

Vice President

True Success Story

By F. H. MacArthur

Dunfermline, Scotland, gave the world a very famous man in the person of Andrew Carnegie who was born in the Scottish hamlet in the year 1835.

Being in poor circumstances, the Carnegie family decided to immigrate to America when Andrew was fifteen. They settled at Allegheny, Pennsylvania. The young immigrant was anxious to go to school, for he had a great passion for learning, but his parents being poor, the lad was put to work in a factory where he earned the vast salary of \$1.25 per week.

To supplement his meagre earnings, Andrew became a messenger boy in a telegraph office. One day he said to his mother, "I'll be a telegraph-operator, Mom. I must get ahead in the world, you know."

Just now for he would go he had no idea, but step by step, he climbed the ladder of success. From telegraph-operator, he moved up to become secretary to the superintendent of a large railroad. A third advancement and we find the poor boy himself superintendent of a division.

Young Andrew grew up with railroads and oil. He dipped into the future and saw the possibilities that lay ahead for any shrewd investor: so he saved every cent he could come by and invested them in oil and railroad stocks which, as the years passed, brought him a fortune beyond his fondest dreams.

Andrew Carnegie, however, never forgot the struggles and poverty that were his in these early days. Nor did he forget other poor boys who could not afford an education or the luxury of books.

Now, with millions at his command, he decided to found libraries that would be free to everybody and here is how the plan worked out:— Any town could have a library of its own providing it gave the ground and guaranteed to keep the buildings in service. There were no other strings attached to Carnegie's offer.

The idea caught on and spread across the country like a prairie fire until three thousand libraries had been established here and there. These gifts were the means of inspiring countless small communities to build libraries of their own so that in the final years of the nineteenth century and the early years of the twentieth, people began to read books on various subjects which could be borrowed free of charge.

With increased reading came greater knowledge and millions of people took advantage of the free books.

Besides rendering this valuable service to his fellowmen, Carnegie helped many a poor boy to get an education and created a fund to pay pensions to college professors; endowed a commission for rewarding acts of heroism; aided institutions for research, two of which bear his name.

Just how many millions of dollars Andrew Carnegie gave away may never be known, but some say the poor immigrant boy passed out more than \$360,695,000 before his death in 1919.

One could title this article "From Rags to Riches" or "From Hut to Palace" and it would still be the same success story of a poor boy who raised himself up by his own footsteps to a position of wealth and affluence.

The heroism of Andrew Carnegie who worked long hours each day under adverse conditions to make good, should be an inspiration to any poor youth in our land of golden opportunities.

C.G.I.T. - W.M.S. Affiliation Service North Wiltshire, United Church

An interesting service was held in the United Church, North Wiltshire, Sunday evening, May 21, when the "Bluebird" Group, Canadian Girls in Training, under the leadership of Mrs. K. MacInnis, became affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada at a very pretty candle-lit ceremony. Mrs. Bruce Deacon, representing the Women's Missionary Society, graciously received the members of the group into the W. M. S. and presented them with the Affiliation insignia; "World Friendship" Badges to be worn on the sleeve of their C. G. I. T. uniforms.

June Bowman C. G. I. T. president led the group. She was assisted by Wilma Deacon, Marina MacLean, Leutie Campbell, Marjorie Clark, Joan Balderson, and Donna Farris, while Jeanie Campbell, the treasurer, presented a gift of money from the C. G. I. T. to be used in W. M. S. work.

Mrs. John Easton, Hampshire, was the special speaker for the occasion. In her usual inimitable manner, she gave a very helpful and inspiring address. After complimenting the C. G. I. T. Group and their leader on the splendid work being done she gave a stirring appeal to the young people as well as to the other members of the congregation for a deepened interest in the Missionary work of the church particularly in this 25th Anniversary Year. Mrs. Reginald Clark was organist for the service and the C. G. I. T. choir sang "The Haven of Rest", very sweetly as an offertory.

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