

## KEEPING CHILDREN IN AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

The Good Teacher is the One Who Has the Work  
Done at 3.30 o'clock—Pupils Are Not  
Helped By Detention

(The Daily Mail, while it finds "Observer" articles interesting and popular, does not always agree with what is said and is not responsible for the writer's opinions).

In a previous article dealing with home study, I touched upon the matter of detention after school hours. I stated in that article that it was claimed that pupils were detained for home assignments not prepared, or for recitations in class that were not satisfactory. It is furthermore claimed that on many occasions the pupils so detained are given no actual help, or shown where their mistakes are. The detention seems to have punishment as its sole object.

If an interesting observer were to station himself near the entrance of one of our schools at the dismissal hour in the afternoon, he would be struck by a singular fact. In comparison with the large number who entered the building at 1.30 (supposing our observer to have been there at that time also) the number emerging at 3.30 would be remarkably small. But within fifteen or twenty minutes after dismissal stragglers would begin to appear singly or in small groups, and this would continue until about five o'clock before the building was emptied. If our observer were interested enough to enquire from some of these stragglers the cause of their delay he would be given a stereotyped response, "kept in."

Should his curiosity still not be satisfied, and the reasons for the detention asked, the answer would probably be one of three. The home assignment was not properly done; the class recitation was not satisfactory; or there was some infraction of discipline. Subsequent enquiry would elicit the information that during that period of detention the pupils were probably given some exercise to write out, in the nature of an imposition, and that no real help was given. Very infrequently would a lesson ever be taught over again.

Now, the writer is not arguing against detention for infractions of discipline. Since the form of detention followed in our local schools is penal in nature, that is no doubt the right kind for offences against discipline. But it emphatically is not right for failure to do work properly. If any detention at all is necessary for failure to satisfy the teacher's standard of work, then that detention should take the form of helpful instruction. But it is the writer's opinion, passed on for what it is worth, that if the lessons were intelligently assigned and intelligently heard, there would be little or no detention needed. I have been told on good authority that there are local teachers

who do good work, who find hardly any need for detention. If one or two can do it, then all should be able to do it.

There seems to be an attitude upon the part of some teachers that if they don't keep a lot of pupils in after school, some one will think they are not doing good work, or not working hard enough. It is quite easy to see how this idea has grown up. Detention has always been a time-honored custom, although perhaps not equaling our local record in many places. The thing has become so hallowed by custom that very few teachers have the hardihood to run counter to it. The reason why detention has been thought so necessary in the past is precisely the reason that exists today, although the true reason won't be admitted by many teachers. There are in reality two possible reasons. One is that too much work is being covered and assigned in any given unit of time. The other reason is that the work is not being covered and assigned in the best manner by the teacher. Or a combination of both reasons may apply. The average teacher does not seem to look for underlying motives. He or she merely recognizes that the work is not being grasped, hence the only remedy known, detention, and incidentally gain the reputation of being a hard-working teacher.

There is an old bromide that many teachers and inspectors are fond of quoting, "The good teacher's work is never done by half-past three." Using this adage as their excuse, many teachers think, as I have said, that they can't turn in a good day's work without an hour or so of detention at the end. Even if they don't really find it necessary some of them would still do it. The above quotation should be altered to read "The good teacher is the one who can be done by half-past three," then there might be some sense to it.

There would not be nearly so great an outcry against home study if the pupils were dismissed from school in anything like reasonable time to get a little exercise before they have to settle down for the evening with their studies. If the school day seems over-crowded it is not because of home study so much alone. It is because of this detention that fills up the time when the pupil should have time for complete relaxation from school duties.

I am firmly of the opinion that the citizens of this community should make a determined stand against this evil of detention. Consider the health of our boys and girls and the better conditions under which they could apply themselves if they were not kept in the classroom until five o'clock or so. If some teachers think they are not earning their salary unless they stay there until that time, why by all means let them stay; but see to it that they dismiss the scholars.

—OBSERVER.

### PROMINENT CONTRACTOR DIES

H. O. Staples, 64, passed away yesterday afternoon at the home of his son, Fred M. Staples, North Devon, after a lingering illness. Born in Nashwaaksis, the late Mr. Staples has resided in Devon for the past 20 years. He was engaged for a great number of years as a contractor and bridge builder and was a well known figure throughout the province. Surviving are his wife and one son, Fred M., and one daughter, Mrs. C. J. MacDonald of Devon. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon with service conducted by Rev. C. LeRoi Mooers. Interment will be made in the Church of England Cemetery, Nashwaaksis.

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## SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

### Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. William Corbett announce the engagement of their daughter, Marion Harvey, to James Ernest Anderson, eldest son of Hon. W. Stafford Anderson and Mrs. Anderson; the marriage to take place at an early date.

