

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Closing Session Last Night—Normal Class Diplomas Presented

At yesterday morning's session of the Sunday School Convention the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—

- Pres.—Rev. D. B. McLeod. Vice for Queen's—Rev. R. F. Whiston, Charlottetown. Vice for King's—Rev. W. H. Warren, Montague. Vice for Prince—Thos. Moyses, Central Bonaventure. Cor. Sec.—Rev. G. P. Raymond, Charlottetown. Rec. Sec.—Miss Sarah McRae. Treas.—W. C. Turner. Supt. Normal Work.—J. D. Seaman. Supt. Home Department—D. Courant. Supt. Primary Work.—Miss Marion Watson.

Additional members of Executive Committee—Rev. Messrs W. H. Spencer, Montague; N. Stevenson, do; N. McLaughlin, Summersby; Edwin Smith, Keegan; J. W. McCoubert, Charlottetown; Hon. Benj. Rogers, Alberton. At the afternoon session Rev. G. P. Raymond spoke of the Normal Class which he has conducted. He showed the need of such a class from the fact that the International series of lessons, though excellent, were not perfect, as to one book of the Bible was studied as a whole. The normal class work supplement Bible study with Bible history lessons. Mr. Seaman endorsed the work, and submitted a resolution to the effect that the Normal Class be the next book in next year. This was adopted.

Rev. G. A. Young also spoke of the need of a Home Department. He said that out of the 61,000 Protestants in the Island, 30,000 should be in the Sunday School; but only 10,000 are found there, leaving 20,000 not in the Sunday School who should be. The Home Department is the institution which can successfully reach these people. The success of the Home Department depends on the willingness of the members to do the work. The only requirements are to give half an hour a week to the study of God's word. The officers necessary are a Superintendent, who is also an assistant Superintendent of the main school, and visitors whose duty it is to visit the members of their classes at least once a quarter and as often as is possible. The officers of the Home Department should be members of the Sunday School Board. All money collected in Home Department to go to the treasurer of the main school and all supplies necessary for the carrying on of Home Department work to be furnished by main school. Those to be benefited are the aged, the infirm, those who are kept at home by family cares, nursing the sick, caring for little children, etc.

The Finance Committee, through its chairman Rev. R. F. Whiston, submitted their report as follows: Total receipts \$233.66 Total Expenditure 173.41 Balance \$60.25 At the evening, and the last session, Rev. G. P. Raymond again spoke of Normal Class and why they should be organized in P. E. Island. The teachers there them, and they have proved a success in the other provinces. The most thorough normal work on this continent is in the Jewish synagogues of New York which are the only schools having paid teachers. No one can teach who is not a graduate of a Normal Class. The presentation of Normal Class diplomas then took place, those who received them being in alphabetical order, as follows: G. Herbert Alexander, Stanhope. Mary Ashley, Charlottetown. Ella G. Hayden, do. Joanna Henderson, do. Edward Jordo, do. Beatrice A. McIntyre, do. Helen H. Sanderson, do. Joseph D. Scamatt, do. Elizabeth S. Sweeney, do. Ada A. Waldman, do. Dr. Anderson spoke appreciatively of the Normal work, and hoped for the continuance. Mr. C. D. Meigs spoke on "Why am I in Sunday School work?" First, because I am a Christian, that is saying enough to answer the question. Second, because I am more I am in the church. Third, because I believe the Bible which means more than believing in the Bible. Fourth, because it has come to pass that the Sunday School is the place where the Bible is taught. Fifth, because it is not the most profitable, the economical Christian work that is being done in the world; 84 per cent. of those who come into the church come there through the Sabbath School. Sixth, because what I get out of it myself. Teachers are paid in heaven. They get more out of it than they put into it. To teach in the Sunday school is a blessed privilege. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved that this convention desires to put on record the great loss sustained by the death of our late Superintendent of Primary Work, Mrs. (Dr.) R. R. Shaw, her eminent fitness for the work and her loyalty to duty in the particularly laudable by her fellow workers and this Association. Further resolved that this resolution be engrossed and placed on record. Ten resolutions were adopted thanking the trustees of the First Methodist church for the use of the church, and thanking the choir and Prof. Wats; also those who accommodated the delegates in their homes, and the press. It was resolved to have the report of proceedings printed as last year. Mr. Meigs said a few words of farewell. The president tendered the thanks of the Convention to him for his great aid to the Sunday school teachers. Convention closed with doxology and benediction.

