me a long, doleful letter, blaming the soil, climate, etc., and asking me what he should do. Do wild strawberries grow there and are there any honey bees in the neighborhood? I asked. Plenty of wild strawberries, but no bees within 15 miles, he replied. I told him to get a colony of bees, cultivate his berry patch well, and I would guarantee him a full crop the following year. He did so, and sure enough the crop was there. He gathered over 20 bushels of berries. Plant alternate rows of pistillate and perfect flowering varieties and shut off the bees and the pistillates will set one-third to one-half a crop. Plant the pistillates in one bed and the perfect varieties in another, and you will have plenty of bees about, and you will harvest a full crop from both. Bees will work whenever the weather is such that pollen will develop, and they will carry it to every blossom. Bees and berries go together."

The farmer as well as the horticulturist should feel interested in the success of bee-keeping, inasmuch as the assurance of his fruit crop and clover seed may be said to be at the bees disposal. Should the weather during fruit bloom prove wet or unfit for bees to be on the wing, just as surely will your crop of fruit be short. Now, if you intelligent farmers are so unobtrusive as not to notice the barrenness of the first red clover of the season; there is reason for everything and has any of you asked yourselves what is the cause of that, has it never occurred to you that the deficiency of clover seed attending the first bloom may be attributed to the limited number of bees which visit that bloom. The tubes are so long that our common honey bees are unable to reach the nectar with any degree of comfort, it would therefore be a losing battle gathering straws for them to try to sip the nectar from the red clover, while at that season abundance of alsike and white clover is in bloom, but by the time after growth opens, other sources of honey are more scarce, and that crop is visited by a much greater number of domestic bees, the bumble bees also by that time have greatly multiplied and the result is that a much more abundant crop of seed will be reaped than from the first crop. Since we have proved to a limited extent the subversive influence of that little insect in the reproduction of plants it will now be open for discussion as to whether a few colonies of bees should adorn the lawn of every farmer or should bee keeping be made a specialty. Were I permitted to offer an opinion the latter would certainly be favored, but would by no means discountenance the former as

many farmers become very apt bee men. But as a rule where only a few colonies are kept they hold a very secondary place in the case of their owner, and as they, like all life, are visited by disease and other troubles which demand their owner's assistance, more prompt action might be expected at the hands of the specialist than were they owned by a casual bee-keeper. Take that dread disease foul brood for instance, which has become so prevalent, and yet how few of us are acquainted with it, scarcely one year has elapsed since the Ontario Legislature passed an act for its suppression. This was accomplished through the Ontario Beekeepers' Association appointing a committee to draft a bill and wait on the Minister of Agriculture, which they did, and through the agency of the Hon. Mr. Drury had the bill passed. It then became the duty of the directors of the O. B. K. A. to appoint a foul brood inspector and also a sub-inspector. The former, Mr. McEvoy, has I understand, visited this locality, but as to whether he found trouble or not, I am not aware. Could we ever have hoped for such a move with equal result were it not for specialists in bee culture? Reason answers, no. Our O. B. K. A. have now been incorporated for four years and receive a yearly grant from the government of \$500, and also pays the salary and expenses of the two inspectors which cost the government last year \$602. The same inspectors have been appointed for this year and I would like before closing to urge all who keep bees to have them inspected; it won't cost you anything and the inspector is not something to be feared, his aim is to try and cure without resorting to the last alternative, cremation. Wishing you each, all the success this coming season that the hands of the laborer deserves.

Perth County Notes.

Knox church pulpit, Stratford, is still vacant.

Mr. Idington, Q. C., has been nominated as one of the benchers of the Ontario Law Society.

We understand that Adam Berlet the Monkton shoemaker, will build a new shop this spring.

The vote to consolidate the St. Marys town debt was carried Friday, March 20th, by 148 for to 10 against.

The butchers of Stratford have formed a protective association to guard themselves against delinquents.

Rev. J. A. Turnbull was one of the guests at the dinner given at Toronto last week, by the Speaker, Hon. Mr. Ballantyne.

Deaths, principally among old people, have been frequent in Mitchell within the past few weeks, and the undertakers are reaping a rich harvest.

Wm. Beirnes, of Henfryn, has sold his hotel, at Walton, to John Weiss, of Stratford, for \$2,700, possession to be taken this fall. This is said to be a good sale.

Rev. W. J. Brandon has moved into the house lately occupied by C. H. Merryfield, Monkton. It is understood the property will be bought for a parsonage.

At the congregational meeting held in the First Presbyterian church, St. Marys, on Monday, March 23, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. J. A. Cosgrove, of Port Hope.

