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ROUND HILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

An enthusiastic annual meeting of the Round Hill Women's Institute was held last week when an interesting and satisfactory report of the year's work was submitted by the retiring Secretary, Miss McGregor. The Institute was found to be in good running order and the members apparently ready for another year's work.

The following is a list of Red Cross work accomplished during the year: 78 shirts, 9 nightgowns, 8 balaclava caps, 35 pairs wristlets, 50 wash cloths, 30 scarfs, 108 pairs socks, 130 handkerchiefs, 15 dozen towels, 2 dozen cup covers, 1 dozen aprons, 13 pairs pajamas, 1 knitted apron, 2 bushels dried apples, 100 quarts jam, 3 boxes bandages.

For the Belgians: Two boxes containing a quantity of children's and infants' clothing and a large number of quilts.

For London War Orphans per Mrs. Vincent: 40 baby's dresses.

Donation to the Red Cross at Christmas: Mrs. S. Sanders, \$5.00; S. P. C. A., Halifax, \$5.00; Institute Field Ambulance, \$5.00; British Red Cross, \$5.00; Canadian Prisoners in Germany, \$5.00; Prizes for School Exhibition, \$11.00.

The office-bearers for the ensuing year are as follows: President—Mrs. S. Sanders; Vice Presidents—Mrs. Bancroft, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. L. Chipman; Secretary—Mrs. Rice; Treasurer—Miss Healey.

A movement is on foot for the beautifying of the Cemetery which is just now in abeyance because of the prior claims of the war calls on the energy and resources of the Institute.

HYMENEAL

HURLEY HALL (Brockton Times)

In this city, Thursday evening, Dec. 16th, the marriage of Mr. Clarence Thomas Hurley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hurley of 19 West Ashland St., and Miss Laura Winnifred Hall, daughter of Mr. Edwin E. Hall of 18 Farrington St., took place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 7 o'clock.

The bride wore a suit of blue French serge with a blue velvet hat with white fur trimmings. She also carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid wore a suit of blue French serge with a blue velvet hat with white fur trimmings. She also carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums.

The bride's gift to her bridesmaid was a ring, while the best man received a pair of gold cuff links. After the reception to immediate relatives at the bride's home, the happy couple left for Boston en route for Maine where the honeymoon will be spent.

Mr. Hurley is employed by the United Shoe Machinery Company and is well known as a singer of ability. He is a member of the Sons of St. George, past president of the Elco Club, and a member of the Hancock Veteran Association.

Miss Hall was formerly employed by the Howard and Foster Shoe Company and before coming to this city was a resident of Port Lorne, Nova Scotia. The couple received many beautiful presents including a check from the bride's father.

THE EUROPEAN WAR

British Withdraw from Gallipoli Peninsula.—Quiet on all the War Fronts

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The announcement of the British withdrawal from Gallipoli overshadowed all other war news tonight. For the British public the abrupt War Office statement marks the end of one of the greatest chapters of the war's history. The shock of the news was hardly broken by the fact that rumors had been current in the street for some days, and the withdrawal of the forces had been a matter of widespread pro and con discussion ever since Lord Ribblesdale's famous speech in Parliament, in which he declared that the withdrawal had been recommended by a high military authority.

The feelings of the man in the street were generally one of relief, mixed with regret. A popular half penny paper sums up the British public's attitude as follows: "Thus ends the enterprise on which the highest hopes were built, and which, if it had succeeded, would probably have turned the tide of the war. Our troops, from first to last, were within a few miles of victory." The policy underlying the Dardanelles expedition may yet be carried to a successful issue in some other quarter of the Near East, but the prospect of forcing a way to Constantinople through the famous Straits is apparently relinquished.

British troops continue to occupy the tip of the Peninsula at Seddul Bahr, commanding the entrance to the Straits, where many British writers have declared a new Gibraltar will one day arise. The position here is protected by a double line of ships, and it is assumed that this will be held.

A fair degree of quiet has continued on the war fronts during the past twenty-four hours, and none of the oft-repeated threats of a big offensive in France, in North Russia, Galicia and the Balkans has not actually materialized.

Persistent reports of a Greek-Bulgarian encounter, resulting from a Bulgarian surprise attack, have been cleared up by the Greek statement that the encounter took place in Albanian territory. No one was killed and few were wounded. Order was restored promptly, and an amicable inquiry is proceeding.

It is announced from Paris that no enemy detachment has yet crossed the Greek frontier. Meanwhile work on the defensive lines around Saloniki is being actively pushed, and the Greek villages in the neighborhood of the lines are being evacuated by the population.

