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A quarterly review of current events in the life of St. George's Indian Residential School, at Lytton B.C.

Once again at the approach of the festive season of Christmas, so dear to the heart of the child and grown up, we preser to our readers just a summary of events that have taken place in St George's School in the term now closing, with the hope that therein they will see signs of progress, of advancement in the work of the children. In our own small world it is sometimes hard to note progress and this sending abroad of our efforts is done with a view to receiving kindly criticism. Our thanks go out to those who so kindly wrote about our Midsummer Number, and their suggestions are deeply appreciated.

Nothing very exciting has happened in the school this term. We have more children than ever before, with a rapidly growing waiting list. This condition seems to be typical of all the residential Schools, a sure sign of increased interest and desire for education on the part of the Indian people. That this interest is real is strongly evidenced by the parents of many of our children, who constantly visit the school and urge and encourage their youngsters to greater and bigger efforts. And the children themselves seem to become more and more interested as the years go by, and now that we have started to get pupils into High School the work should broaden and become more intent. It is not easy to teach Indian Children, they are tremendously handicapped; but they do try; they are on the whole very very good; and they want to learn. So it is worth while.

The children are all looking forward with the keenest anticipation to the annual visitation of childhood's greatest hero, Santa Claus himself and we hope that it will be possible to give them just as good a time as they have ever had, and better if we can.

So in closing we would like to wish all our friends the true blessings of Christmas with the hope that the New Year will be one of success and fulfilment of hopes, and we ask you to remember us at St George's, to think of the children, to pray and hope for them that they may reach manhood and womanhood, filled with health, of success, spiritual and material which will enable them to go forth as leaders of their race and tribe.

Editor,

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A C H R I S T M A S M E S S A G E

From The Principal

THE hands of Time's clock have again made the complete circuit and we find ourselves approaching Christmas of 1926. It seems only but a short period since our message of this season one year ago was asked for

During the year changes have taken place. We miss old faces the new have taken their place. Our numbers have increased. We are thankful and trustful that all has been God guided and while we visualise these additions and changes we realise that in our lives there enters again, in a deeper sense at Christmastide the Babe in Bethlehems stall. The year has brought its changes but in that Child we find no change. We can truly say that "through all the changing scenes of life there is one "who changeth not" but whom is the same Christ Child "Yesterday today and forever". He is still the Babe whose face is radiant with God given love: still the Babe who, although in Him no change is found, has been the means of changing hearts and minds in years gone by, and we find ourselves one as "He is one", sometimes perhaps with hearts wrapped in swathling clothes yet one as found in Him. This thought brings us closer to each other and although changes have taken place we find, influenced by the Christmas message of last year, we who are left of the old together with the new, have on the whole prepared ourselves for a brighter and happier Christmas now upon us.

We need not repeat again the message of last Christmastide but bid ourselves call to mind what was said and in a wider sense find the Christ Child in our work, in our play and in our worship, so that with hearts and minds uplifted by the Holy touch we may not hesitate to chant again, with the angel hosts,

"P E A C E O N E A R T H G O O D W I L L T O M E N"

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Mr and Mrs Lett and Staff wish all the boys and girls and all our friends

A M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S

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SCHOOL NOTES.

ENTRANCE PUPILS.

We have four pupils in Entrance class this year, Simon Baker, Williamson and Kenneth Walkem, and Janet Peters. They attend school all day and we wish them all success in their attempt to follow Peter Antoine's example of last year.

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EXHIBITION WORK.

For the third successive year our children under the expert guidance of Mr W.S.Rowe, our drawing instructor, were successful in taking the first prize home for drawing at New Westminster. We also took firsts in writing, fancy work, darning, and needlework. For the first time we exhibited at Vancouver and were successful in winning two prizes. The prize money was spent for books and needed school room equipment.

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Mr ROWE'S DEPARTURE.

It was with regret that children and staff alike said farewell to Mr W.S.Rowe, our genial Housemaster and Drawing Instructor The children will miss him in their drawing work at which he was an expert, whilst the staff will miss his dry humour and Scotch amiability. We wish him all success in his new field where he hopes to put his artistic attainments to practical use in the field of commercial art.

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Simon Baker.

APPRECIATION.

For three years running we have won the Provincial Drawing exhibition, and we are all proud of our work. Mr Rowe our drawing instructor has left this school, and we all thank him for the work he did for us. We hope that we will be successful in winning the prize again next year.

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Williamson Walkem.

DRILL & BASKETBALL

We are having basketball games every Tuesday and Thursday and are already competing with the Kamloops team and are hoping to win. We have drill on the two nights that we have basketball and have done so well the last time that Capt. Cummings came that he gave us a prize. which we might use for better equipment in our drills.

