

To members of the School Board and Faculty of Maplewood Academy and its Student Body and to the many friends assembled in Hutchinson Minnesota on this 50th Anniversary year I believe greeting from California.

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The school opened in September 1904, with a curriculum comparable to that offered in any high school, plus piano instruction and ~~ee~~ courses in Bible study.

Unbelievable as it may seem, a student's expense in those days, ^{early} and living in the dormitory, was only ten dollars per month; which included board, room, tuition, laundry, etc. with a catalogue proviso that each student must contribute two hours work, each day under proper direction and supervision, whether the work assigned be in the culinary department, the laundry, or on the ninety acre farm which furnished much food for the school - milk cream- butter- fruit vegetables etc.

The Academy 1st year closed with Bank Account of \$300. The 2nd year with 700 in the Treasury

During the years I acted as principal and taught the Bible course, the following persons were associated members of the Maplewood Faculty.

- Prof H. J. Sheldon , Miss Caroline Hopkins , Miss Wavie Tubbs , Mrs Myrtle Bernstein, Miss Lena Rosenthal , Ralph Carrhell and ^{eld} Samuel Jackson. *and*

To this staff of efficient instructors may be credited the laying of foundation principles which have made Maplewood an outstanding school of it's kind.

The Christian influence of this group of instructors on the individual student out side the class room, was so marked that during those first two years that we had scarcely any cases of discipline for infraction of the ~~rules~~ Academy rules .

Each student was placed on his honor-- Teachers and students studied together , played together, and ate together (but not in Cafeteria style .)

Our taffy pulls, our spelling bees, our evenings of social entertainment . the hours of recreation in Ball games (and skating)

will always bring back bright memories .

From the beginning Maplewood Academy has had an enviable record of achievement . It has not only provided high school education on a very inexpensive basis but with it's courses completed, has sent out into the world hundreds of young men and women pretty well equipped to meet life's responsibilities .

However many of it's graduates have taken advanced college training and now have affixed to their names such titles as - M. A. M. B. Ph. D. D. D. S.; and others in the field of religion, have been or ^{Evangelists} are now, successful preachers - Conference Presidents and secretaries, or foreign missionaries .

Now Here's one for the book--

It was past 11 P. M.- Lights had been put out an hour earlier-- The Academy family lay peacefully asleep amidst the Maplewoods on this glorious Indian Summer moonlight night .

I had arisen to take, my occasional, midnight "look-around" to assure myself that all was well.

In the Chapel, where so often we had prayed for wisdom and guidance ~~in~~ fulfilling the trust the school board and parents, ^{had} imposed upon us, I found but a sacred ~~silence~~ stillness .

As I was passing down toward the dining hall I heard a rustling noise -- or didn't I ?

Flashing my light here and there, I discovered over in the dining room corner, a student couple " holding " a conference . Such meetings, however especially when held at night, were contrary to Academy rules but I said nothing and passed along.

Returning a few minutes later however I found the meeting had adjourned. S. M. D. C.

The night passed- the sun ushered in a " Good- Morning " and as usual the school ^{resumed} it's daily program .

There were no calls to the "Prof's " office !

There was no meeting of the faculty

There was no " pack your trunk " order

But I know there were two very anxious ,

extremely nervous students- expectantly waiting.

Days passed

^ I let them wait - waiting you know gives time for thought, while silence often administers rebuke .

The Wise Man wrote Eccl 3: 7 - " There is a time to keep still " .

We proved it good counsel in this instance . The students of our story became a " model pair " and later a " Bridal Pair " . He became a successful preacher, and " she " tells their children what a wonderful Faculty Maplewood Academy had, when they were students.

After my withdrawal from Maplewood Academy to resume our calling to city evangelism in the East. Prof H J. Sheldon was elected Principal and altho there were changes - naturally - from time to time in Faculty personnel - yet the general principles in conduct of Maplewood remained the same thru the years that followed.

Maplewood Academy removal to Hutchinson and in _____ and its later history I must leave to others to relate.

One thing however upon which all can agree - is that this Institution has had an enviable record - filling a real need in providing Christian Education for Seventh-day Adventist youth. Let Minnesota be proud of its schools for its influence has reached out - far and wide and I dare say - will be evidenced when at last under the Tree of Life we will in gladness shake hands - teachers and Students and shout the triumphs of the Cross what a gathering that will be!

Prof. Buther us ^{you} and ^{your} faculty members
you will in that day see that your
teaching profession was not in vain,
God bless you all.

Mrs. Bernstein and I deeply regret we can
not be with you on this Maplewoods 50th
anniversary Celebration.

and now before I ring off the following facts
maybe of interest to you all -

Of the Original Maplewood faculty only 4 members
remain Prof H. J. Sheldon (Retired) lives in El Monte ^{Calif}
Mrs. Caroline Hopkins retired - lives near La Sierra
College Arlington Calif.

Mrs. Bernstein and I are living in retirement in our
Sickland California home, called Dunmover
appropriately so named because during our
career in City evangelism over a 60 year period
we moved 67 times - held 77 city efforts thru
out America + 3 in London Eng! besides 63
Spearhead efforts on the Pacific Coast from Washington
State to Mexico

Age has now crept upon us and we are in fact
"dunmover" with only one more move ahead
from Earth to Heaven

When that time comes we hope you will
join us in the glorious Shout Heaven at last
Endler. Boundless glory in Heaven at last