Mrs. Charles McCoy entertained charmingly at her home in North Devon recently, in honor of her nieces Mrs. George Soucier of Presque Isle, Maine, and Miss Peggy Wilson of Rochester, N. H., and other out-of-town visitors. The house was bright with sweet peas and other garden flowers. Cards were enjoyed, after which the hostess served delicious refreshments, assisted by some of the guests.

Jack McK. Limerick of Campbellton son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. Limerick, is expected to arrive in the city today to attend the Exhibition.

J. C. Whitehead, who has been spending the past week in Fredericton, returned to his home in Woodstock today.

W. A. Walsh of the Hydro Department of the Ontario Provincial Government Service, who was a week-end visitor at his former home at the Capital, left yesterday for Saint John where he joined Mrs. Walsh who was visiting relatives. Mr. Walsh was accompanied to Saint John by his sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Bob Woods.

Mrs. Bennett Dykeman of Jemseg, is the guest this week of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Camp.

Mrs. Richardson, wife of His Grace Archbishop J. A. Richardson, is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. Claridge and Professor E. B. Claridge at Matane, Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. B. Maxwell are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son.

Miss Doris Saunders has taken up her duties as assistant to Principal E. V. Wilson, in the High School at Shediac.

Mrs. Bruce Simmons and family have returned from Savoy Beach where they spent the summer at their cottage.

Miss Dorothy McNeil and Colter King, who were guests of Mr. King's mother, Mrs. Eleanor King, left for their home in Boston Saturday. During their visit to the city they were entertained at several social functions.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Steeves, of Salisbury, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman, have returned home.

Miss Jean Cooper, Fredericton, has returned home after a pleasant vacation with the Misses Margaret and Lily Lynds, Hopewell Cape.

Miss Hunter entertained at a two table bridge on Saturday night for Miss Laurensine Baily of Halifax.

### INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926-100, declined from 75.6 for the week ending August 28 to 75.5 for the week of September 4. Copper continued to rise and Non-Ferrous Metals touched a new high for the year, but this was of less consequence than a decline in weekly averages for grains and milled products.

### CADET PRIZE PRESENTED

Brig-General F. W. Hill this morning at Charlotte Street school presented a Strathcona prize to the Charlotte Street school Grade Eight Junior cadet team, the prize being \$10 and second place in the Strathcona Trust competition conducted last spring. Members of the team are as follows: Fred Murray, Ronald Miller, Burton Sewell and Jack Veness.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watling, of Sackville, are visiting Mrs. Watling's parents, Major and Mrs. Rowe.

Ronald McDonald, son of E. R. McDonald, M.P.P. for Westmorland, and Mrs. McDonald has left for Charlottetown, where he will take up studies at St. Dunstan's College.

Basil Dunphy of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Saint John, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

### Tomlinson—Porter

One of the prettiest fall home weddings took place on Saturday at the home of the Misses Charlotte and Mary Young on Charlotte Street, when their niece Ellen Pauline daughter of William Porter and the late Mrs. Porter of Woodstock, was united in marriage to Milton P., son of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Tomlinson of Tay Creek. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Bartlett, pastor of Wilmot United Church. The bride was unattended and entered the drawing-room on the arm of her father. Her cousin Miss Faye Flewelling played the Wedding Marches. The bride wore a beautiful white crepe robe, made on long princess lines, with long veil fastened with Juliet cap. Her bouquet was pink sweetheart roses. The ceremony was performed beneath a white and green floral arch, the drawing-room being profusely decorated with roses, mums, asters and pastel garden flowers. The color scheme in the dining-room was pink and white. Following the ceremony a buffet supper was served, the hostesses being assisted by the girl friends of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson later left on an extended motor trip and on their return will reside at Tay Creek, where the bridegroom is a prosperous young farmer.

The out-of-towns guests included Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Porter, Woodstock; from Taymouth were Mrs. Angus McBean, Mrs. Catherine Young, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Young and Miss May Young; from Tay Creek were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Tomlinson, J. R. Tomlinson, and from Douglas Miss Bessie Parent and Miss Anna Grant.

The bride who has been in charge of the school at Tay Creek for the past few years, is a popular member of one of the Young People's Clubs in the city.

In honor of his approaching marriage Vernon Bastin was presented with a beautiful book-case this morning by the staff of the Department of Lands and Mines, the presentation being made by Chief Forester G. L. Miller. Mr. Bastin replied in suitable words. He left today for Saint John where on Wednesday at three o'clock in the Main Street Baptist Church he will be united in marriage to Miss Rachel Matilda McVey.

### Impressive Funeral at Marysville Sunday

A large and impressive funeral was held in Marysville on Sunday afternoon when the late Mrs. Charlotte Morrell MacPherson was quietly laid to rest. Rev. M. D. Oliver had charge of the service and interment was made in the Rural cemetery. Many old friends of the deceased paid tribute with flowers and notes of sympathy.

