



## *The Good Ol' Days*

### ONLY ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

What a difference time makes. Here is a list of rules posted by a principal in a New York City school in 1872. These rules were to be observed by all teachers.

1. Teachers each day will clean lamps, clean chimneys, and trim wicks.

2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.

3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual tastes of the pupils.

4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.

5. After ten hours in school, the teachers should spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.

6. Women teachers who marry, or engage in unseemly conduct, will be dismissed.

7. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years, so that he will not become a burden on society.

8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity, and honesty.

9. The teacher who performs his labors faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.



*Speaking of a hundred years ago, do you recognize any of the people on the picture on the following page? Like one of our current "older" ministers? And four of his (i.e., D.E.'s) contemporaries (viz., G.K., J.K., H.L., & M.[E.]L.) who are today serving as teachers in four different Protestant Reformed*



## VIEWPOINTS

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*Schools? And maybe some of **your** old friends? And then there's the teacher (J.D.), back there in the 40's. To her students she probably seemed old already then. But she's still at it — in the same building!*

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