

CHERRY VALLEY SCHOOL

The Semi-annual examination of Cherry Valley School was held in the school room on the afternoon of Dec. 23rd, in presence of a large number of parents and visitors. The pupils were examined in the various subjects by their teacher, and showed by their readiness and correct answers that they had been carefully taught, reflecting great credit on the diligence and efficiency of their teacher, Miss Annie Griffin. The school-room was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. In one corner of the room stood a large Christmas tree well laden with presents for teacher and pupils. After a thorough examination of all grades the pupils presented a very pleasing program, much to the delight of all present. After the program Santa Claus appeared and distributed the presents to the teacher and pupils, which consisted of a present and bag of candy to each pupil from the teacher, also a lot of presents from among themselves. Prizes were then awarded to the pupils who had made the most effort during the term. The prize winners were:—Vera Irving for reading, Marion Gleason for attendance, and Russel Docherty for deportment. The visitors were then treated to candy and apples, after which a vote of thanks was tendered the teacher for the successful examination held there that day. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close. The programme was as follows:—Opening Address Vera Irving; Recitation, "O'Grady's Goat" Helen Gleason; Recitation, "Mable Doherty"; Recitation, "Economy" Ivan Doherty; Song "Christmas Time" by the school; Recitation, "When Santa Claus Comes" Marion Gleason; recitation, "The Countryman at the Show" Russel Docherty; Stump Speech, Evelyn Nelson; recitation, "Pet and Her Cat" Katie Rooney; dialogue, "The Widow Muggins" Helen Gleason, Marion Ings and Annie Gleason; recitation, James Carrier; recitation, "Maud Muller" Clayton Nelson; Stump Speech, Constance Ings; recitation, "Naming the Baby" Vera Irving; song, "Christmas Song" by the School; Santa Claus.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

The Christmas examination of the Campbellton School, New London, was held on Monday afternoon, Dec. 23rd and was attended by a large number of parents and friends of the district. The school room was suitably decorated for the occasion and a Christmas tree erected for the pleasure of all. The pupils were examined in the various subjects by the teacher, assisted by Sergt. Allen Cole, recently returned from overseas and Flight Cadet Toombs, R. A. F., Toronto. The correctness and promptness with which the pupils answered the various questions asked was very pleasing to all present and reflected great credit on the efficiency of their teacher, Miss Barbara Matheson. At the conclusion of the examination brief remarks were made by the gentlemen present in which they expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the manner with which the school was being conducted. Santa Claus then appeared, distributing presents from the Christmas tree including a very useful gift from the pupils to their teacher. The pupils in their turn also the visitors were kindly remembered by the teacher with a generous supply of candy. The examination was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. MICHAEL LAWRENCE MALONE.

Mr. and Mrs. John Malone, Freetown, have received the sad tidings of their daughter-in-law's death from influenza. Having contracted this so often deadly disease she was taken to the Edam Hospital where she passed away on Sunday morning Dec. 22nd. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn of Vawn, Sask., when about five years ago she became the wife of Michael L. Malone, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Malone of Freetown, P. E. I. who went West ten years ago and took up a homestead. Mrs. Malone died fortified by the last rites of the Holy Catholic church. She leaves to mourn their great loss a sorrowing husband and two boys, one four years old and the other an infant baby. May her soul rest in peace.

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LAST WORDS OF THE SAVIOUR PRESERVED FOR CENTURIES

A Document which is said to have been found and buried at the foot of the Cross and which is supposed to have been written during his sufferings.

The Fredericton Gleaner:—The following is a letter said to be written by our Saviour and found at the foot of the cross. According to the history of the letter, it was written by Christ just after His crucifixion, signed by the Angel Gabriel 99 years after the Saviour's birth, and presumably deposited by him under a stone at the foot of the cross. On the stone appeared the legend: "Blessed is the one who shall turn me over."

No one knew what the inscription meant, or seemed to have sufficient curiosity to investigate, until the stone was turned over by a little child, and the letter which follows was discovered:

"Whoever works on the Sabbath day shall be cursed. I command you to go to church and keep holy the Lord's day, without any manner of work. You shall not idle or mispend your time in bedecking yourself in superfluities of costly apparel and vain dressing, for I have ordered it a day of rest. I will have that day kept holy that your sins may be forgiven you. You will not break my commandments, but observe them and keep them. They have been written by my hand and spoken from my mouth. You shall not only go to church yourself, but also your servant and maid-servant. Observe my words and learn my commandments. You shall finish your work every Saturday at six o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour the preparation for the Sabbath begins. I advise you to fast five days in the year, beginning on Good Friday, and continuing the five days following, in remembrance of the five blood wounds I received for you, mankind.

