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Circular to S. S. Workers.

To Sunday School Workers in the County of Carleton:—

DEAR FELLOW WORKERS—In thinking over our work of the past year and of the different times and places where we have met in conventions and other work in connection with our Sunday Schools, I have been pleased to notice the advance in our work, also the increased, and still increasing, interest among our Sunday School workers, and while thinking of these things I asked myself this question: What shall be the result of the present year's work? Shall we not put forth still greater effort than ever before, and thus achieve greater victories than ever in the past.

I have noticed, in visiting other schools, that people seem to realize, as never before, the great good that is being wrought in the Sunday School, and, as a result of this, some schools, which formerly were closed during the winter months, were kept open the past winter with good attendance and are now in a prosperous condition, and this comes as the result of a little extra work on the part of some one or two individuals who know by experience the loss sustained by not having evergreen schools.

I wish now to say a few words regarding House to House Visitation and Home Class departments. To begin with, in our own town we have noticed quite an increase in our schools since the House to House work was done in September last. In my own school there has been an increase of about 20 scholars. Another Supt. tells me there is an increase of 20 scholars, another 30 and another 15, and so on, and thus it will be as we put forth a little effort in the right direction, with the blessing of God, it cannot be other than a success, and to this end let us labor and pray.

Now, it may be that some one may not understand exactly what a Home Class is, so I will as briefly as possible give an explanation. It is a plan for securing through associated effort in connection with the Sunday School, a general and systematic study of the Scriptures by those who do not attend the Sunday School. First, we want to get our people studying the Bible, the Word of God, and, second, we want to get them into the Sunday School, for no person, old or young, should be left out. But if the people will not or cannot come to the Sunday School, we want to get them studying at home. The plan is very simple. After you have finished your house to house visitation and have found out just how many do not attend school, and just where they live and all about them in this way, then appoint a Supt. and some one to visit them and supply them with a quarterly and pledge card, a collection envelope, and receive their promise to study the lesson at least half an hour on Sunday, and you have your class started; but it should be followed up with a visit to each family, perhaps once a month, to see how they are getting along and to encourage in any way possible.

By the above simple plan of working, many are brought in touch with the main school that could not or would not be reached in any other way. There is a great deal more to be said on the subject which you will hear later. I just give these few hints as it may be of service to some who perhaps are thinking about the matter.

In our County Convention, which will be held at Florenceville next August, the Home Department will be thoroughly explained by one who has had considerable experience in that line, and we earnestly pray that you all may see the need of immediate action in that line of work, for truly there is great need of it. You will no doubt remember the report given at our last Provincial Convention, showing that in our Province of New Brunswick we have fifty-five thousand men women and children now united in Sunday School work, (which is indeed a great company and could be the means of effecting much good by a little effort on our part) but yet we are sadly in the minority, as there are two hundred and four thousand Protestant people in our Province who do not attend any Sunday School at all. This is indeed a sad picture, and let us, in the name of our Lord and Master, go into the work in future with greater earnestness than ever before and in every way possible strive to win some of this great company for the Master. Let us remember we are not our own—we are bought with a price, and since Christ has purchased us at so great a price, by the giving of himself for our life and mine, let us double our diligence in this grand work for him and remember that *onward* is the watchword—"tis the Saviour's call; shall we obey?"

True this work, as all other, has its discouragements, but if we could only realize that He is near at all times, and underneath us are the Everlasting Arms, and He will bear us up, our discouragements would sink into oblivion, and, yet, it is so, for has He not said, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

Let us take new courage and go forward trusting in Him, and bye and bye we shall rest from our labors and be at peace with Him.

Yours in the work,
A. P. CONNOLLY,
County President.
Woodstock, May 20, 1897.

ST. JOHN LETTER.

Beyond the St. Croix—The News—The Markets, etc.

A man beyond the St. Croix lost his house and all of its contents the other day by fire. His insurance was small, but he at once set out for Bangor to collect it, intending to rebuild in a modest way and make a home for himself and family and, strange to say,

his neighbors set up a sort of jollification immediately after his departure. When he returned he found in one of his barns forty-three bedsteads on which to rest his weary bones, seventeen cooking stoves, 168 tumblers and goblets and other house furnishings in proportion, and lumber enough scattered about his place to build a small village. It is told that the discovery of a gold mine could not have made the neighborhood more jubilant than did that man's misfortune. Incidents of this sort are apt to puzzle the cynic, but fortunately for the cynic they are of very rare occurrence.

