

## WATCH FOR HIM.

Mr. J. W. Spurden,  
the Recipient

OF AN ADDRESS AND  
HANDSOME PRESENT.

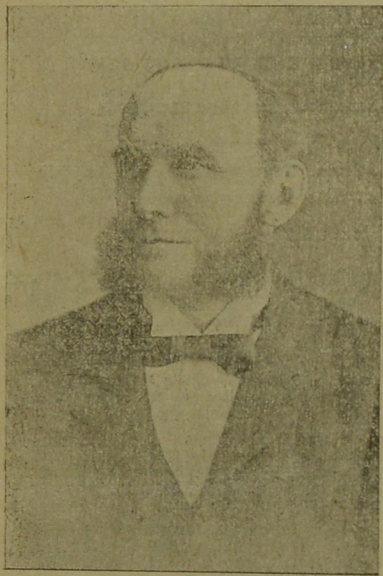
From the Members of the  
Baptist Sunday School.

A ROUND OF PLEASANT CONGRATULATORY SPEECHES.

It is not often a Sunday school which studies the book that says, "Be no striker," goes on strike.

The Baptist Sunday school of this city however, was Sunday afternoon an exception to this rule, for as the superintendent, Mr. J. W. Spurden, was about to lead the closing exercises, the Sunday school took charge of him and led him into the auditorium, where all departments of the school accompanied by the members of the church choir quickly assembled.

Then for the space of thirty minutes he was pelted with addresses. Among other



things fired at him was a beautiful gold watch which hit him somewhere between the region of the heart and the vest pocket.

Mr. Spurden who has been head of the Sunday school for a quarter of a century, and who had led the choir for ten years was on vacation during the third and fourth Sunday's of November. It was then that his friends had laid the plans to take him by surprise which Sunday were so successfully carried out. The assistant superintendent Ald. W. G. Clark, took charge of the exercises, and called upon Dr. Creed to read an address which is given below.

Mr. Spurden, needless to say, was deeply moved by the pleasant surprise and made a feeling reply in which he gave a brief review of the progress of the school from his childhood days to the present.

Congratulatory addresses were made by the pastor, Rev. J. H. MacDonald, Mr. Amos O'Brien, Supt. of the Free Baptist school, Mr. S. H. McFarlane, of the Presbyterian school, and Mr. W. J. Osborne of the Methodist school. Rev. A. Lucas, Sec'y of the N. B. S. S. Association, was also present and gave an excellent address. When the feeling became prevalent that Mr. Spurden was good for another twenty-five years, the strike was ended.

Mr. Spurden has the honor of presiding over the largest Sunday school in the city, and while few superintendents have so long a period of service to their credit, there are fewer still who are so beloved as he. The watch was a Waltham make, Riverside movement, in 28 pennyweight case, and bears the monogram of the superintendent and inside the inscription:

"Presented to  
Mr. J. W. Spurden,  
25 years S. S. Superintendent,  
10 years choir master,  
Fredericton Baptist church,  
Dec., 1903."

Following is the address:—

J. W. Spurden, Sup't. Fredericton Baptist Sunday School.

Dear Brother:—The Sunday school, having learned during your recent absence that you have been 25 years superintendent, desires to reverse the usual order of closing exercises this afternoon and place itself in charge, calling upon you to

submit to our directions as we have so long submitted to yours. And lest there should be any attempted insubordination on your part we have called to our assistance the choir before whose faces you have for 10 years wielded your baton. To be more literal, we take this opportunity to express in a public way our appreciation of the faithful and efficient services you have rendered us as superintendent of our Sunday school and leader of our choir.

To have brought the Sunday school to its present height of efficiency and to have directed its affairs with unvarying harmony for so long a period requires a combination of character and talents rarely possessed by one man. It is the universal testimony of its pastors with whom you have been associated, the teachers and officers whom you have directed, and the scholars young and old who have come under your charge, that few indeed are the schools so highly favored in its chief officer as ours.