"You shall love one another, and cause them that are not baptized to come to Christ and receive the Holy Sacrament, that is to say, baptism and then the supper of the Lord, and be made a member thereof, and in so doing I will give you long life and many blessings. Your land shall be replenished and bring forth abundance, and I will comfort you in the greatest temptation, and surely her that doeth the contrary shall be cursed. I will also send hardness of the heart on them and especially on hardened and impenitent unbelievers. He that has given to the poor shall find it profitable. Remember to keep the Sabbath day; for the seventh day I have taken as a resting day to myself. And he that hath a copy of this letter written by our own hand and spoken by my own mouth, and keepeth it without publishing it to others shall not prosper. But he that publisheth it to others shall be blessed by me, and if their sins be as many as the stars by night, and if they truly believe not this writing and my commandments will have my plagues upon you and you will be consumed with your children, goods and cattle and all other worldly enjoyments that I have given you. Do not once think of what I have suffered for you; if you do, it will be well for you. In this world and the world which is to come, whosoever shall have a copy of this letter and keep it in their house, nothing shall hurt them, neither pestilence, thunder or lightning, and if any woman be in birth and put her trust in me she shall be delivered of her child. You shall hear no more news of me except in the Holy Scriptures, until the day of judgment. All goodness and prosperity shall be in the house where a copy of this letter shall be found." Finished.

The story goes that the little girl that found it passed it to one who became a convert to the Christian faith. He failed to have it published, but kept it as a sacred memento of Christ, and it passed down to different generations of his family for more than one thousand years. During this period the family suffered repeated misfortunes, migrated to different countries, until finally one of them came to America, bringing the letter with them. They settled in Virginia, then moved further south, still followed by misfortune, when finally the last member, a daughter, approached her death bed and called a neighbor, Mrs. Thompson, giving her the letter, and related its history that had been kept for more than 1,000 years. Mr. Thompson began the attempt and published the letter. It first appeared in Rome, Georgia, U. S. A., Oct. 31, 1891. It then appeared in Dalton, Ga., and Mrs. Worthman, now living in Marion, Ind., clipped it and kept it in her possession for many years without having it published. She was followed by misfortune, which she attributed to her neglect in trying to have it published. Mrs. Crutcheild, of Tennessee, is also said to have failed to make an effort to have it published; for three years it was followed by misfortune. Mrs. Lydia Howell clipped this letter in Albert Lea, Minn., and brought it to Canada, after having it in her possession for

three years will now attempt to have it published. As far as known this is the first copy of this letter in Canada, Oct. 28, 1918.

THE 'WELCOME' PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPOSURE RECORD

A distinguished member of the Royal Photographic Society said of the 1918 edition "The book improves every year and whoever originally invented the Exposure Calculator deserves the combined, thanks of the photographic world." And now Burroughs Wellcome & Co., have produced another edition, that for 1919, in which there is an improvement where it seemed least possible. The calculator is better than ever. As of old, by one turn of one scale, it tells the exact exposure for any subject at any time of the day and year, but better than ever the correct exposure appears opposite to each stop. This is the position when we are using practically all the popular special rapid plates and roll films. If we are using slower plates or faster plates a second slight movement of again opposite each stop is the correct exposure. Many thousands of photographers have used this calculator for at least ten years and its reliability and simplicity have been the subject of universal approval. Now without complication it has been most ingeniously improved and in fact perfected.

In addition to the calculator there is the usual full but yet succinct chapter which makes the whole question of exposure and its principles clear. There are special notes and tables regarding exposures for moving objects, for telephotography, for interiors and outdoor photography at night, for indoor photography with artificial light and flashlight, etc.

In addition to the items already mentioned the book contains a crisp, condensed exposition of the essential photographic operations such as development, toning, intensification, reduction, etc., and this section is particularly noteworthy for the very complete time tables for development under a great variety of conditions. In this aspect of modern photography Burroughs Wellcome & Co. have been pioneers.

The diary portion remains as before with its weekly diary and memo pages and its record pages for negatives and positives. With the increased cost of plates and other materials the need of such an accurate, concise and simple guide to success is worth many times the price asked.