D. G. McNeil, formerly a teacher in Downie, and a good one too, has passed his final examination at the Western University, London, and obtained with honors the degree of M. D.

C. H. Merryfield bought from John Sanders, the property near the mill, Monkton, which he moved into the other day. This will be handy for Chas. as he will be right at his work.

Among the changes in the Active Militia of Canada, recently announced, is the following: Twenty-Eighth Perth Battalion, Stratford—To be assistant surgeon, Daniel David Ellis, vice Chas. Patten Clark, left limits.

The German people have the brick on the ground for their new church, Monkton, which will be built in a few months. They are a go-ahead people, and we hope they may have a large congregation to attend the same.

The trustees have chosen Miss Annie M. Fennell, late of Guelph, as superintendent of the Stratford hospital. She is expected to assume the duties about the first of May. She at present occupies the position of head nurse at Bliss Hospital, Saginaw, Mich.

The many friends of Mrs. Harding, wife of the Rev. Freeman Harding, formerly of Mitchell, and sister of Mrs. (Rev.) T. R. Davis, Sarnia, will learn with sorrow of her death after a week's illness from inflammation of the lungs, in Kamloops, B. C., on Tuesday the 16th ult.

While coupling cars Tuesday morning of last week, at the freight sheds, David Cullaton, a spare conductor on the G. T. R., met with an accident which will probably prove fatal. Having been for some years a yardman, he was assisting in the yard where there was a shortage of men, and had just made his last coupling for the night when he was caught between a car and the shed platform in such a way as to crush him terribly. His collar bone and several ribs were broken, the ends of two of the latter penetrating one of his lungs. He is still alive, but there is not much hope of his recovery.

Additional Local Items.

APRIL.

DOLLAR wheat.

WHAT about Arbor day and the 24th of May celebration?

LAST Sunday was Review Sunday in all the Sunday schools.

DR. RICE renewed old friendships in Drayton last Monday.

THE winter would be all right, only it does not know when to go.

LAST Wednesday was All Fool's day. Did you get fooled? Y-a-a-s.

A. CAMPBELL and E. Hill were attending the County Court at Stratford this week.

MRS. PATTON, of Listowel, spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Donald Gordon, last week.

THE roads are in a frightful state at present, but it is generally accepted that they will not last long and that we will have an early spring. We hope so.

HORSEMEN should get their route bills printed at THE BEE office this spring. Try us. Rates moderate; route published in the paper two weeks free of charge.

THE time of year is about at hand when the recording angel will close his book and go on a vacation until the last carpet has been whipped and the last tack driven.

SERVICES in the Methodist church next Sabbath morning and evening. In the evening the pastor will preach to young men. At both services a collection will be taken up for the Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

A FARMERS' excursion to the Model Farm was decided on by the North Perth Farmers' Institute last week, to take place next June. Prof. Shaw promised to do his best to make the visit one of pleasure and profit.

THE Mitchell Recorder has the following to say of the pastor of the Methodist church:—Rev. David Rogers, of Atwood, preached the Sunday School anniversary sermons in Main street church on Sunday and greatly pleased his hearers both morning and evening.

A REPRESENTATIVE of the Independent Order of Foresters was in town Tuesday with a view to establishing a branch of the Order in Atwood. A meeting for that purpose will be held next Tuesday evening. Parties wishing to join can get full particulars from the Instituting Officer, J. H. Dickson, at the Elma Hotel.

We would kindly request our hitherto faithful correspondents to remember THE BEE from week to week. During the election we willingly excused them as the space, usually devoted to correspondence, was necessarily filled with campaign matter, but now that the battle is over we would urge our scribes to send along their welcome weekly budgets of news.

THE Stratford Sun has set to rise no more. Friend Butler is having pretty hard lines, and while sympathizing with him in his present embarrassment, we cannot help think it folly of him to have even hoped to succeed in a place of 10,000 inhabitants with four old established rivals. Journalism can be overdone, and Stratford is an apt illustration of this possibility.

R. K. HALL, of Listowel, informs us that the birth notice credited to his wife in our last issue is untrue. The report was quite wide-spread and generally accepted in this locality as being authentic and hence we inserted the notice in good faith. We sincerely regret having given publicity to it since Mr. Hall affirms it to be false, and therefore we take this early opportunity of contradicting the said notice as well as apologizing and honorably acquitting Mr. Hall.