Greek military circles declare they are convinced that the forces opposing the Allies will not attempt to cross the frontier, the Bulgarians, because they realize the danger of provoking Greece; the Germans, because they are grateful for Greek neutrality, and because they realize the tremendous cost which the enterprise would entail.

WAR BRIEFS

A large number of undesirable have been shipped from London lately because they earn nothing and live by fraud.

The Germans are still bleeding Belgium. The latest demand is \$8,000,000 a month, which will be forced until further notice.

In 1915 there were 25,000 female clerks in London. At present there are 50,000. This results from the fact that the war has created 1,000,000 more women than men in England.

The Canadian Army Transport Service has carried 104,600 troops, nearly 800 nurses and about 20,000 horses overseas without a single loss.

Paris alone took up \$5,000,000,000 of the new French War Loan. They have confidence in the Government and believe the Allies will win.

3,000 Koreans have been asking for Russian citizenship with a view to joining the Russian Army. They ask to be sent immediately to the front.

In Serbia, every adult man has a claim to five acres which he cannot sell, nor can it be taken from him. The poorest man has five acres to his credit.

Lieut. C. B. Pitblads, grandson of Rev. Dr. C. B. Pitblads, formerly of Chalmers Church, Halifax, is a prisoner in Germany. He belonged to the Canadian Royal Highlanders.

A German from Port Huron who spat on the uniform of a returned soldier was promptly knocked down by another veteran, taken to the ferry and sent back to the United States.

Army surgeons at the front have found that the best emergency dressing for neglected wounds is brown sugar, and are said to be using it in preference to any proprietary medicine.

After the war, Belgium proposes to build a town or city on town planning lines as a memorial of the respect of the nations for the part the Belgian people have played in the present war.

The British financial year expires on March 31st, 1916. Loans to Allies and Dominions by that time are expected to reach \$2,500,000,000. This shows the large part Britain is taking in the war.

A scheme is on foot to provide as a memorial to Miss Cavell an institution for the reception of sailors, soldiers, and munition workers, hailing from the North of England, who are permanently disabled.

"The Nation," London, confesses that there has been mistakes and drawbacks, but in view of the increasing armies and ammunition of the Allies, it says courageously, "It is the last lap that tells."

Comparatively few captured German guns are exhibited in England. Most of those captured were in such good condition that by making special ammunition for them they can be used against their original owners.

An international Congress to determine a basis for durable peace has been appointed for Berne, Switzerland, on the 14th inst. Thirty delegates have announced their purpose to be present. Some of them are Americans.

BORN

BENT.—At West Paradise, Nov. 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Bent, a daughter.

POOLE.—At St. Croix Cove, Dec. 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Poole, a daughter.

GIBSON.—At West Dalhousie, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson, a son.

BRINTON.—At Port Lorne, Dec. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. William Brinton, a son.

MITCHELL.—At Hampton, Dec. 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mitchell, a son.

DIED

NEWELL.—Entered into rest in Havrehill, Mass., Nov. 30, 1915, aged 87 years, after an illness of 10 days, Mrs. Sarah Amelia Newell, widow of the late Richard Owen Newell and daughter of the late Thomas and Mary E. Walker of Bridgetown, N. S.

Lord, all-pitying, Jesus blest, Grant her Thine eternal rest." BLACK.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Granville Ferry, Dec. 20th, Margaret F., widow of the late George M. Black and mother of Mrs. H. J. Indoe, aged 81 years. Interment at Sackville, N. B.

CHRISTMAS AND OUR BOYS OVERSEAS

It is known to some (but perhaps not all of our readers) that a suggestion having been made that it would be nice for Bridgetown and neighborhood to send a Christmas remembrance to the men from hereabouts who have volunteered for service overseas, the Recruiting Committee took the matter up with the results—thanks to the School Teachers in the respective districts who have undertaken the work of collecting, that the sum of \$91.30 was gathered together for this purpose. After thorough discussion it was decided to place an order with a firm in England for the packing and despatch of thirty-eight (38) hamper, that being the number of men, far as the Committee could discover at the time, overseas, and each individual is to receive his own hamper direct from London with a letter as follows:—

Christmas, 1915
To Our Bridgetown Boys Overseas:

At this Christmas season our thoughts turn with deep gratitude and patriotic pride to our brave boys gone overseas to fight our battles. The gallantry and brilliant achievements of those of you who, with the other sons of the Maple, have been in active service on the firing line, have shed undying lustre on the fair name of Canada; and those of you who are yet to "do your bit" for the Empire, in the trenches, will, we feel assured, sustain the proud reputation for Canadian valor recently won on the fields of Flanders.