LETTER OF SYMPATHY

Mr. Samuel Davidson of Cambridge Road, Lot 83, P. E. I., has received the following letter from Lt. Colonel J. D. Hainston, regarding the death of his son 3204214, Pte. John R. Davidson, who went over with the 17th Reserve Battalion and was later drafted to the 85th.

France, Dec. 6th, 1918. Dear Mr. Davidson:—I regret that, owing to the pressure of work necessitated by the recent prolonged activities of the Canadian Corps, I have been unable, until this late date, to write you a letter following up the official notification which you have no doubt received long ere this, in your son No. 3204214, Pte. J. R. Davidson has been killed in action. He came to the Battalion on the 18th Sept and notwithstanding the short period that he was destined to spend with us, he quickly caught the spirit of the Battalion and adapted himself in true conditions and surroundings of the fighting unit in France. The battle in which he made the supreme sacrifice, was undoubtedly, one of the most disastrous the enemy ever experienced and one which contributed materially to his final defeat and the season of happy prosperity which we trust is now in store for civilization. During the advance with his Company "A" on the 27th September an enemy shell landed very close to him, the shrapnel from which hit him on the head, resulting in instant death. This was in the Cambrai operation. No one realizes more than we do here how futile words are at times like this; I only wish I could do more than simply write you. Please accept my personal sympathy as well as that of all the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Battalion. Sincerely yours J. D. RALSTON Lt. Colonel Commanding 85th Canadian Inf. Bat. (Patriot please copy.)

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LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

To Sister Phemie and Brother D. A. McLeod:

We the member of Highland Division Sons of Temperance, No. 285, desire to sympathize with you and the rest of the family in the recent decease of your sister Minnie.

The sudden shock coming so unexpected to one in the very bloom of youth is indeed hard to bear and there is so little that we can say that will be of any comfort to you but God who made her and loved her better than we wanted her and so, called forth her earthly home and join that heavenly host of angels, and we must all submit to the will of Heavenly Father. We believe that Minnie is happier and better off than if she was with us, for beautiful as the world is and attached as we become to human friendships there is a still more beautiful beyond where in wait friendships that death cannot sever, and to that world we shall all go sooner or later. So dear sister and brother let us also hope that we shall all meet on that blissful shore where there shall be no more partings or sorrows and tears. Try to think of your dear sister as not dead but just passed through the vale that divides us from the better life.

Not dead—oh no, but borne beyond the shadows, Into the full clear light; Forever done with mist and cloud and tempest, Where all is calm and bright, Not even sleeping—called to glad awakening In heaven's endless day No; still and moorless—stepped from earth's rough places To walk the King's highway Oh no, not dead, but passed all fear of dying, And with all suffering o'er Say not that we are dead when Jesus calls us, To live for ever more.

Submitted in L. P. and L.

AUGUSTINE COVE CONCERT

On Saturday evening, Dec. 21st a splendid concert was given in Augustine Cove school which was beautifully decorated with Union Jacks, ever greens and Xmas trimmings. A large crowd gathered, the school being full. Mr. Harry Webster acted as chairman and excellent order prevailed. Programme as follows:

Opening chorus, "Welcome by the school"; Recitation by Beulah Robinson; Exercise "Our Mothers" by—McDonald, Mary Laman, George Carr, and Winnie Arsenault; Recitation by George Dawson; Solo by Jean Webster; Recitation by Amy Mabey; Christmas exercise by Vivian Cameron; Marion, Murphy, Katie Carr, Mildred McWilliams, Hubert Arsenault, Belle Arsenault, Katherine Dawson, Freddie Leard, and Vern Webster; Chorus "What's the meaning of the Presents" by school (unaccompanied); Quartette, (a motion song) by Margaret and Jean Webster, Alma and Katherine Dobson; Recitation by James Arsenault; Dialogue "Santa Claus" by Miss Belle, Luella Leard, Margaret Webster, Mildred McWilliams, Lorne Cameron, Horace Cameron; Recitation "The Union Jack" by Alma Dobson; Dialogue by Katherine and Alma Dobson; Recitation by Leith Cameron, Amos Peters, Katie Carr and Alma Dobson, repeating together; A recitation by Margaret Dawson; Closing chorus "Santa Claus is Coming" by school during the singing of which Santa Claus appeared and stripped the tree which was laden with gifts for all.

