

THE FRANKFORD OVERSEAS CLUB

Receive Many Grateful Letters from Soldier Boys in France and Belgium.

THINK WAR TO END SOON
Germans Surrender Under Slight Persuasion and are Tired of the Game.

The following letters from C.Q.M. S. Paton, and Ptes. Ketcheson and Atkins have been received by the Frankford Overseas Club this week, also similar letters of gratitude from Major J. H. Sills, Major R. Vanderwater, Ptes. W. Stone, A. J. Bingham, S. Murray and A. Carr.

London, May, 2nd
The Frankford Overseas Club,
Frankford, Ont.,

Dear Friends,—
I wish to convey to you my appreciation of your Easter Greeting. It was very kind and thoughtful of you to remember one at such an event in the year and so far away from the country we love.

I however spent my Easter in the hospital at Boulogne but it was by no means a sad day for me. The sun was shining brilliantly and everything seemed bright and cheery and I felt glad that I was living to enjoy it.

Again thanking you for the card and wishing your club every success in the noble work you are carrying on, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,
Edgar E. Ketcheson.

West Sandling Camp,
Kent, Eng., April 30, '16

The Frankford Overseas Club,
Frankford, Ont.,

Dear Friends,—
I do not know just how to thank you for the parcel and Easter Greeting card. If anything does one good, it is certainly the way in which we are remembered at home, and the spirit the parcels and good wishes are sent. We may not all be Saints, but the Overseas Club reaches the spot quicker than all the sermons and letters one writes.

And of course the boys from the different villages, towns, and cities are not forgotten, everyone shares, but when the boys from the same place meet, all the people who have ever lived in that particular spot are brought to mind. Well it is only natural.

Major Vanderwater has left the 39th, I suppose you are aware of that, he has gone to the 2nd Batt. He was well liked by the men, and the Non-Coms. The night before he went away, I think it must have been nearly twelve o'clock, midnight, he came round to see all the boys. I was sound asleep, for I had not had any sleep for three nights before, owing to an earache, so I was not feeling any too good. I thought some of the other sergeants were having some fun, so I told him to "beat it" but no, he stayed and spent some time with us.

My ear is a little deaf now, so I did not catch on at first, but when I recognized his voice, I soon sat up.

Major B. Green, of Stirling is back from the front. He was over on an observation tour, he is pretty well shaken up, got a bad leg. All the officers of the 39th Battalion are a fine lot of gentlemen. Lt. Bateman went to the Flying Corps, Company Quarter Master Sergeant Lorne Foster from the 21st Battalion is leaving here next Friday for home, at least he will be there. He has got his commission in the 151st Batt. That is Foster, the baker's boy in Trenton. He was in the same company as Weller (who has died).

Thanking the Overseas Club for their kind thoughts and good wishes, I remain,

Yours truly,
Andrew Paton, C.Q.M.S.,
39th Battalion, C.E.F.,
West Sandling Camp,
Kent, England.

Somewhere in Belgium,
April 22nd, 1916.

The Overseas Club,
Frankford, Ont.

Dear Friends,—

Just a few lines thanking you all for your kindness in sending me the parcel. I can assure you it was appreciated very much, the socks were very useful as we are having a lot of rain and we generally use a dry pair of socks every two or three days. We are somewhere in Belgium at present and are having lots of fun here watching our anti-craft guns potting at the German Fokkers. Our idea is that things point to an early conclusion of hostilities as the Germans seem to give themselves up freely, at an assault recently opposite our lines when the N.F.s and jocks took a section of their trenches. It is clearing up beautiful today after three or four days' rain in which we all got soaked. I am in hopes of seeing some of the Frankford boys round here any day, we are all in hopes of soon being back in Canada.

As the censorship on our letters is strict I cannot give you anything of interest concerning our movements or whereabouts so must conclude. Thanking you again for the parcel, I remain,

Yours truly,
Pte. W. H. Atkins,
Reg. No. 454309 D Co.,
15th Batt., 4th Br.,
2nd Can. Div., B.E.F.,
France.

Y.W.C.T.U. HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Year of Useful Work in the Advancement of Temperance and for the Soldiers

The annual meeting of the Y.W.C.T.U. was held at the home of the president, Mrs. John Williams, on Tuesday, after a Bible reading in "The Three Mists of Christ." The President in a few well chosen words reviewed the Canadian Temperance position. She felt there was great need for work and invited us to more arduous labor in the numerous departments of "Y" work and hoped for the co-operation of more young people.