The pall bearers were William Cameron, Harry Stevenson, David Saunders, Richard Hodges, Edward Boyce and Jack McInnis. The mourners were J. Frank Hawkins, Harry MacPherson, A. J. MacPherson, Wm. MacPherson, Louis MacPherson, Robert MacPherson, Amos MacPherson, Earl MacPherson, John Duncan, Oswald Williams, Clyde MacPherson, Douglas MacPherson, Darrel MacPherson, Gerald MacPherson, Wm. Marshall, Louis MacPherson Jr., Quentin MacPherson, Lee MacPherson, George MacPherson, Albert MacPherson, Ritchie MacPherson, Roy Livingstone Joseph Donovan, Wm. Clark, Fred Segee, George Segee, J. H. Fleming, Emmerson Hawkins, Milford Hawkins, Hilton Hawkins, Hartley Hawkins, Wm. Hawkins, Ed. Clarke Chas. Tweeddale, Don Tweeddale, Henry Simmons, Ed Simmons, Harry White, Fred Foster, Fred Planagan, Harry Elder, Wm. Cameron, Percy Stafford, H. A. Galey, H. C. Titus, Clarence Wade, Arnold Manzer.

### RETURNS FROM TRIP

L. H. Parks, fisheries inspector here, has returned from an inspection trip to the Miramichi area.

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When the silver of the sunrise meets the blue upon the shore,  
And the cool slopes in the shadows are protected from the light;  
When the waves that strike the ledges echo strongly more and more  
And the soaring of the seagulls is a pleasure to the sight;  
When the sun goes down in color, a bright fire in the sea,  
And the lapping of the wavelets forms a music that is gay,  
It is then I stop to ponder, it is then I wish to be  
A more cheerful ray of gladness as I pass along life's way.

—Gordon Steadman Smith.

## SAYS SCIENCE KNOWS NO MORAL OBLIGATIONS

BLACKPOOL, England, Sept. 14 — Science, lending aid to man both in war and peace, "recognizes no moral obligations," the British Association for the Advancement of Science was told today.

Judging of the uses to which science may be put, Prof. William Cramp, President of the Engineering Division of the association, asserted, is up to man—and the engineer is no better and no worse than his brethren.

Surveying the engineer's relation to the nation, Dr. Cramp asserted: "The engineer is called upon to answer certain charges laid against him by the preacher and the press. The first is that he is equally willing to lend himself to works of utility and to works of death and destruction."

"Remember, however, his dual role. Pure science has nothing to do with ethics; she recognizes no moral obligations whatsoever."

"The same explosive that releases coal underground can also kill men in battle. The telephone is useful alike in the home and in the front-line trenches. The same bacteria may be beneficial in one case, harmful in another. The same principles that bring the stars within our ken also control the range-finder."

"There is no scientific apparatus that cannot be misapplied; and to every advantage there is a corresponding drawback."

### U. S. Sportsman Breaks Record at Hart's Pool

Gorham Hubbard, prominent Maryland sportsman who has a summer home on Campobello Island, broke the record for the season at Hart's Island pool over the weekend when he landed a 24-pound salmon. He arrived here on Friday by auto with Richard O'Neill of Boston, and they returned home yesterday after enjoying a most successful fishing trip. The party made their headquarters at Donald Ferguson's fishing lodge, located at the head of Hart's Island. In fishing on Saturday morning at a nearby pool, Chokee, Mr. Hubbard hooked his big salmon. He battled the fish stubbornly for over an hour. On Friday he landed two grilse. On Saturday he had a 15-pounder, an 8-pounder and three grilse. Mr. O'Neill who never fished salmon before, landed a 12-pound salmon and 2 grilse. Mr. Hubbard's fish is a record for both resident and non-resident sportsmen for the present season. His fish was the largest taken in this pool in a period of five years. Lionel Hitchman, former Boston Bruin hockey star caught a 27-pounder at that time. Four years ago George Freeman of Worcester, Mass., landed a 24-pounder. Mr. Hubbard will be a candidate for the trophy for the largest salmon caught by a non-resident, employing a registered guide.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Taylor, of Ithaca New York, were among the weekend guests in the city.

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### STANLEY.

Bus leaves Williamsburg 8 a.m. daily via Cross Creek, Stanley and Covered Bridge, arriving in Fredericton 9.30. Returning leaves Fredericton 10 p.m. daily except Saturday when it leaves at 11 p.m. On Wednesday and Saturday, in addition to the above mentioned trips, the bus leaves Fredericton at 4 p.m. and returning leaves Cross Creek at 5.45 p.m.

### HARTLAND.

Bus leaves 7 a.m. via east side of St. John River for Fredericton arriving 10.15 a.m. Returning leaves Fredericton 10 p.m. daily except Saturday, September 19th, when it leaves at 11 p.m.

### BURTT'S CORNER.

Bus leaves Burtt's Corner 9.30 a.m., 6.45 p.m. Bus leaves Fredericton 8.30 a.m., 4 p.m., 10.30 p.m. (Daily except Saturday when it leaves at 11 p.m.)

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