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The September Meeting

Monday, September 14, 1970 -- The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Plattsburgh Public Library at 8:00 P.M.

The subject of the evening will be "New Historical Discoveries in the Champlain Valley." The speaker will be Dr. H. N. Muller, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Vermont, at Burlington.

The public, as always, is cordially invited to attend all meetings of the Association.

THE ANNUAL BANQUET

Our Third Annual Association Banquet will be held at the Royal Savage Inn on Monday, October 5th.

The program will include a "Slide Presentation of Americana Extravaganza" by Mrs. Katherine Leddick, of White River Junction, Vermont.

The cost will be \$4.75 a person (all inclusive), and reservations should be made not later than October 1st with Mr. Evalon A. Merritt, our Vice President and Program Committee Chairman. His address is Point View Terrace, Plattsburgh, N. Y. 12901, and his phone is 563-5215. Remittance must accompany all reservations.

1816—THE YEAR WITHOUT A SUMMER

The year 1816 is noted for its cold summer. The following entries on the weather are from the Journal of Judge Pliny Moore of Champlain.

- May 14—Good day. Froze ice.
15—Good Day. Frost.
16—Froze ice. Good day. Frost & snow.
23—Fine day. Frost last night.
29—Cold day. Ground froze last night.
30—Cold day & windy. Frost last night.
- June 6—Rain & snow. Ice at night $\frac{1}{4}$ in.
7—Cold high wind. Ground froze.
8—Snow, high N wind & cold.
9—Clear, cold & windy; severe frost. Ice as thick as glass.
10—Clear, cold & windy; Severe frost & ice.
29—Frost this morning.
30—Frost this morning. Good day.
- July 7—Pleasant but cold & frost in some places.
- Aug. 20—Some rain. Frost.
24—Some rain. Frost.
- Sept. 1—Frost last night. Cool good day.
9—Good day but cool. White frost.
11—Good day. Severe frost.
21—Good day. Froze Ice $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.
27—Good day. Severe frost & Ice.

CHAMPLAIN ACADEMY—1843

Through the kindness of Mr. D. W. MacCallum, of Noyan, Quebec, we have received a copy of the "Catalogue of the Corporation, Instructors and Students of Champlain Academy, July 1843." Printed at Plattsburgh by Joseph W. Tuttle.

The Board of Trustees were: Rev. A. D. Brinckerhoff, A.M., President; Silas Hubbell, A.M.; Noadiah Moore, A.M.; Nathan Webb, Esq; Jabez Pitch, M.D.; James M. Burroughs, Esq.; Hon. Julius C Hubbell, A.M.; Robert Stetson, Esq.; Lovel Dunning, Esq.; Joel Savage, Esq.; Daniel D. T. Moore, Esq.; and Ezekiel Erisbin, Esq.

The Instructors were: Azariah Hyde, A.M., Principal; Miss Frances E. Lynde, and Miss Mary L. Root, Female Department; Miss M. W. Hyde, Primary Department; Miss Mary T. Severance, Instrumental Music; and Simeon M. Bassett, Vocal Music.

Course of Study. This institution is designed to commence and pursue, so far as the wants of the community may require, a complete and thorough course of English and Classical education. The Primary Department, therefore, commences with Reading, Orthography and Penmanship; an introduction to Geography and History, with the elements of mental and written Arithmetic.

In the higher English and Classical Departments the course of instruction is designed to occupy three years; students, however, can join classes in any subjects which they may wish to pursue, and, if able, may complete the course in less than the ordinary time allotted to it.

In English the studies are not definitely arranged, but will be nearly as follows:

First Year—Geography, with Map-drawing and use of Globes, History of the United States, Grammar, Improvement of the Mind (Watts), Arithmetic (Adams, with a new system by cancelling), Natural Philosophy, Algebra.

Second Year—Algebra, Chemistry, Book Keeping, Astronomy, Geography of the Heavens, Botany, Surveying, Geology, Intellectual Philosophy.

Third Year—Geometry, Mineralogy, Rhetoric, Logic, Natural Theology, Moral Science, Evidences of Christianity.

Classical Course. First Year—Andrew's First Lessons, Grammar, Reader and Exercises, Caesar, Latin Prosody.

Second Year—Virgil, Greek Grammar, Cicero, Greek Reader, Greek Exercises.

Third Year—Greek Prosody, Greek Reader, Gospels, Sallust, Latin Composition, Homer's Iliad or Xenophon's Anabasis. (Grecian and Roman Antiquities and Ancient Geography through the course.

A complete and systematic course of French instruction is given.

During the winter term, a class in Italian may be formed, if desired.

Weekly exercises in Elocution and Composition, in the Chapel on Wednesday afternoon; also, on Monday morning, a Biblical exercise, or the examination of some subject designed for moral and religious improvement.

The Academy is furnished with a valuable Library and Apparatus (including Astronomical Telescope) by the help of which the Principal is enabled to give full courses of experimental Lectures upon the sciences.

Terms, Admission, &c.

The year will be divided into three Terms; the first of 14 weeks, commencing on the fourth Thursday of August; The second and third, each of 14 weeks, commencing the second Thursday of December and April.

Students of good moral character are admitted at all times.

Expenses

Tuition per quarter of eleven weeks, from \$2.50 to \$5.00, according to the departments and studies pursued.

Instrumental Music (including use of instrument) extra, \$11.00

Drawing and Painting, each \$3.00

Board can be obtained in the most respectable families, at \$1.50 per week, including room, washing, wood and lights; or students can be furnished with rooms, and board themselves at much less expense.