There were 42 members, 1 honorary. Total receipts \$130.73. Collected for provincial prohibition \$28.25 off Local Option, \$22.30 for Y.M.C.A. workers at the front; \$12.85 and \$5.00 sent to Lumbermen's Mission. Held 21 meetings, 9 business, 2 executive, 2 with the W.C.T.U. when committees were formed for Local Option work, 2 parlor meetings, one "Y" birthday party at Mrs. Williams', the other at Mrs. W. C. Dempsey's, programme on Medial Temperance. 2 public meetings, day of prayer in Bridge St. Sunday School rooms and an anti-narcotic programme in Belleville High School. Collection was received at these to provide chocolate for our boys at the front, netting \$10.77. 1-frat shower when 25 quarts were given for the soldiers. At three meetings the following hospital supplies were prepared, 780 dressings, 90 wash cloths, 22 tray cloths, 12 hot water bottle covers, 26 bandages, 84 handkerchiefs, 65 pads and 1000 mouth wipes. Collected 1712 Surprise Soap coupons, the revenue from coupons supports the Traveler's Aids at the Union Station Toronto and more are wanted.

Literature distributed, 2300 leaflets of Local Option and Anti-Narcotic, 192 texts, 6 provincial reports, 4 yearly subscriptions to White Ribbon Bulletin and 3 of White Ribbon Tidings in our Public, Y.M.C.A. and Station libraries, 150 posters.

At Christmas sent to the needy, 7 baskets, 38 articles clothing, 9 jars jelly, 4lbs. candy, 3 pies, 1 doz. doughnuts, 1 doz. oranges. A bouquet and 4 plants were sent to the sick.

One dozen hospital shirts and 152 pairs socks were made from Red Cross material and 10 pairs socks and 4 caps donated to the soldiers.

Letters written by Cor. Secty., 9 of appreciation and thanks, 6 of sympathy, 2 congratulations and 3 business. Eight departments worked, anti-narcotic, evangelistic, fruit and flower mission, literature, parlor and public meetings, juvenile press and Red Cross. Special effort for work for soldiers as the report shows.

The following officers were re-elected:

President—Mrs. John Williams.
Rec. Secty.—Miss Reeves.
Cor. Secty.—Miss McClatchie.
Owing to the poor health of the former treasurer resigned and Mrs. C. Townsend elected.
Meeting adjourned to complete business the first Tuesday in June.
"Y" Supt.

BARN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Mr. Harry Slaven's barn, near Bloomfield, was struck by lightning Monday evening. The fire struck the roof ripping shingles and scattering splinters. Mr. Mark Roblin's barn at Fish Lake was also struck the same evening. In neither case was fire started.

TO BECOME AVIATOR

Mr. Richard Hadden, hardware merchant, Picton, is going to take the military aviation course to qualify as pilot for the Royal Flying Corps. Mr. Hadden had some experience in the air in California on his recent visit, and as the call for aviators is very insistent, Mr. Hadden deems it his duty to take up the work. The Dominion Government grants \$100 to each Canadian pilot who is accepted by the War Office and the War Office gives a grant of \$250 per trained pilot and is willing to take up to ten per month from Canada to the end of the war.

The 155th of Belleville will attend the Salvation Army on Sunday. The Deseronto Platoon now numbers 70 men.

SCHOOL BOARD'S REGULAR SESSION

Mr. L. R. Terwilliger Resigns From Chairmanship of Sites Committee.

Last evening the Board of Education decided that the High School should close on June 16th. Mr. L. R. Terwilliger resigned as chairman of the Sites, Buildings and Repairs Committee.

The members present were as follows, Messrs. B. Mallory, H. Sneyd, G. T. Woodley, J. F. Willis, W. McCready, L. R. Terwilliger, P. J. Wims, W. N. Ponton, A. J. McCordan, S. W. Moore, F. S. Deacon, Arthur McGie and John Muir.

Principal MacLaurin recommended that the high school close on June 16, as the school will be required for the junior entrance examinations the following week. He reported that Mr. J. W. Johnson, M.P.P., had presented a map of Ontario to the school. The recommendation as to closing was adopted.