Local and Other Items

SYDNEY SHIPPERS are reminded of the sailing of S. S. Elliot at noon tomorrow (Thursday).

POLICE COURT—One drunk, Leonard Wright, was this morning fined \$2 or 10 days.

OYSTER SHIPPERS.—Up to the present time Mr. Gilbert DesRoches, M. L. A., Miscouche, has shipped over 30,000 barrels of oysters.

BOARD OF TRADE.—Members of the Board of Trade will please remember that the quarterly meeting tonight at their room, McEichra's Building, at eight o'clock.

THE ELLIOT.—Shippers of live stock to St. John's, Nfld., will note direct sailing of steamer Elliot to that port on 23rd instant, and also that no stopovers are made after sailing from this port. See adv.

SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of furniture in the house of Mrs. McDonald, Lower Prince Street, advertised for today, has been postponed until eleven o'clock, tomorrow.

S. O. T.—District Division No. 4, Sons of Temperance will hold its second quarterly session with Reform Division No. 143, at Little York on Friday next, October 12, at 2 o'clock p.m. Usual public meeting at night with coffee.

BARN BURNED.—The Journal reports that a barn belonging to Mr. Jacob Murray, Elmsdale, was destroyed by fire Friday evening last, together with some hay and gear, the fire originating from a lantern, which burst in a hay loft.

ENGINES FOR THE RAILWAY.—Locomotive Foreman Poole and five men of T. P. E. I. railway crossed to P. E. I. today to prepare for the shipment of two new locomotives for the island railway. The locomotives will be brought to the Island by the Southport Friday or Saturday.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—Crescent Lodge, No. 24, K. of P., was instituted in Oddfellows' Hall, here on Monday evening last, with the following officers: T. B. Grady, C. C.; A. W. Mackay, V. C.; R. H. Godkin, M. of W.; H. Arbuckle, K. of R. & S.; L. F. Crowe, M. of F.; W. A. Stewart, M. of Ex.; J. H. Lowther, M. of A.; W. G. Schurman, O. G.; Dr. A. McNeill, W. A. Bannan and L. F. Crowe, Past Chancellors; W. A. Brennan, Deputy Grand Chancellor.—Journal.

DEATH OF MRS. NOOKAN.—We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Thomas Noonan, of Albany, which occurred in this city, this morning, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. James McMahon, Great George Street. Mrs. Noonan has been ailing for some time and was advised to come to the city for medical treatment. Her ailment was found to be of a serious nature, and everything possible was done to effect a cure, but her spirit passed away this morning. She was highly esteemed by a very large circle of friends for her many good qualities, and will be greatly missed at her late home in Albany where she had a host of friends. To her sorrowing husband and family we extend our heartfelt sympathy. Her remains will be taken by train to Albany this afternoon.

FROM SYDNEY. Mr. John Gillis returned last night from a visit to Sydney. He reports everything bustling, and all the Islanders doing well. Messrs. Schurman, Lefurgey, Clarke & Co. are very busy with their numerous heavy contracts. They have a large number on hand and some nearly completed. In addition to the contract of the New Academy, the Petersen Block and an immense addition to the Sydney Hotel they have remodelled the building to be used by the Merchants' Bank of P. E. Island and have built in it a vault. They are also constructing residences for Mr. L. E. Prowse, Mayor Crowe, two for Mr. J. A. Falconer, and one each for Miss McKenzie, Mr. J. Cuck, chief engineer for the Dominion Coal Company, Mr. MacNeill and Mrs. McKay. The firm has large ware property and lumber yard. Mr. Wm. Bearsto, of Shaw & Bearsto, has about thirty contracts on hand.

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DIED.

On October 10th, at the home of her son-in-law, James McMahon, Charlottetown, Margaret Ready, dearly beloved wife of Thomas Noonan, of Albany, aged 71 years. May her soul rest in peace. [Funeral at 5 p. m. to Railway station, then to Albany.]

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