Outline:

Charlotte Mason's Story

- Charlotte Mason was the only child of a Liverpool merchant.
- She had many wonderful early experiences that aided in her journey of becoming a teacher.
- She grew up with many books in her house.
- She saw a teacher one day with a group of children following behind her.
- She early grew a love for learning.
- Charlotte Mason was alone in the world at age 16, with nothing but the notion that teaching was the thing to do.
- Charlotte Mason began teaching other teachers. She lectured on education and educational ideas.
- She pondered how the mind works. She noticed that students can't take heavy grammatical concepts.
- "The mind requires sustenance, as does the bodied." Charlotte Mason
- Attention is crucial for any work of learning or teaching to occur.
  - She discussed how she felt she figured out some truths about the nature of the mind and attention.
  - Attention is ensured, not affected by distracting circumstances.
- Charlotte Mason engaged in observation of children, reflected on her own childhood experiences, and her own present habits of mind.
- She published five volumes geography readers.
- She gave a series of lectures to raise money for a church building project in 1885. Parents were amazed at what she said.
- She began the Parent's National Education Union (PNEU). These parents clamored for teachers and governesses who would use her methods.
- She became a trainer of teachers. This became a classical renewal movement of her day.
- Charlotte Mason's philosophy and methods centered on the teaching method of narration.
- Near the end of her life, many public schools and headmasters from around the nation began looking to her and her methods.
- Her vision of a liberal education for all spread throughout the world.
- It is important to get educational philosophy into the hands of parents, who are the first educators of their children.
- Theory and practice meet. Principles and methods must align.