

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Queen's County, (East.)

The Sunday School Convention of Queen's County (East) met in the Presbyterian church at Orwell at 10.30 a m on Thursday, the 15th inst, the president, Rev D B McLeod, in the chair.

After opening exercises and address of welcome by the pastor of Orwell church, Rev J C Spurr read a paper on the difficulties of S S work and how to overcome them. In his introductory remarks Rev Mr Spurr made a feeling reference to the late lamented Rev David Sutherland. The main difficulties he said were dull people. But those difficulties are not insurmountable. Prayer is the great agency to overcome difficulties. Another difficulty is to secure teachers. Look out the most wide awake church members and urge them to take up the work.

After singing a hymn, Mr M J McPherson read a paper on the Bible in the Sunday School. The Bible should be the most interesting of books to the Christian. True success in life depends on a knowledge of the Scriptures. The S S teacher should have an ardent desire for the salvation of souls.

The singing of a hymn then followed after which Rev Geo A Ross read a paper on the Bible class and how to conduct it. After speaking of the modern lack of knowledge of the Bible, it was pointed out that our work ought to be to convince men of the reliability of the scriptures. The teacher of the Bible class holds a very important position. It is almost impossible for the average pastor to conduct a class on account of lack of time. The character of each scholar should be studied to make the class successful.

The morning session then closed with benediction.

The afternoon session was opened by Rev Mr Howard.

Rev J W McConnell gave an address on the work of the International S S Association. A great inspiration arises from the fact of eleven millions of scholars studying the same lessons all over the world at the same time. All work is now organized and the International S S Convention is a perfected organization. The lesson helps of the S S committee are indeed helpful.

The Superintendents of the different S Schools then brought in their reports. Rev McLean Sinclair spoke on the S S Superintendent and his work. The rev gentleman dealt in a very interesting and instructive manner with this subject. The superintendent is a most important member of the S S staff.

Rev J W Howard read a paper on the S S teacher and his work.

This was followed by a paper by Rev D B McLeod on the relation of the parent to the S S.

Evening session opened at 7 o'clock by prayer and singing.

Rev Mr Spurr delivered an address on the object of S S work.

After this Mr Layton McCabe read a paper on the S S teacher and his work.

Rev W J Howard delivered an address on the need of the Holy Spirit in S S work.

Rev J W McConnell then conducted the question box when many questions of great interests to S S workers were satisfactorily answered.

At the close of the program Rev Geo A Ross moved that the thanks of the convention were due to the people of Orwell for their kind hospitality, and to the pastor, elders and choir for their many kindnesses. This motion was supported by many of the delegates.

Rev J C Spurr tendered the vote, which was responded to by Rev D B McLeod on behalf of himself the elders, congregation and choir.

The Convention closed with the benediction.

[Note. Owing to an accident to notes it is impossible to give even a synopsis of some of the addresses.]

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ECONOMY, KINDNESS AND CLEANLINESS IN DAIRYING.

By W. J. Palmer, Toronto.

(Read before the Eastern Butter and Cheese Association.)