A morning paper says: "Europe, led by England, is now engaged in the task of rescuing the Greeks from the consequences of their folly." Had Europe, led by England, lent Greece the same assistance that she lent Turkey in its war on the "infidels," or even if she had kept aloof from the fight altogether, the situation would be different. The Greeks, however, were imprudent. They ought to have known that the sympathies of the governments of Europe were with the murderers of the Armenians. The Moslem to day is a ten times greater menace to civilization and Christianity than he was a year ago.

By order of Minister of Public Works Emmerson, the grounds about the public buildings in Fredericton were last fall dressed with Albert's Thomas Phosphate powder. Their fine appearance this spring attracts the attention of every visitor.

An artesian well is to be bored on Partridge Island, where the water supply has always been insufficient.

Last Wednesday two men, James Cody and Thomas Love, were killed by the premature explosion of a blast at the lime quarries at Green Head. Cody leaves a wife and six children.

A Hebrew peddler named J. Myers was assaulted and robbed at Spruce Lake last Wednesday. The footpad is under arrest. There are now in port uncleared three steamers, four barques and 17 schooners.

There is an active demand for wheat for export and millers are very firm in their prices for flour. There is some prospect of a slight advance. Oatmeal has advanced 15 to 20 cents and is now quoted at \$3.25 per barrel. Beans are firmer; hand picked sells at 85 to 90 cents per bushel. Molasses is unchanged; choicest Porto Rico is quoted at 27 to 28 cents; Barbadoes 24 to 25 cents; other islands 20 to 22 cents per gallon. Sugars remain dull and refiners are soliciting orders, but stocks in the hands of dealers are large and but little business is being done. New cheese is coming in from the upper Provinces in small lots; best qualities are quoted at 11½ cents. New creamery butter from Montreal and other northern points of the best grades command from 16 to 19 cents. Messrs DeForest are landing a cargo of shore ood of particularly fine quality, thick and bright, which sells at \$2.75 for medium and \$3 for large white landing. In face of the large stocks of tea in the hands of dealers throughout the provinces the demand for Union Blend is steadily increasing, which shows that the public appreciate the protection they are receiving by the proprietors of this famous tea selling it only in pound and half pound lead packets.

"The editor from Turinville," is what the *Gazette* calls the genius who runs the *St. Andrews Beacon*.

The suicide of Mr W O King has shocked and grieved a large circle of friends in this city.

The much lauded fake show at the Institute has collapsed, to the dismay of its creditors.

Twelve deaths were reported in the city last week.

Teams driven by boys or left unsecured on the streets make life very precarious here.

The members of the Women's Art Association would have done better had they postponed their exhibition another year. While a few of the pictures shown are creditable, the majority of them are amateurish, poor in drawing and color and altogether unearthy. It is not pleasing to disparage the work of the ladies, but since it is exhibited for a fee, it is in a measure public property, and it is no kindness to the exhibitors to attribute to it qualities that it does not possess. Painting is an art, not a pastime, and it requires as much genius to paint a good picture as to construct a good telescope.

EDWARD EDWARDS.

St John, May 17.

Middle Southampton Items.

May 17th, 1897.

Good growing weather.

The grass and foliage is springing luxuriantly, and nature is robing herself in the different hues of green, and is looking prosperous; the free springing of the grass, especially, is making the farmers feel well and look pleasant.

Log rafting and running has been the order of the day for some time past, but the larger part of the logs are rafted, and away to market.

Cropping has commenced, some grain sown, some grain up.

Arbour day was duly observed; the Teacher and scholars enjoyed an extra lunch in the school room, and some improving of the school grounds was made.

The Agricultural Society and the Farmers' & Dairymen's Association are fairly alive to their interests; they have been having a number of meetings lately, and at a recent meeting it was resolved to have a local exhibition this autumn, and by purchase to share in the pure bred stock to be imported by the government.

Mr Whitehead, Surveyor, and Mr Thompson, ex M P P, were guests at Brown's Hotel yesterday.

Angusta Me. Items.

May 14, 1897.