Just before the singing of the last chorus the chairman Mr. Webster called upon the teachers, Margaret Dawson, Margaret Webster and Katie Carr; to come forward to the platform Margaret Webster read the following addresses:—Miss Katie Carr and Margaret Dawson presented their respective teachers each with an envelope well filled with money, Miss Priscilla Carruthers and Miss Janie Belle;

Dear Teachers:—As the festive Xmas season is approaching, which brings gladness and good-will to all, we feel we cannot allow the season to pass without giving to you some expression of the feeling of love and good-will, which we as pupils have for you our teachers. We wish also to express our gratitude to you both for the painstaking interest you have taken in our studies, as well as in our sports on the playground.

Though we have often failed to give the care to our lessons which we know we should, you have always been kind and patient, and encouraged us to do our best. We ask you to accept the accompanying gifts, as a feeble expression of our appreciation of your efforts for our good. Wishing you all the joys of the Christmas season and a bountiful share of the blessings of the New Year.

Your loving pupils The teachers, though taken by surprise fittingly replied in a few well chosen words. A short address was then made by Mr. Webster Howard in which he congratulated every body on the parts they had taken, before closing a vote of thanks was tendered the teachers and all who helped make the concert the success it was. The well enjoyed evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

DOMINION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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ten hundred pounds sold from \$10.25 to \$11.50. The receipts of sheep consisted largely of breeding ewes of only fair quality, most of which were returned to country points. Lambs sold from from \$13.00 to \$13.50 and wethers from \$11.00 to \$12.00.

Hogs prices remained steady until the close of the market when sales were mostly at \$17.00 per hundred, fed and watered. Prospects indicate an unsettled market. CALGARY: While there was an increase in the receipts of cattle compared with those of the previous week, the volume of the offerings is still below normal, only twenty four hundred and sixty four head being on hand. Under a good inquiry the market developed higher prices and the best steers offered sold mostly at \$14.00 per hundred, an increase of 50 cents over prices paid during the previous week.

On the evening of Thursday, Jan. 2nd, a large number of people assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Doucette of Rustico to do honor to Pte. John C. Doucette his brother who has just recently returned from the front. Pte. Doucette who resided in Manitoba for the last six years had a farm but gave it up to go and fight for his country.

Pte. Doucette enlisted in the 107th Winnipeg battalion in March 1916, he went overseas in September and was drafted to France in December of the same year. He was in the trenches till April 1917 when he was wounded at Vimy Ridge. He went back in the trenches but owing to sickness was invalided to England where he was at the time the Armistice was signed. Mr. Joseph J. Doucette presided. The following address and a well filled purse was presented to our hero by Mr. Theo. Blanchard.

HONORED AND DEAR FRIEND:—We come to-night to extend to you a most cordial welcome home and we feel that our sentiments on this occasion are but the echo of your own, which might be simply and truly portrayed by the lines Home again from a foreign shore, And oh, it fills my soul with joy To meet my friends once more. Yes, the friends who now surround you have been deeply interested in your eventful life of active service. We saw how, in the darkest hour of trial, you responded to your country's call voluntarily leaving your peaceful and prosperous native land to give your life for a just and noble

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cause while even then you knew the hardships and danger that awaited you across the sea, for the great world war had for two years raged so fiercely that the stories of its atrocity seemed to make mankind sick with horror. Well may we count that time the darkest hour in the history of all Christian nations. Yet in such times men of truly noble character come forward and show their courage and self sacrifice that true heroism still exists. Of such mettle you have proved yourself, for during these trying times you were ever found where the danger was greatest and often in the thick of the fray. Thus you have gained a lasting claim to the gratitude of your country, and to the highest esteem of your fellowmen. May the kind Providence, which has guided you through many dangers and brought you safely home again, shed about your future days the light of Prosperity and Happiness! Please accept this purse as a token of the esteem of friends who unite in offering with it the best of all good wishes. Our Hero responded fittingly and related his experiences at the front. Speeches and remarks were made by Mr. B. W. LePage, Jerome Daigle, Abram Peters and Albert Gallant. After a sumptuous repast was served, the rest of the evening was spent in instrumental music, violin selection and beautiful singing. Miss Juliette Doucette presided at the organ. The pleasant evening was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem. Pte. John C. Doucette who is an intelligent young man intends in the near future to go back West to take his farm where his many friends wish him success.

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