

NEWSY NOTES

By J. A. Clark, D.Sc. AN ISLAND HISTORIAN

Dr. William S. Ferguson was born in Marshfield, Prince Edward Island, November 11th, 1875. His parents were Senator Donald Ferguson and Elizabeth (Scott) Ferguson...

While doing research in his work at Cornell for his master's thesis, he made an important discovery which established the chronology of the Athenian history covering a period of three centuries. He had observed the rotation of certain office among the tribes of Athens and published his conclusions as "The Athenian Secretaries" in 1898...

Having secured his Ph.D. from Cornell he studied in Berlin, Germany, and travelled not only on the mainland of Greece but on the islands of the Aegean Sea, in Asia Minor, Syria, Egypt, Italy and Sicily.

He married Mary Alena White of Charlottetown in 1902. Their daughter Elizabeth, predeceased her father; she had three daughters: Frances, Barbara and Elizabeth. Dr. Ferguson's sister, Helen, (Mrs. Heber Crosby) lives in Marshfield, P. E. Island.

The following extracts are taken from a minute placed upon the records of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, of Harvard University, December 7th, 1954, and published in the Harvard University Gazette, December 25th, 1954.

"The Harvard career of William Scott Ferguson covered nearly four decades, from the closing years of the Eliot administration to the mid-1940's. During this time his scholarship won for him world-wide recognition as a historian of the ancient world, while within the Harvard circle his wisdom and integrity made him one of its most valued counselors."

"Ferguson's service at Harvard began in 1908 with his appointment as Assistant Professor of History. His promotion from an associate to a full professorship in 1915 made him the first professor of Ancient History in the United States. In 1929 he succeeded to the McLean Professorship, the country's oldest endowed chair of History. This he occupied until his retirement in 1945 and as Emeritus until his death in Boston, April 28, 1954."

In his writings Ferguson recognized the prime importance of exact technical sources based on all the relevant sources. Of such was the long series of monographs, the last of them published in 1949, which marked him as a scholar of extraordinary erudition and accuracy. But he could build the larger structure too. 'Hellenistic Athens' (1911), his greatest work, is a many-sided, vivid piece of historical synthesis. In 'Greek Imperialism' he brilliantly interpreted the expansion of the Hellenic world, and he contributed to the 'Cambridge Ancient History' five of its most impressive chapters. He attacked scholarly problems adventurously and untrigglingly, his work always informed by an acute critical sense and a disciplined imagination. But his greatest single distinction was something beyond analysis and logic: it was the gift of insight. His publications, lacking only a few of the more recent, are listed to the number of 133, in the two-volume 'Festschrift' which was presented in 1949, the year following his presidency of the Ancient Historical Association."

form his manner was informed and conversational, and his presentation always clear, however complex the material. He possessed in an exceptional degree, the ability to make students, even in a lecture course, feel that the search for truth was a joint enterprise. He never repeated a lecture and, indeed, that would have been impossible, for his notes consisted only of a few topics jotted down, before each class, on a card. Yet his lectures, flowing naturally from the rich store of his learning, have often been described by students as the finest of their years at Harvard.

We last met Dr. Ferguson on our way home from England in June 1951. He still recalled some of Dr. Alexander Anderson's trite sayings in the Old Prince of Wales College. He like his former teacher believed in simple, modest worth like Robert Burns: "A man's a man for a' that." He would no doubt reiterate the same, and probably quote the majestic authority of Thucydides: "If the deeds are good, a brief statement of them is enough."

SUMMERFIELD W. M. S.

The regular monthly meeting of the Summerfield W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Sutherland MacKay on January 13th.

The President, Mrs. Elmer Stewart, presided and the meeting opened with call to worship, the theme was "Evangelism." The church's business: Hymn, 258 "God of Mercy, God of Grace" was sung. Passages of Scripture were read by Mrs. Clarke Harding, Mrs. Harland Daye, Mrs. Lindsay Sharpe and Miss Harriet Glover, followed by prayer for the group's Missionary in prayer, Miss Mary MacDougall, and Lord's prayer in unison.

Business period opened with collection which amounted to \$6.45. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered by 11 members; 12 membership fees were paid.