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PETER ANTOINE who is the first pupil of this school to pass his entrance examination is now in his first year of High School. We expect to have three or four more this year, but we are just having a test to see who will really have to try.

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A CHRISTMAS LEGEND. by Kenneth walkem.

When the three wise men set out on their journey to bring presents to the King, they stopped for a night at a jolly, red nosed man's house. The man told his wife to give the men something to eat and make the beds ready for them to retire. When morning came he asked the ~~man~~ three wise men where they were going.

They told their story of the Child Jesus who was to be their~~x~~ future King, and they were going to bring Him presents, and the star was their guide. The jolly red nosed man said "I will bring Him presents too, but I will start to-morrow". The next morning he started out, but there was no star to guide him. So he travelled and travelled until one night he stopped at a lady's house. She had a little boy so he thought thath it might be the child he was looking for, so he gave his presents to the child, but the mother told him that the child he was looking for was still far away.

So now he still travels and travels looking for the Child Jesus until now. Every Christmas he comes down the chimneys to bring presents to the boys and girls, so he might happen to give a present to the King.

So this man whose name is Santa Claus still travels around the world and he is the oldest man on earth. Just you take a look at his white hair and beard next time you see him, but he has not lost his red nose and he is as jolly as ever.

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Joan of Arc. by Eva Tooney.

Once upon a time there was a French girl named Joan. She lived with her father and mother. One night Joan went to bed and dreamed that a voice was calling her to help in the war against the English, so she jumped up and told her father about it, but he only laughed and said "What can a girl do in the war?"

At last she persuaded her father to let her go. When the English soldiers saw Joan carrying the Fleur-de-lis in the lead of the French army, they thought she was a witch and turned around and fled from their enemies.

When King Charles of France heard of Joan he said that she must stay and help them in their wars. The next time the English troops came they seized the French soldiers and put Joan in prison, and afterwards put her to death by burning her slowly as a witch.

The French will always remember Joan of Arc for her gallant deeds.

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Teacher. "Robert, who will officiate if all the members of the Cabinet died."
Robert thought hard for a moment and then replied,
"The Undertaker Sir."

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LAURA SECORD'S BRAVERY by Ethel Bertrand.

James Secord a Canadian, lay sick when ~~xhe~~ he heard the plans of the Americans. Only twenty miles away his fellow men were waiting death and there was no way of warning them. "They must die for lack of warning" he said to his wife. But Laura offered to go, for she was brave and loved her country.

Her journey began, hour by hour she walked and scrambled onward. The sun sank, but still she journeyed, until at last her labour ended. The Indians rushed at her from behind a tree, then she thought her labour was of no use and that death was to be her fate. But she soon saw that they were friendly to her and led her to the officer who listened to her story. They lauded her for warning them and brought her to a farm near by to rest.

The officer made new plans and at the dawn of day the ~~h~~ battle began and lasted for two hours then the Americans gave up the fight with the Canadians, and even to this day Laura Secord's brave deed is still remembered.

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VANCOUVER IN THE YEAR 2000. by Rosie Cisco.

The city of Vancouver was named after the great explorer Captain George Vancouver, who explored around the South Coast of British Columbia in the year 1791--1792.

Vancouver's population at present is 117-000, but it will increase in the years to come, It is situated near the coast, and has a port where exporting and importing is carried on to a great extent from all parts of the world, all through the year.

In 73 more years, Vancouver will develop into one of Canada's greatest cities, airplanes will take the place of automobiles and electric trains will be invented, that will go at the rate of a hundred miles an hour or more.

Those who wish to live to see Vancouver in the year 2000 will have to keep their health rules.

I hope those who read the story above won't consider me as a prophet, for I only hope to ~~dxxx~~ draw your attention to what I imagine Vancouver will look like in 73 more years.

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A FRENCH EXPLORER. by John James

In the year 1678, La Salle one of the great heroes of France set out to explore a vast river which was called afterwards The Mississippi River. For company our hero had with him a brave Italian officer Tonti, two missionaries, a ship called The Griffin, and a few Indian guides.

He sailed from Montreal down through the great lakes to Lake Michigan, but when he reached there he found out that the food supplies were not enough for the expedition. So with an officer in command he sent The Griffin back to Montreal for more supplies.

When the boat had been absent for a long period La Salle

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get tired of waiting for its return and thought it was wrecked in the wild gales of the lakes.

It was approaching winter now so La Salle decided to walk on with his little band on foot and after having a long and weary walk, he stopped at a place on the bank of the Illinois River. Here La Salle left his men, retraced his footsteps back to Montreal for to get food. In his absence the mates he left behind were attacked by the Iroquois Indians, and on La Salle's return he found that only a few of his men were left. So with the few men who were left La Salle set off once more in a small canoe that he had brought with him down that icy and dangerous river, but after toiling for some days the rapids soon became at ease and it got wider and wider until at last La Salle filled with great joy saw before him the shimmering blue waters of the Gulf of Mexico. For having reached there in safety they all sang praises to God, and built a pillar on which they floated the Flag of France.