Please accept the accompanying hamper, not for its intrinsic worth, but because of the spirit of goodwill which prompts this gift, which bears to you our heartfelt wishes for A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

YOUR OLD HOME FRIENDS OF BRIDGETOWN AND VICINITY.

At the time the collection was made it was hoped also to remember those

who have volunteered for overseas service but are still on this side of the Atlantic. The practical difficulties in the way of this, however, made it impossible to adequately do so. The committee, therefore, decided to place the balance in hand on deposit, with a view to again remembering those who are overseas at some later date and they would welcome any further contributions toward making this possible.

The Committee desire to thank not only the lady collectors, but also the Monitor for printing the Christmas letter free of all charge.

OBITUARY

MRS. ALBOURN NELLY
A telegram on Saturday to relatives here conveyed the sad news that Mrs. Mary Creighton (Ruffee), wife of the late J. Albourne Nelly, had passed away at the home of her sister, at Needham, Mass., aged forty-two years.

Mrs. Nelly has been a great sufferer for the past year from Neuritis, and her death had been expected. She was the youngest daughter of the late William and Rhoda Ruffee, both of whom had "gone before" only a few weeks ago. While on a visit to her old home some four years ago, her husband died and she returned to her home in Regina. Later she came East to her sister's at Needham.

Mrs. Nelly was a lady of a fine Christian character, and beloved by those with whom she came into close friendship. The surviving members of the family are—Mrs. J. W. Freeman, of Needham, Mass.; Miss Isabella at home, Harry of Philadelphia, and Charles of Bridgetown.

The remains will arrive from Boston to-day and the funeral services will take place from the Baptist Church with Rev. G. C. Warren officiating, immediately after the arrival of the train from Yarmouth.

EPWORTH LEAGUE . . . PRODUCE TRIAL SCENE FROM "MERCHANT OF VENICE"

Last Friday evening the program in the Epworth League of the Methodist Church proved most attractive and interesting. It was "An evening with Shakespeare," and well-prepared and excellent papers on the life and works of the "Bard of Avon," were read by Mrs. Chas. Bent, Miss Lillian Fowler, and Mrs. H. B. Hicks. Mrs. Hicks gave a synopsis of the first three acts of the "Merchant of Venice," after which the famous trial scene from this play was put on and acted in splendid style by a number of the League members and others.

The cast was as follows: Duke of Venice—Warren Miller. Antonio—Mr. Thurber. Bassanio—Raymond Bent. Gratiano—Harry Connell. Shylock—Henry B. Hicks. Portia—Mrs. A. R. Reynolds. Nerissa—Josephine Kinney.

It is not often that amateurs' work is so well and artistically done, as was this scene. Every part was well sustained. Mr. Hicks as Shylock had a difficult part of which he made a complete success. A better interpretation is not often seen outside the professional stage. Mrs. Reynolds in the role of Portia was all that could be desired and Miss Kinney as Nerissa, displayed ability equal a character requiring a good deal more work, while Messrs. Thurber, Bent and Connell in their parts showed marked skill and cleverness. Many expressions in appreciation of the histrionic talents of these amateurs were heard on every hand. The costumes were especially effective. After this act, Mrs. W. A. Warren gave a scene from MacBeth, in her usual charming and effective style. Miss Junia Bishop and Miss Dearness contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion with solos that were highly appreciated. A large audience, one indeed that packed the League room, was present.

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On the Christmas Gift Question

WHEN one man presents a Christmas present to another it is usually some article of wearing apparel. He knows that this is what will be most appreciated, and he knows what to select. The woman buyer, however, usually feels that there are only one or two such articles she can safely buy, fearing that she might not correctly judge his taste and preferences.

We give here a list of articles sold in our "Men's Wear Store." These are the things men select, and those we show in our store are designed to suit every taste. At our store you can get the masculine viewpoint on the gift question, and we are here to assist you in making a suitable selection.

Look over this list and see if it does not suggest a gift for someone on your list. But the bare list can give no idea of how well we can serve you. If you will call when doing your Christmas shopping we will gladly show you our Special Christmas lines. Women shoppers will find that we can be of great assistance to them in helping them to select suitable gifts.

- House Coats, Dressing Gowns,
- Men's and Boys' Sweaters, Negligee Shirts,
- Neckwear, silk and knitted in fancy boxes,
- Hosiery in Fancy Patterns and Plain Cashmere,
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- Silk Mufflers, Club Bags and Suit Cases,
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- Flannel Shirts with detachable collars,
- Gloves, Grey and Brown Suede, Yellow Chamois, Gauntlets,
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