Correspondence was read regarding Presbyterian, which will meet in Summerside, January 25 & 26th. Members reported five books read, 12 hospital calls; 15 sick calls and 13 cards sent.

Mrs. Norris Sinclair invited members for next meeting; roll call to be answered with verse of scripture with word "healed"; Miss Harriet Glover to have charge of Study Book.

Mrs. Crawford Sinclair then conducted the Study period from Chapter IV of the Study Book, "Church Evangelism." The Main Business of the Church, assisted by Mrs. Clarke Harding. They very capably outlined Church Evangelism in India past and present.

Meeting closed with hymn 374, "We Give Thee But Thine Own" and benediction.

SPRINGFIELD W. I.

The members of Springfield Women's Institute met for their January meeting at the home of Mrs. George Dunning with the president presiding. The opening song "This Is The Way We Brush Our Teeth" introduced the theme "Health and Social Welfare." The repeating of the Creed was followed by roll call to which 12 members and 12 visitors responded with a Good Health Rule.

Seven premium wool blankets were on display and five purchased by members present. The History Committee reported that almost 100 copies had been sold and it was agreed that complimentary copies be sent to the office of the Provincial Women's Institute.

On suggestion of the School Committee, Mrs. Crawford Sinclair, it was decided that cocoa and sugar be purchased for the school children's hot lunch. It was decided that all bills be paid. Mrs. Keith Mayne and Mrs. George Dunning were appointed to make arrangements for a Valentine Social to be held in the hall.

TIGNISH HOME AND SCHOOL

The meeting of the Tignish Home and School Association was held in the assembly room of Our Lady of the Angels Convent, Tignish on Thursday evening January 20th with a large group of parents and the teachers in attendance. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, president. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Rev. Sister St. Peter Marie and were adopted. There was no correspondence. The treasurer, Mr. Emile J. Gallant read the financial statement which showed a substantial balance of money on hand. The President gave a report of the Provincial Home and School semi-annual meeting she had attended the latter part of November.

The Association are planning to provide a suitable cupboard for one of the class rooms in Dalton School and money was voted for this purpose.

From the meeting, a group of parents judged the writing of the pupils in the grades from I to VIII which was an exhibition in the assembly room. The first five in each group were selected and following is the results: Grade VIII, Irene Harper and John Richard; Grade VII, Carmella Gallant and Alice Gaudet; Grade VI, Frances Conway and Cecilia Gallant; Grade V, Eileen Harper and Cathrine McHugh; Grade IV, Peter Buote and Lucy Conway; Grade III, (English), Lorraine Phee and Victor Hogan; Grade II, (French), Robert Leclair and Irene Perry; Grade II, (English), Marjorie Hogan and Gerard Ready; Grade II, (English), Joan Arsenault and Edward Richard; Grade I (English), Margaret MacKinnon and June Maillette; Grade I, (French), Ann Marie Gaudet and Elmer Arsenault.

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ALEXANDRA CONCERT

An interesting and successful Christmas concert was held in Alexandra School, on Tuesday night, December 14th. Mr. Elliott Brock was the accompanist. Mr. Nelson Robinson very pleasantly and capably acted as chairman.

The following program was presented: Opening remarks by Chairman, Chorus, Welcome One and All, by School; Recitation, "A Little Greeting," Carolyn Wood; Exercise, "Merry Christmas," Primary Pupils; Recitation, "Guess," Marilyn Wood; Dialogue, "Dr. Christmas, Mr. Grumbly; Lullaby, "Oh Hush Now My Baby," Paty Judson; Recitation, "New Millenium," Meredith Gamble; Exercise, "The Candles Gleam," 5 Junior Girls; Monologue, "The Greatest Gift," Linda MacRae; Solo, "Getting Ready For Christmas," Shirley Robertson; Recitation, "Although I'm Small, Carol Robertson; Dialogue, "The Fairy's Christmas Gifts," Grade 5 Pupils; Recitation, "The Best of All," Hennie Claggenhoef; Quartette, "Long Ago And Now," Monologue, Some Christmas Gifts, Alex Claggenhoef; Recitation, "Christmas Cookies," June MacCabe; Exercise, "Trimming The Tree," Primary Pupils; Recitation, "A Little Greeting," Jannie Claggenhoef; Intermission - Instrumental music, and sale of candy.