CENSUS ENUMERATORS.—S. S. Fuller has appointed the following enumerators for North Perth:—Stratford—Avon, J. P. Watson; Hamlet, Walter McMillan; Shakespear, W. H. Burnham, P. R. Jarvis; Home, J. J. Hagarty and J. R. H. Fisher; Falstaff, Joseph Dunsmore. Ellice—Henry Robert, Louis Pfrimmer, Jacob Herr. Elma—T. E. Gibson, Thos. Fullarton, S. S. Rothwell. Listowel—W. Dickson, Alex. Morrow. Logan—W. E. Lawrence, Geo. G. Conroy, Louis Pushelberry. Milverton—C. F. Witte. Mornington—James Hunter, W. B. Freeborn, Jno. Watson.

SUSPENDED.—Yes, that bright, newsworthy and ever welcome exchange, the Mitchell Advertiser, has succumbed to its inevitable fate, which is a source of regret for varied reasons. Friend Colwell has been in business in Mitchell for twenty-two years; has passed through two disastrous fires and sustained other heavy losses; he is left with a lifetime half spent, a large family dependent on him, and penniless. His stock and premises have been seized, and are now in the hands of the bailiff. The debt is not quite \$5,000, and the other liabilities will reach about \$1,500. Mr. Colwell is a man for whom we have profound respect, and we deeply sympathize with him in his present exigency. His journalistic venture doubtless was being scarcely room for two papers in Mitchell, much less for three. However, we hope that a bright future may yet be his, and that the good people of Mitchell will stand by him in whatever business he may undertake for a livelihood.

Huron County Notes.

Wingham's new Town Hall was formally opened last week.

Tenders are asked for the building of a new bridge over the Maitland at Jamestown.

There will be more work in Wingham this summer for the laboring man than for many years past.

John W. Fear, formerly of Brussels, has purchased a hardware business in the town of Waterloo.

Over \$2,000 worth of produce was purchased on the Wingham market on Thursday, March 18th.

Rev. D. Forrest and D. Campbell, of Walton, will attend the General Assembly at Kingston next summer.

Dickson & Son, of the Goderich woolen mill, have started the manufacture of rag carpet in addition to the regular work done by them.

A lodge of the Septennial Benevolent Society has been organized in Wingham by Richard Bowker, Provincial Organizer, of Toronto.

Samuel Vogan, of Huntingfield, had the misfortune a few days ago to break one of the bones of his wrist which will lay him up for some time.

J. T. Mitchell, at one time of Blyth, recently started a paper at Ridgeway, but the venture has not proved profitable, and it has been discontinued.

At the approaching Huron Assizes, which open on April 13th, a heavy calendar will be placed before the court, there being quite a number of criminal cases.

Geo. Blatchford, Exeter, received word the other day that he had been successful in the distribution of awards made by the London Free Press, to the amount of \$100.

Geo. Anderson, of Exeter, is the possessor of a brood of chickens, thirteen in number, which were hatched the other day. They are all living and in a thriving condition.

The West Huron License Commissioners will meet at the house of Inspector Paisley, Clinton, on Wednesday, April 15, for the purpose of granting licenses for the coming year.

Clinton is seeking from the Legislature authority to consolidate its debenture debts, which amount to \$295,000, and issue debentures to redeem the outstanding bonds as they fall due.

Wm. Clegg, Wingham, has sold and shipped during one week recently, 28 carloads of grain, 10 of wheat, 10 of peas, 4 of barley and 4 of oat. All the grain was shipped to points in Ontario.

E. A. Martin, L. D. S., late of Brussels, has graduated as D. D. S. at Maryland University. He is studying medicine also and will write M. D. after his name in the course of a couple of years.

W. J. Fairfield, of Brussels, while in Wingham last Friday enroute to Bel-fountain for his health, died of consumption. Deceased left several thousand dollars life insurance as a legacy to his wife and several small children.

The Clinton New Era say they hope Editor Irwin, of the Blyth Standard, will never have any more care or anxiety than to "set up" after hours looking after the "small caps." It is to be hoped he will never have to "slug" the little "forms" as few could "justify" that.

The festive hen has arisen from her long winter torpidity, and started in on her spring work. Mrs. John Hansford, of Stapleton, is the happy possessor of hens that lay eggs 6 by 8 inches, weighing almost four to the pound. When the Secretary of the Salt Association wants poached eggs on toast he gets them.

The Gorrie Vidette says:—It is our painful duty this week to record the demise of George Strong, which took place on Monday evening last. Mr. Strong was one of the early settlers in Howick, and has filled the position of Treasurer of the township for the last 23 years. The deceased was a member of the Methodist church and a true and devoted Christian. He was in the 80th year of his age. He was buried with Orange honors, of which order he was a member.