The catalogue lists, by name, the 167 enrolled students—91 Gentlemen and 76 Ladies. While a substantial percentage are from Champlain, students are listed from LaColle, Sherrington, Douglassville, Odelltown, Napierville, L'Acadie, St. Phillips, St. Luke, St. Johns, Prost Village and Montreal, Canada; from Richmond, Randolph, Alburgh, Charlotte, Grand Isle and Isle la Motte, Vermont; and from Rouses Point, Keeseville, Redford, Peru, Mooers, Chazy, Syracuse, Schroom, Troy and Hinchinbrook, New York.

FROM OUR READERS

We were pleased to receive the following letter from Mr. Peter Gload, in Keeseville, and here print it in full:

April 19, 1970

I thoroughly enjoy the "North Country Notes" leaflet. It contains many bygone anecdotes of keen interest to anyone who appreciates North Country history. Keep up the good work.

Your "riddle of the month" serves as a vehicle to rekindle a desire to do research. While browsing through my collection of North Country history books I finally found a reference to Lieutenant Colonel James Murray's raid on Plattsburgh.

After Lieutenant Smith's ill-fated chase into the Richelieu, surrendering his two ships the **Growler** and **Eagle**, Commander Daniel Pring of the Royal Navy conveyed Lieut. Colonel James Murray and 1400 troops in 47 Bateaux to Plattsburgh. "Major General Wade Hampton, grandson of the Confederate leader of the same name, arrived at Burlington, July 30, 1813, to assume command of the Army." The above quote was taken from the book **Lake Champlain and Lake George**, written by Frederic F. Van De Water. General Hampton made no attempt to reinforce the meager forces stationed at Plattsburgh. A Captain Sherry was in charge of defending the town. According to Van De Water's book, Captain Sherry is reported to have uttered the following "advice" to his troops, "Fight or run, as the occasion may require!" His troops forthwith took the latter advice and ran all the way to Salmon River. Murray proceeded to wreak havoc upon Plattsburgh, which amounted to approximately \$208,000 to its citizens. Luckily Macdonough vindicated this defeat.

Yours truly,

Peter C. Gload

REVIEW

A DOCTOR AT ALL HOURS, The Private Journal of a Small-Town Doctor's Varied Life, 1886-1909, by David S. Kellogg, M.D. Edited by Allan S. Everest. Published by the Stephen Greene press, Brattleboro, Vt. 1970. 232 pages, \$6.95.

This long-awaited book fulfills completely the promise which Dr. Everest's other publications of Dr. Kellogg's writings (Recollections of Clinton County and the Battle of Plattsburgh) led us to expect. No matter what the reader's interest may be, here he will find something just for him.

Humor? "In examining pensioners today, the usual question, "What is your disability?" was asked one. The reply came promptly, "I'm a Democrat."

Politics? "Election Day. I suppose that never before was so much money used here to buy votes with. Votes sold for from five to twenty dollars. As the Democrats had the most money their entire county ticket was elected."

Architecture? "A monstrous hotel is just begun at Bluff Point."

If it happened in Clinton County during these twenty-odd years, Dr. Kellogg noted it, with the light or serious comments which makes this book a joy to read—and re-read. And the numerous illustrations add much to make this book a "must" for everyone who ever lived in Plattsburgh or Clinton County.

Dr. Everest's extensive notes are most helpful in bringing the references up-to-date.

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Answer to June riddle: Perrys Mills is the present name of the community in the Town of Champlain once known as Schieffelin's Mills. Mr. Richard Patterson of Verdun, Quebec, was the first to give the correct answer; he also verified that the initials I.O.F. mentioned in the Editorial referred to The Independent Order of Foresters.

New Riddle: Where was the post office named "Hoyleton" located in Clinton County?

(Note: Answer is "Rouses Point". With the coming of the Railroad there were for a short time two post offices at Rouses Point, named "Rouses Point Village" and "Hoyleton".)

BOWDISH CEMETERY—SCHUYLER FALLS

This completely neglected cemetery is on an east-west road running from Beckwith Street to Shingle Street, in the Town of Schuyler Falls. Beer's 1869 Atlas locates it on the south side of the road, just west of School No. 9.

When copied in 1940, twenty-one stones were found, widely scattered, many fallen and some deeply buried in sand. There are indications that it once had been much larger, as many disinterments seem to have been made. The oldest stones are dated 1845 and the latest 1882. The burials include:

Robert Bowdish, died 1862, aged 90, and his wife Hannah. John C. Bowdish, died 1848, aged 27; his first wife Matilda T. and daughter Sarah; and his second wife Ann.

Goodell—the two wives of Elijah: Elizabeth, who died in 1848, aged 90; and Lydia Wilson Goodell, died 1877, aged 87. Charles Goodell, died 1882, aged 77 years, and three daughters, Florence, Martha and Lois. Charles' wife Lois is not apparently buried here. A son (Elwin) of E. M. and E. A. Goodell died 1869, aged 3 months.

Barlow—William, died 1846, aged 68, and John B., son of H. W. and Betsey L., died 1850, one year old.

Vail McCreedy died in 1876, aged 80 years.

William Vogan, died 1851, aged 57, and Mary Ann Vogan (his wife?) died 1860, aged 47.

Also three White infants: Amos J. P., son, and Emma A., daughter, of Dyer A. and Ellen White; and Mary E., daughter of S. P. and S. B. White.

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