There are two or three things that farmers should bear in mind if they would make a success of dairying. In going through the country giving instruction with the Traveling Dairy, I observed that there were opportunities for improvement in the way of kindness to animals, in cleanliness of stables and milk houses, and in the matter of economy—a wise and generous economy, so to speak. Those of you who have been farming for years know that to day you must practise economy to a degree that you were never called on to do before. You cannot feed as liberally—as wastefully—as you did before; you must husband your resources very carefully if you would make a living. Your sons will have to make a further change in their methods of feeding live stock if they are to succeed in dairying. You are not now horse feeding as much as formerly. The horse used to get nearly all the attention, kindness and feed, while the poor cow was neglected as of but little importance; but there is little profit in horse raising to day, and so we are turning our attention to the milk cow as the hope of Ontario agriculture. But even to-day there is too much waste in managing dairy cattle. I am in the milk and butter business in Toronto now, and, in going around among the men from whom we are getting our supplies, I have not had a good deal of difference in the way they attend to the cattle, and the amount of money they make out of their milk. I have noticed some places where the cattle are very rough looking, and the owners are making very little out of them. I met a man recently in the Niagara district who, according to his own statement, could make a handful of grain go further in feeding cows than any professional dairyman could. He said he could feed a cow on \$10 a year, and get more out of her than any of the scientific chaps who were teaching and lecturing people how to feed cattle could do for \$40. But he made one statement that I think gave him away as an authority on feeding live stock. He said he had kept hens until they were fourteen years old, and they had laid better than when two years old, and that he had one hen which he killed when twenty years old, and it was as tender as a spring chicken. (Laughter.) A great deal depends upon how cattle are treated. Down in my native province of Prince Edward Island I have known farmers who brought in fine fat cattle fed almost entirely upon turnips. They would bring in a pig almost fat enough to burst which had been fed upon but little else than butter milk. How was this done? They supplemented their comparatively poor feeding with much kindness. I can assure you that kindness goes a good way in the thrift of live stock. The cost of producing the milk needs to be very closely studied. If it costs you 80 cents to produce a hundred pounds of milk, and you receive only 70 cents a hundred for it, you are a loser, and the more milk you handle the more you lose. But if you make milk for 30 cents a hundred, and you can get 70 cents a hundred for it you are making money. In order to do this, however, you must have warm stables, well-lighted and ventilated, and cleanliness and kindness must prevail. If you will curry-comb and clean the cow as carefully and regularly as you do a horse it would pay. Every time you scratch that old cow for a few minutes with the comb she will give you a few pounds more milk. We sometimes find cow stables very old—perhaps as low as 40 degrees, while across the way there is a stable comfortably warm.

My experience with city customers leads me to the conclusion that one of the most important things in the butter trade is to have the print, pat or package in a clean and attractive form. The place where the cheese or butter is made cannot be too clean and pure. Our inspectors are doing much good, and our dairy products are greatly benefited by their work, indirectly; but I am afraid that we still have too much butter made up in unclean and ill-ventilated quarters. We have a place in Toronto where bad butter is bought at five cents a pound and made over again, and then sold for fifteen cents a pound. The consumers are getting more particular every year. No one would knowingly pay a good price for turnip butter, and they will not want it the second time at any price. It is a pity that notwithstanding all that has been said against feeding turnips that some will persist in using those roots. If only one patron of a creamery or factory will use turnips it will affect the whole make. Turnips are unpopular with city customers; they blame it for nearly every taint or bad flavor in milk or butter. Even "leaky" flavor has been attributed to turnips. A point in dairying worthy of closer attention is to the putting up of butter in neat packages. The taste is often governed by the eye. Butter put up in attractive style generally finds a ready sale; if it has no style in its make up it is not so likely to be called for. I have known a lady to send back a pound of butter because she did not like the taste of it, when she really was objecting to its appearance. That same butter was made up in a neat wrapper and again sent to her, when she declared that it was the nicest butter she had ever tasted. (Laughter.)

Let us emphasize the question of flavor. Our best patrons ship their creamery butter to us every day. They have every thing neat and clean and pure about their stables and general surroundings. They aim to have the same flavor every week. Butter made at home cannot have the same evenness of flavor. We give thirty

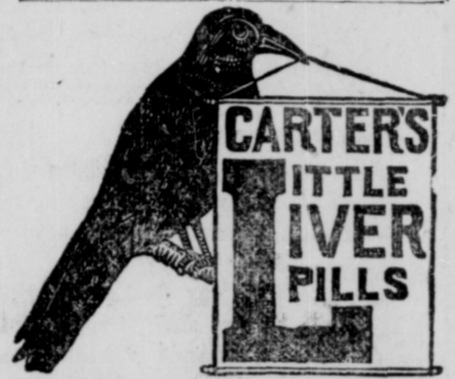
cents a pound for first-class creamery butter, while for much of the farm butter, but little more than twenty cents can be had, because it is likely to vary in flavor. If your cream has a bad flavor, heat it up to 150 degrees to drive off that bad odor, then cool it down, and churn it, and you will have butter that will realize a good price. Do not take white butter to the market; it looks lardy. Color it to suit the taste or preference of your customer. A man said to me once, "If they want green butter make it green for them." If you have not a liking or a love for dairying you had better go into some other line of business.

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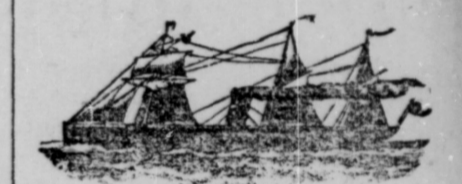
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