The ten years service you have rendered as choirster has also been much appreciated by the choir and congregation alike. Your resignation for that post was accepted only because it was apparent to us all that the burden of church work you are carrying was altogether too heavy for you. The devotion you have displayed, the patience exercised, and the rare tact manifested in those two positions, have called from us, we assure you, not only our appreciation but our affection.

The men's class of the Sunday School has taken the initiative in connection with this 25th anniversary by doing itself the honor of taking the name of the Spurden Class for men of the Fredericton Baptist Sunday School, and now we beg you to accept this watch which comes to you with the tenderest regard of the Sunday school and choir, accompanied by the hope that the kind Father may grant to you and your worthy helpmate, Mrs. Spurden, many years of full service, which is to wish you both the highest future joy.

(Sgd) J. H. MacDonald, pastor.  
W. G. Clark, for S. S.  
F. L. Cooper, for choir.

Hanwell.

[Special Correspondence to the Herald]  
Dec. 7.—The weather for the past week has furnished us with excellent sleighing.

Mrs. John Powers and Miss Foye took a merry drive to the city of Fredericton on Saturday last with John Foye's trotter.

Mr. Philip Renehan gave the ladies of this place a very pleasant drive to Meserall Settlement on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Wm. Cunningham, while out driving Wednesday evening, was chased by several savage animals, but owing to the speed of his horse arrived home in safety.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Burke, but hope they will soon recover.

We were all sorry to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Bridget Malone, an aged lady, who passed away on Nov. 24th after a short illness. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved daughters, Mrs. J. Faye and Mrs. J. N. Burke.

Mrs. Robert Taylor, of Lawrence Station, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Boveland.

Mrs. John Powers, of 'Cody Station, is still visiting friends in Hanwell.

Miss Nellie Foye intends spending her Xmas holidays visiting friends at Hillside Cottage.

Miss Minnie Powers intends spending the winter in Boston, to recruit her health.

J. Foye, drove a number of young people to the residence of Wm. Boveland on Thursday evening, where a very pleasant time was enjoyed.

Mr. H. V. B. Bridges visited the school in this place on Wednesday last, and expressed himself much pleased with recent improvements made on the school house.

Lost somewhere between Mrs. Foye's residence and the school house, a lady's silver watch with gold trimmings. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at Hanwell school house, post office or Mrs. James Currie.

### THEIR PAY INCREASED.

I. C. R. Drivers and Firemen Well Treated.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 7.—The deputation of I. C. R. drivers and firemen who have been here during the past week in conference with the I. C. R. management in reference to an increase of pay, concluded their work late Saturday night.

The committee men say the outcome was entirely satisfactory. The increase granted will amount to about fifty cents a day for the older drivers, and slightly less for the younger men, and nearly the same ratio applies to firemen.

The increase is dated from July 1 last, and the back pay will make a nice Christmas box for the men, as it will average about \$75 in the case of drivers. Quite a few engineers will receive more than \$100 back wages.

## SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Trouble Over a Westmorland Dog Fight.

BOY DISCHARGED SHOT  
GUN INTO A CROWD.

Fatally Wounding A Woman  
and Injuring a Boy.

(Special to the Daily Herald).

Moncton, Dec. 7.—It is reported that a serious accident occurred Sunday evening at Meadow Brook, this county.

Two dogs owned by a family named Green, started to fight and several neighbors attempted to separate them.

A boy aged about fourteen, who owned the dogs, ran out with a shot gun, which he discharged into the crowd.

One woman named Cushing was shot in the neck, probably fatally, and a boy, a son of Jas. Green, was shot in the stomach and seriously wounded.

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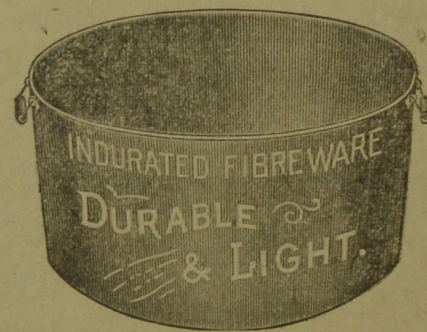
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