La Salle thought that it would be better to colonize the area he had explored and build a city at the mouth of the river. With this in mind he went back to Quebec and sailed back to France to tell the news to the French Government. The government was very pleased to hear this so in the following year scores of men were sent over to build the city, La Salle in command.

As they sailed down the St Lawrence River and through the lakes they stopped at an old fort. While in the fort some of his men grew mutinous and one of the ringleaders of the mutineers stabbed La Salle in the back and that was the end of the great hero-explorer of New France.

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FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE BY Janet Peters.

Florence Nightingale was born in a small village of Derbyshire, and while yet a little girl, everybody noticed how kind she was to animals and poor people.

One day a shepherd was going to shoot his dog because he thought it's leg was broken, but Florence Nightingale came to its rescue by bathing its leg and finding out that it was only badly bruised.

She spent her youth in learning how to nurse the sick and care for the poor. So when the Crimean war broke out she went with some trained nurses to care for the wounded soldiers who were in bad need of proper care.

We think of her as one of the bravest women we know and are proud of her, as she was the first lady to establish a hospital for wounded and poor.

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Conductor:- "Willie, how old are you?.
Willie:- "I don't know, but I have three ages. I am thirteen when I go to school, I am fourteen when I go to work, but I am eleven when I get on trains because I always like to have a cheap ride.

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A CHRISTMAS STORY. BY ADELINE PHILLIPS

IT was the night before Christmas and everybody was expecting St Nicolas to fill their stockings. Freddie and his little sister Anne were anxious to know what they were to get as presents. So thinking to wait and watch St Nicolas fill their stockings they tried to stay awake,but alas! before Santa's sleigh was heard both Freddy and Anne were fast asleep.

When morning came Anne was awake before anybody else, and being too excited Anne woke her brother and together they enjoyed their presents. The day was spent in happy games with other little Children. Anne and Freddy invited many children to share the Christmas tree with them. When the children all arrived they had a big party.

After the party was over they all went into the sitting room where the Christmas tree was found. The presents were presented to each person by Santa Claus who after distributing the presents also distributed many jokes with the happy children. When it was time to go to bed the children all said that they enjoyed the Christmas tree, and so ends my story as two little sleepy heads go happily to bed.

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MADELEINE'S BRAVERY. by Gladys Wish.

IN New France a fort had been built by settlers who left it alone with two soldiers and an old man, women and children. Madeleine and her brothers were amongst them. Madeleine was only fourteen years old.

The girl though it was safe to go outside the fort so she went out to the river's edge. She had not been there long when she heard a yell from the woods. Knowing the Indians came to attack them she ran quickly to the fort which seemed so far away. She shouted for help but none came to her aid.

Madeleine got inside the fort and was safe but for only a little while. She saw logs had fallen from the walls so she asked them to help her put them back. When they had done this Madeleine went to where they kept the gunpowder. There she saw the two soldiers one holding a match which was lighted. Madeleine asked what he was going to do,he said he was going to blow the house up. "You cowards" Madeleine said "go and help us fight the Indians". The soldiers went..

Madeleine took a gun for herself and gave one to each of her two brothers and told them to fight for their lives. They had been fighting all day but when night came the Indians went away thinking there were more than a hundred men. Madeleine being the Captain put her little bunch at their posts, and told them what to do during the night. All had been quiet for a-partx of the night and then one of the soldiers called Madeleine and showed her dark figures outside, which they found out afterwards to be cattle which had not been captured by the enemy. They brought these cattle in one by one in case the Indians had been hiding behind them.

They had been fighting for six days now and were very tired at last Madeleine sat down and went to sleep. When she woke up she heard heavy footsteps, so she ran out to the gate and said"Who's there", they replied "France". Madeleine was very glad so she opened the gate for them. They had come to help these people so Madeleine and her friends were relieved from their task in keeping the fort from being destroyed by the enemy.

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.THANKSGIVING DAY — Rosie Cisco

Thanksgiving Day, being a holiday, was celebrated by all the children of the school. Towards the afternoon our matron, who tried to keep a surprise for us, was rather disappointed when she found out that her secret was known, but however we walked for about three miles to a rabbit farm, which belonged to Mr and Mrs Puttney, who told us that some of them had won five prizes when shown at the Exhibitions. Most of the rabbits had names, all but two, which we had the honor of naming Lena and Bessie, so it was worth while visiting that most interesting place.