Wm. Dempsey, of Clinton, was tried and committed to Goderich jail for committing rape on the wife of Sam Barr, a respectable farmer of the 16th con. of the township, 1½ miles from Clinton. The woman has been crazy for a number of years, and the indignation there is very strong against the prisoner. Barr, it is said, caught the man in the act, and besides giving him a good thrashing held him at the point of a revolver all night long until he was able to secure assistance from the neighbors, who at once sent for Constable Wheatley, of Clinton, and had Dempsey arrested.

Samuel Hannah, of Griswold, Manitoba, who has been in Seaford for a couple of weeks, left for home on Tuesday of last week. He took with him a carload, sixteen head, of as fine horses as ever left Seaford station. The lot cost \$2,092.50 delivered here. Among the number was a magnificent pair of three year old mares purchased from Henry Mason, of Tuckersmith, for \$425; these took the first prize at London last fall; also a mare from W. J. Dickson, McKillop, for \$225, and one from Mrs. Gemmill, of Tuckersmith, for \$150. Prices still keep up for good horses.

Spring Fairs.

Listowel, April 17.

St. Marys, April 15.

Stratford, April 17.

Woodstock, April 22.

Elma, Newry, April 16.

Hibbert, Staffa, April 8.

Mitchell, Friday, April 3.

Blanshard, Kirkton, April 9.

Wellesley, Wellesley, April 16.

East Huron, Brussels, April 17.

South Huron, Brucefield, April 15.

Donegal.

Our friend William, now of the 8th con., who has been roughing it over there for the past few months, has almost decided to get a permanent cook. This is all the more necessary in view of the approaching barn raising.—COM.

Logan.

Geo. Stewart, of St. Thomas, was home for a couple of days last week.

The Methodist people of this circuit are about buying a house for parsonage purposes.

A Stewart, lost a valuable horse in the fire on Friday night, March 25th, in Mitchell.

Mrs. Brandon was called suddenly away last week to see her mother, who it was expected was dying.

Listowel.

R. Gordon, of Wingham, was in town this week.

Dr. Wright, of Bayfield, was in town last week.

A. Edmunds, of Drayton, has moved to Listowel.

Miss Mary Scott is home for her Easter holidays.

I. Lowry, of Teeswater, is clerking for S. Bricker & Co.

Thos. McDonnell, of Mount Forest, Sundayed in town.

H. Large, of Shelbourne, spent Easter under the parental roof.

Miss S. Brown, of Wroxeter, is the guest of Miss Bertha Dickson.

Good Friday services were held in the Methodist and English churches.

J. E. Carson is at present suffering from an attack of inflammation.

Mrs. Durrant, Wallace street, purposes re-opening her private school.

Miss B. Morrison, of the Toronto Normal, was home for a few days.

A. D. Freeman has purchased the stock of J. H. McHardy, of Belmore.

Wm. Hess, carver, has gone to Hamilton where he has secured a position.

La grille has again struck the town but not so severely as it did last winter.

C. Hacking has been made Honorary President of the Harriston Cricket Club.

Posters are out announcing the 5th annual spring show which is to be held on Friday, April 17th.

J. F. Dundas has sold his bakery and confectionery business to John McCormick, late of Stratford.

A representative of the firm of J. J. Daly & Co., farm agents and money lenders, was at the Queen's hotel on Tuesday.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church hold a topic party in the lecture room of the church this (Friday) evening.

D. D. Campbell has received the full amount of the insurance on the house owned by him, which was burned at the time of the factory fire.

Rev. Mr. McQuay, of Parkdale, preached in the Congregational church last Sunday. A Japanese convert will occupy the same pulpit next Sunday.

The young people of the Presbyterian church held an At Home in the school room on Thursday, March 26. Games were provided and a short program rendered.

Wm. Bruce, student in the office of his uncle, W. M. Bruce, having received a telegram on Monday stating that his mother was dangerously ill left for his home near Bradford.

In the absence of the pastor, R. Holmes, the popular editor of the Clinton New Era, preached last Sunday in the Methodist church. He preached forcible sermons and on any future visit will again draw large congregations.

On Tuesday, 24th ult., after the regular meeting of the lodge, a number of the brethren of the Listowel lodge of Oddfellows assembled in Brook's restaurant, where a supper had been prepared in honor of Bros. Wm. Roberts, Witmer and Dundas, all of whom are leaving town.

Miss Phelps, of St. Catharines, addressed a mass meeting in the Methodist church on Sunday, March 22, after the close of the regular service. Several came in from the other churches and all listened attentively to a woman, who is not only a powerful thinker but a polished lecturer.

W. Webb had another case up before P. M. Terhune, on Tuesday, 24th ult., against Thomas Freeborn for illegally practising surgery in the case of Mrs. John Bayne. At the close of the case the magistrate held that the evidence adduced did not show a hope of reward and as no conversation took place during the cure he dismissed the case.