

CHANCE SCHOOL REUNION

The Chance School held its annual reunion August 27, 1927 and the school grounds. A beautiful day added zest to the occasion and friends and school-mates came from far and near to spend a few happy hours together.

The usual greetings and renewing of acquaintances quickly passed away the time until dinner was in readiness. About two hundred partook of the bountiful dinner and at least fifty more listened to the following program.

The meeting was called to order by the President, F. E. Hay and at once turned over to the Program Committee.

Music with encore by Neil McLaughlin, Milton and Miss Shirley Wheaton.

Music with encore by the Newman Junior Orchestra of Marshall, which consisted of two pairs of twins from the same family. They are grandchildren of Mrs. Anna Mahar Devereaux.

Recitation by little Grace Cook.

Illustrated song by Rose and June Offley.

Recitations by Mrs. Micheal Mahar.

Song with encore by Heler

Bernice Cotton.

A list of names of pupils who attended school here previous to 1873, were read by Mr. John Mahar of Detroit, said list being made by his late brother, Micheal. Twenty-two were found to be present of that list.

Reading by Mrs. Jas. Cousins.

Duet with encore by Mrs. Geo. Firster and Mr. Wm. Schantz.

Reading with encore by Mrs. Zoe Hawkins.

Music by Neil McLaughlin, Milton and Shirley Wheaton.

Report of former meeting was

vet; Mrs. C. E. Wells of Charlton was the oldest teacher present, having taught there in 1877. Other guests from a distance were Mrs. D. F. Parker, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ellis, Kalama; Officers elected for the next reunion to be held at the schoolhouse the fourth Tuesday in August 1928 are: Pres. Mrs. Mabel Johnson; Vice-Pres. Eli Strait; Sec'y Mrs. Ida Miles; Treas. Worth Tyler.

WELLS SCHOOL REUNION

The Fifth Annual Reunion of the Wells School was held Tuesday, August 23, 1927.

On account of the rainy day it was held in the school house instead of Faust's woods. Sixty friends, former pupils and teachers gathered there and spent the day visiting, enjoying a fine dinner and listening to the interesting program prepared by Mrs. Emily Wilson, as follows: Song "America". "Greetings from former pupils and teachers", read by the Sec'y. Song, Work for the night is coming. Recitation, Anna Johnson; Reading, "When ma wants something new". Eliza Gehman; Song by Christine Powers; Talk "College Life" Worth Tyler; Duet and Encore Margaret and Virginia Powers; Talk "My trip to Ireland" Winifred Wells; Song, Margaret and Virginia Powers; Talk "Human Wells" by Rev. Earl Scott; Reminiscences of old school days. By former pupils. The sports were dispensed with on account of the rain. Among the old pupils who attended from a distance were Mrs. Alice Parker, Chicago; Mrs. Alice Quance Ober, Saginaw; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Willis, Mrs. Ella Bottomley, C. E. Wells and daughter Winifred, Charlotte; Mrs. Violet Hickok, Olin.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN RAWSON

Benjamin Franklin Rawson, son of Zera and Martha Rawson, was born in Pittsfield, Lorain County, Ohio. July 30th, 1842, and departed from this life April 12th, 1929, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Allen, 1133 High Street, Lansing, Michigan, at the age of 86 years 8 months and 12 days.

December 29th, 1866 he was united in marriage to Elden L. Freemire, who passed to the Great Beyond January 10th, 1919. To this union nine children were born, six of whom survive:

Charlie B. Rawson, La Grange, Ohio; Cassie M. Wells, Woodbury Michigan; Frankie E. Rawson, Vermontville, Michigan; Hattie B. Allen, Lansing, Michigan; Harrison Rawson, Jackson, Michigan; Daisy Hiar, Middleville, Michigan.

Two passed away in infancy, and Johnny at the age of 2 years 2 months and 21 days.

Mr. Rawson was an Eaton County Pioneer, coming to Michigan in 1865 where he cleared the forest of the Virgin Timber and made a home, on what is known as Rawsons Corners, 4 miles North of Vermontville.

He was affiliated with Vermontville Lodge No. 232, Free and Accepted Masons at the time of his death.

He was a firm Believer in the Hereafter and an ardent Reader of the Book of God.

Besides his immediate family he leaves to mourn their loss two Brothers, Edmund W. and Fred E. both of Vermontville, Michigan, and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Avery, Wellington, Ohio, and Mrs. Laura Newton, of California. Fourteen Grand Children, and ten Great Grand Children, and a host of Friends.

His memory will be cherished by all who knew Him — for to Know Him was to Love Him.

James N. Thompson, was born in Ohio, August 11, 1858 and passed from this life at his home in Vermontville township, Eaton County Michigan, April 9, 1929. When four years of age he came, with his parents to Eaton County, where they have since lived.

Mr. Thompson was a quiet, unassuming man of sterling character, always ready to give of his time and financial assistance to those in need, and a true example of American citizenship. His keenest interest has always been for the comfort and benefit of his loved ones, never too weary to do all in his power to add to their comfort and happiness.

February 15, 1890, he was united in marriage to Miss Ada Sinclair, of Sunfield, and to this union were born three children, Mrs. Pearl Talbot and Albert N. Thompson, of Vermontville, and Mrs. Hazel Bauer, who was called home, December 7, 1928.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his loving, faithful wife, the two children mentioned, three grand children, Marjorie Talbot, Dorothy Lentz, and Madeline Thompson; three sisters, Mrs. Edmund Averill and Mrs. George Knowles of Vermontville, and Mrs. Clara Shadderdon, of Battle Creek, together with a large circle of other relatives and friends who will always cherish his memory.

The funeral services were held at the home in Vermontville township, Friday afternoon at two o'clock, April 12th, 1929, Rev. S. N. Oliver, of the Congregational church of Charlotte officiating. Interment was made at Woodlawn Cemetery, Vermontville.