



"Some trifling incident," said the Rev. Mr. Knowles, smiling good-naturedly. "I have no doubt that it can be repaired as easily as the loss of the certificate."

"Sir," said Drane, breaking loose from the restraining hand, "I assure you that it is your duty to—"

"And I assure you, sir," said the old clergyman, with dignity, "that it is your duty, as it is your privilege, and should be your delight, to be ever kind, forbearing and gentle with the woman who has given you the honest affection of her heart, and whose hand I joined with yours in this very room. Look at her now."

Nellie had fallen upon a sofa and was sobbing with industrious vigor. "You have brought tears to her eyes," Nellie pretended to wipe out her handkerchief. "She might faint with the disappointment as to your very feet?"

Nellie began to faint with a rigid determination which alarmed Drane, and called forth more remonstrances from the kind-hearted old man. "Perhaps they made her comfortable again. Perhaps she fell asleep here till there was a small explosion in the study. When she was quiet Drane saw his opportunity, and, in a voice as calm as he could make it, he said:

"My dear sir, you are wholly mistaken in this matter. I am not the man who married this young woman, and I have never had the pleasure of seeing either her or yourself before today."

"Do you mean to say that she doesn't know her own husband?" asked the reverend gentleman, with great surprise. "This is preposterous."

"She knows perfectly well that I am not her husband," said Drane. "You suppose purpose of her own she has lured me here, and has claimed me before you, and you have pretended to recognize me. But for the honesty that read in your face, sir, I should be tempted to say that this was all a great conspiracy to entrap me."

"Young man," said Rev. Mr. Knowles, with deep severity, "I never forget a face. I know you by your necktie!"

It was the one article of conspicuous apparel which he had retained since the first exchange with the tramp in the Turkish bath. He cursed it in his soul.

"But look at me more closely; look into my face!" he exclaimed.

Rev. Mr. Knowles pulled a pair of spectacles down from his forehead and approached Drane with a grim determination to make sure of him written all over his usually benign countenance. Drane lifted up his head and looked straight at the glittering gold rims of the glasses. He felt certain that he should not fall of an acquittal if once he was properly inspected.

But Rev. Mr. Knowles made an error which is alarmingly common in cases where personal identity is at issue. He fixed his gaze rigidly on the one thing which had previously misled him—the necktie—and to all intents and purposes his scrutiny went no further. And oh, how he did identify that necktie!

"How he reached in and pulled its secret out! How dead certain, how immovably, unutterably positive he was, when he raised his eyes from it and pushed up his glasses again, that that was the veritable necktie with which he had forever united the fate of Miss Nellie Blake. Then he glanced at Drane's face with his unassisted eyes; saw simply a physiognomy with the customary number of features on it, and was convinced.

"I was not mistaken," said he, "and I am at a loss to understand your conduct."

It takes a really good man to be fixed in error; but doubt is the eternal portion of the unregenerate. The Rev. Mr. Knowles was more certain that he had married Drane, than Drane was that he had.

You Do!" answered by Messrs. Hoag, Long, Reynolds and Hayes and Misses Cochran, Mulkey and others.

The next on the program was "Methods in Teaching Sill's Grammar" by Superintendent Hutchison. The superintendent not being present the subject was dismissed with a few remarks from Professors Saunders, Reynolds and Hayes. The subject of "Fifth Grade Geography" then followed. The general opinion seemed to be that all geography teaching should be done topically, using the text book simply as a reference.

The association then adjourned for dinner, which was provided by the hospitable people of Rickreall. The association met again at 1:15, when a valuable paper was read by Miss Williams, of Dallas. She gave some good thoughts as to the means by which we may interest patrons in school work. Additional suggestions were given by Messrs. Reynolds and Storms.

Recitations were then given by Master Seth Smith and Miss Katie Louts, of the Rickreall school.

A paper was then read by Mr. Hayes, of Independence, on the "Importance of Memory Gems in the Public School."

The next subject on the program was "Myths and Fairy Tales," Miss Collins, to whom the subject had been assigned, not being present, Mr. Cornutt, of Dallas, introduced the subject. His remarks brought out considerable discussion both for and against their use.

President Reynolds then appointed Messrs. Long, Allingham and Hoag as program committee for the next meeting.

Superintendent T. O. Hutchison was then appointed to write to State Superintendent Irwin and invite him to be present and address the teachers at their next meeting in April.

Mr. Hayes then called attention to the fact that his term as editor had expired. This led to some discussion as to the advisability of continuing the column. It was moved and carried by a unanimous vote that the column be continued, and that Mr. Hayes still act as editor. He was instructed to prepare a form for school reports to be used by the association.

A rising vote of thanks was then given to the people of Rickreall for their kindness and courtesy to the teachers present.

The association then adjourned to meet at Dallas, Saturday, March 2.

It was evident from the number present that the people of Rickreall take a keen interest in their school. The following is a list of teachers present:

- W. I. Reynolds, Dallas,
Myrtle Williams, Dallas,
Loretta Smith, Dallas,
Ruth McDevitt, Dallas,
Hattie Williams, Dallas,
A. F. Cornutt, Dallas,
Lura V. Parker, Dallas,
A. M. Sanders, Dallas,
Mary M. Parker, Dallas,
Emma Kramer, Monmouth,
Metta James, Dallas,
Jerusha James, Dallas,
Miss Mae Coats, Dallas,
Dell Ireland, Dallas,
F. Long, Dallas,
Susie Howell, Dallas,
Miss N. M. Hill, Independence,
Linnie McCowan, Dallas,
Adona Cochran, Dallas,
W. W. Allingham, Dallas,
Hattie Mulkey, Dallas,
Mrs. F. L. Tuck, Dallas,
T. A. Hayes, Dallas,
Miss M. M. Goodrich, Dallas,
Clara Hall, Dallas,
Jas. W. Storms, Buena Vista,
Zelia Horbert, Dallas,
J. H. Wann, Balston,
Anna Powell, Dallas,
Dwight A. Hoag, Rickreall,
Fannie Dempsey, Dallas,
A. N. Fulkerson, Airlie,
Ella Sykes, Eola,
Julia A. Woods, Moro, Or.,
Mamie M. Brooks, Dallas,
D. C. Carpenter, Dallas.

Institute Program.

The following is the program for the teachers' association to be held at Dallas March 2, 1895:

- Opening Exercises—W. I. Reynolds and pupils.
Language and Grammar—What Each Includes and the Purpose of Its Study—Pres. F. L. Campbell.
An Object Lesson for Second Grade—Adona Cochran.
An Object Lesson for Eighth Grade—Prof. Parker.
Benefits of Teachers' Association and How to Improve them—L. L. Swann.
Class Recitation in Decimal Fractions—D. A. Hoag.
A Model Class Recitation in Reading—Ruth McDevitt and class.
What is Knowledge and How Attained—critically discussed—Prof. Saunders.
General discussion by association after each subject.

Any one on the program who is unable to attend is requested to send a substitute.

F. Long, Chairman Committee.

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