The group of icehouses in Farmingdale known as Rich's houses owned by the consolidated Ice Co. of New York, and McCausland & Macell, were entirely consumed by fire on Tuesday last. The cause doubtless, was sparks from a locomotive. So quickly did the fire spread that the 50 men employed in and about the buildings barely had time to escape. The buildings, 1200 feet long, running along the railroad track from 100 to 200 feet wide, had a capacity of more than 75 000 tons of ice. Last winter they were filled, and so far only 6000 tons had been shipped. The loss is placed at \$140,000—\$75,000 on the consolidated Ice Company's ice and \$35,000 on the buildings, \$15,000 on McCausland & Macell ice and \$15,000 on their plant. This throws a lot of men out of employments.

No doubt many in Woodstock will feel pleased to know ex Gov Edwin O Burleigh has been nominated by acclamation to represent the third district in Congress made vacant by the death of Hon Seth E Milliken. The ex Governor is one of Augusta's most prominent men. He was born in Aroostook County and is in no ways a poor man. He is one of the largest owners of wild land in the state. That alone is said to net him \$10,000 a year. He is also owner of Mr Blaine's old paper, the *Kennebec Journal*, which is managed by his son Clarence B Burleigh. Since his retirement from office he has devoted himself to the management of his paper, keeping in close touch with the politics of the third District. Mr and Mrs Burleigh have made their home for some time with a married daughter in Augusta. Their six children are Clarence B, Editor of the *Journal*, Carrie F, wife of Dr R J Martin of Augusta, Vallie M, wife of Jos Williamson, Jr of the law firm, Williamson & Burleigh, Augusta, Lewis A, City Clerk of this city, Lucy E, wife of Byron Byrd, Sec of State. He has one daughter not married, who is attending school in Boston Miss Ethelyn Hope Burleigh, who is a beautiful girl and will help to brighten her father's home in Washington.

The people of Gardiner are threatened with the worst freshet known for years. Cobbesseacoontie Lake, some four miles above the city, a sheet of water, covering an area of 11 by 3½ miles, with an outlet of some 75 feet, with a 15 foot dam, the latter being built nearly all of granite, which has become weakened at the bottom of the north end, tearing from its foundation, rock and timber. These already have forced a hole 6 foot wide through which the water pours with such force that heavy planks used with the hope of stopping the outpour were snapped like toothpicks. Should the dam give away, which is feared, it will allow a tremendous body of water to sweep along the 20 miles of stream and ponds to the Kennebec, taking along dams and bridges and all in its path. The dams in the city could not withstand such an immense volume and with the addition of the water in Pleasant point, which is now very high, it would be impossible to imagine the loss, as the many industries along the streams could not help being destroyed.

We are having a cold, wet spring, one fair day with three rainy ones. We cannot help but repeat what the *Kennebec Journal* says, "Turn backward, O Spring, in thy flight and give us a January smile, if nothing warmer is possible."

Newburg Junction Items.

May 19th.

The return of the bicycle is the "Jubilee" song at the Junct.

Our popular station agent R B Owens has returned from a very pleasant visit at Ottawa, where he went on private business.

An estimable young bachelor of Waterville is soon to claim one of our fairest young ladies. The month of roses is the time.

Mr Fraser Robinson left Monday for Fredericton, where he has a situation in Mr Hale's mill.

B L Dickinson's many friends will be pleased to learn of his safe arrival in the city of Winnipeg.

Miss Amelia Owens has returned from St John.

Miss Nettie Tedlie and her baby sister leave in a few days for Boston, where they will take a course in nursing at the Boston Hospital.

Miss Owens and Miss Annie Owens returned from Boston last week.

What might have proved a serious accident occurred Sunday eve. As Mr W L McGee and Miss Robinson were driving, their horse took fright at some bicycles in front of the station and became almost unmanageable, but owing to the thoughtfulness of the wheelmen who at once dismounted, the frightened animal became quiet and there was no serious result.

Mr Meagher, Fredericton, was a guest at the hotel Sunday.

Miss Edith Dow of Benton spent several days of last week here, the guest of Miss Lizzie Owens, Junction House.

Fishing seems to be the order of the evening with the fair sex; they report excellent success; but, girls, where are the fish?

Riley Brook (Tobique) Items.

Mr J McNair has a party of men building a boom at Riley Brook.

Mrs Hade, who has been in Mrs Miller's employ at Nictau for a few weeks has returned to the Harmony where she will stay a few days ere her return to her home in Perth. (Perhaps there is a loadstone.)

The soil is getting quite dry and vegetation growing some, but the nights are very cold for the season.

Mr McNair has a party of men taking the lumber off the piers; there are great jams of lumber on the river in places.

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