Dialogue, "Auntie Christmas"; Recitation, "Fat Santa," Osborne Wood; Exercise, Some Christmas Symbols, 12 girls; Recitation, "Plump Santa," Robert Robinson; Duet, (in Dutch), Hennie and Alex Claggenhoef; Dialogue, "Mr. Earth Sees the Doctor"; Recitation, Now, I'm Older, Dorothy Beaton; Solo, "The Holy Child," Linda MacRae; Recitation, One Exception, Jimmy Carver; Acrostic, Santa Claus, Primary Pupils; Monologue, A Christmas Meditation, Patsy Judson; Chorus, Gloomy Gloops, 5 Gloops; Dialogue, Russ and Gus, Glen Beaton and Maurice MacCabe; Monologue - "Mince Pie," Linda Steel; Closing Chorus, Come Swiftly Sweet Christmas, Recitation, "Welcome To Santa," Dorothy Judson.

Santa Claus then arrived with a gay jingling of bells and gladdened the children's hearts while he delivered the many presents from the gaily decorated tree. Treats were generously provided by the Women's Institute.

"God Save the Queen" was sung in closing.

Reverend Dennis Gallant voiced his appreciation of Mr. Buote's view towards decent entertainment for the teenagers, he also congratulated the parents for the interest they showed in coming out in such large numbers to attend the meeting on an evening when the weather and roads were not very good.

A paper on "Discipline" is to be prepared for the February meeting by Mrs. Cedric DesRoches, a parent from the Tignish district. Meeting was adjourned and a prayer was offered by Rev. Father Gallant. A film entitled "Little Men" was then shown to the audience and greatly enjoyed.

companion; Sketch of Robert Burns' Life, Miss Muriel Haslam; Poem, "Highland Mary", Mrs. Reginald Haslam; contest on Robert Burns' Life won by Mrs. John Hagen; Closing Chorus: "Flow Gently Sweet Affon". Lunch was then served by the hostess and committee in charge.

PIUSVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McAluff and son, Paul, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Corcoran.

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Strange But True

By F. E. MacArthur

Most chimpanzees are able to handle tools and other things almost as well as we can because, unlike most animals, they have a grasping thumb. With a little practice, a champ can do a fairly good paint job, wield a hammer after the manner of a human, drink tea from a cup, and ride a tricycle like a child.

It's simply amazing how mother nature provides her children with claws, bars, and nails, all of which become useful tools in time of need.

One of the unusual developments of claws is found on the feet of lemmings, a short-tailed rodent which makes its home near the north pole. In the good old summer time the front feet have long, sharp claws fastened to the two middle toes. These claws enable the lemming to dig underground tunnels. But when the ground freezes, the lemming can't dig, so he spends the winter months slushing about in the snow. The two long claws I have just described to you, grow twice their normal size. These oversized talons are the animal's snow shovels.

The reason for being so particular about its hindmost appendage is that it is the squirrel's special gift, a very vital part of his outfit, the secret of his being safe landings. He can jump from the tallest trees with the assurance that he will make a safe fall and land on his feet.

All country boys are familiar with the water striders or water spiders, as we used to call them when I was a boy, and we wonder how they were able to walk on water. Now that I've grown up and learned a few things, the explanation is really quite simple. Water has a surface film which is capable of supporting any insect whose weight is less than the strength of the film. The water strider's feet contain an oily substance which prevents them from getting wet.

Some insects can live under water and above it. These are good swimmers and can fly like birds.

which make it easy for the creature to dig in the snow during the winter. Did you know that a squirrel's tail does not come into full fluffing until the hunting moon hangs in the sky? Then the hairs grow long and plume like and the tail muscles are fully developed.

The squirrel is as proud as a peacock of his plummy tail and once or twice every day he takes time out to comb it with his paws, being careful not to get it wet or dirty. The moment a bit of moss or mud clings to his tail he will stop short to fluff and double fluff that plummy member to its perfect fullness, lightness, and plummy best, hence the term "the fluffing of the tail."

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