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NEW PUPILS. — Ellen D Sherwood

After our summer vacation we had a little new girl who came to school, her name is Adeline Walkem aged 7 years. Her home is at Spences Bridge. Then two more new girls arrived from Merrit during the month of October, their names are Nelly Benj aged 10 years and Mary Shuter. There are quite a number of new boys too, but we hope to have more new girls when the new school is built.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY — Maggie McIntyre

On October 30th the children celebrated their Hallowe'en party. The previous days to Hallowe'en were very exciting to the children, all the girls and a few of the boys dressed themselves representing different characters such as devils gupsies ghosts clowns and etc.

The little boys gave a very amusing performance before the audience, until everybody was present to begin the little dance we had for awile.

After the dance, we all had cocoa cakes and some candies, the evening was spent with all sorts of amusements, which all the children enjoyed heartily.

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PRIZE MONTY — Eva Toomey

The girls won ten dollars for sending their needle-work to the Exhibition. The money was spent on books and games, we bought 25 very interesting books, and a few amusing games which we all enjoy-

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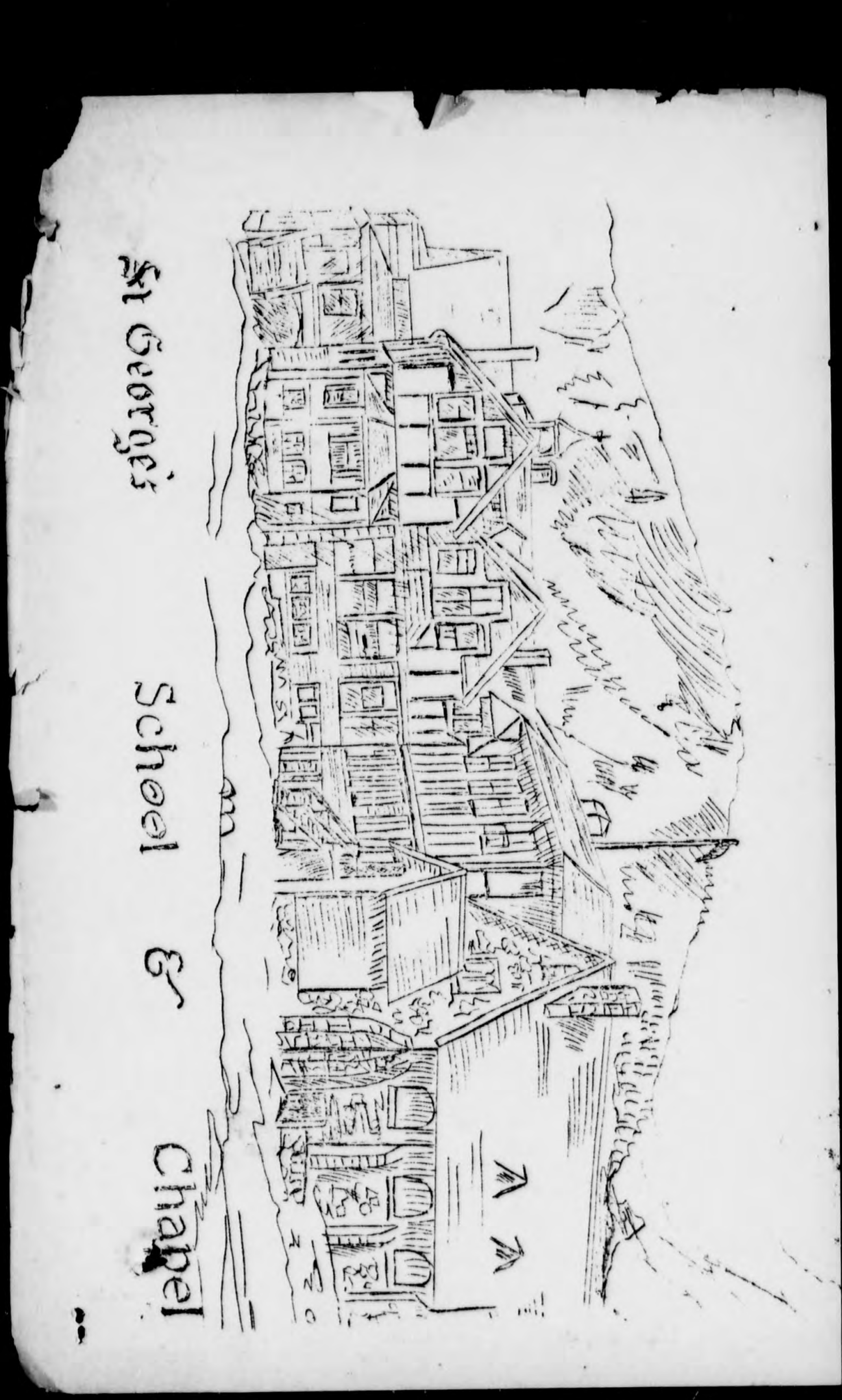

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