Favorable reports of the inspection of boilers in the schools were filed.

By the report of the School Management Committee, Inspector Clarke was allowed the use of school rooms for examinations.

A recommendation to purchase dumb bells, Indiana clubs and wands for the high school was referred back to the committee.

The Downey Coal Company's tenders for the season's supply of coal were accepted:

Soft at \$5.98
Anthracite at \$7.90

Examination supplies were authorized to be purchased.

A communication was read from Messrs. Northrup & Ponton re property adjacent to Queen Mary School suggesting an offer of \$1,700. The communication was referred to the finance and sites committee.

A notice of unpaid taxes for 1913 on the sewer near Queen Alexandra School for about \$16 was placed before the board. The amount was authorized to be paid. The bill had been mislaid.

More accommodation is required for high school science apparatus. The matter was referred.

On motion of Mr. Mallory, seconded by L. R. Terwilliger, the thanks of the board were authorized to be conveyed to Mr. J. W. Johnson, M.P.P., for the gift of a map.

The Robb Cup competition will be held about May 31st. Col. Ponton was authorized to take Col. Barragar's place on the board of inspectors along with Mayor Ketcheson and the chairman of the board as Col. Barragar, the O. C. of the 15th regiment is principal of one of the schools competing.

The board decided on motion of Mr. Mallory and Mr. McCordan to ask the council to build a sidewalk on the north side of Pine street in front of Q. V. School.

The city council said Col. Ponton urged the early completion of the estimates.

Mr. L. R. Terwilliger thanked the board for appointing him in his absence to the chairmanship of Sites, Buildings and Repairs, but tendered his resignation on account of his health.

The resignation was accepted and Mr. Arthur McGie was chosen chairman in his stead.

It was decided to increase the salary of the caretaker of Grier Street School \$20 per year from June 1st.

LT-Col. Ponton read a fine letter from Corp. Arthur Johnson of the 21st Battalion.

MISSIONARY GIVINGS GROW

Belleville District of Methodist Church Had a Prosperous Year.

211 HAVE ENLISTED

District Doing Its Part in the Promotion of the Cause of Freedom.

The annual meeting of Belleville District was held in Holloway Street Methodist church, Thursday, May 18th. The morning ministerial session opened at ten o'clock with the chairman, Rev. S. C. Moore, B.D., presiding. After devotional exercises the Rev. S. C. Reddick, B.A., was elected Journal Secretary, and the roll having been called by the financial secretary, Rev. J. N. Clarry, B.A., the usual questions with reference to the character and qualifications of the ministers were satisfactorily answered. Then followed the theological examination of the two probationers present, Revs. L. M. Sharpe and F. G. Joblin, who having completed extramurally the Ave years conference and college course, were unanimously recommended to be received into full connection at the ensuing annual conference. Rev. W.

R. McWilliams asked permission to go to Japan as a Missionary.

Mr. C. H. Wiley was recommended to be received on trial as a candidate for the ministry.

In response to the query as to what ministers have died during the year, feeling reference was made to the passing of Revs. J. Ferguson and A. Campbell, and provision was made for preparing their obituaries for annual conference.

Though the hour for adjournment was now near, an extension of time was granted to enable those present to engage in the most important duty of the session, that of enquiring into the state of the work upon the various fields. A very profitable discussion arose as to the most effective measures that can be adopted for the increasing of the ministerial labors and the promotion of the work of God upon the district.

Upon reassembling after the noon recess ministers and laymen met in joint session. After calling the roll, the reports of the various charges were read by their respective laymen. The hearts of all present were rejoiced in the evidence of a year of unprecedented advance both spiritually and financially. Upon almost every field seasons of special services had been held which had resulted in large additions to the membership, particularly among the young people. An interesting item was the information that 211 Methodists had enlisted in the cause of liberty and righteousness. Missionary givings showed a total of \$5,569, an increase of \$297 or 5 1/2 per cent. over last year. In view of the many urgent demands resulting from our participation in the great war, this increased generosity "for others" is an encouraging sign of grace in our people. Connexional funds were also well sustained and the total raised for all purposes of the twelve charges was \$49,715, being \$1953 in excess of last year.

The balloting for the minister to represent the district with the chairman upon the stationing committee resulted in the election of Rev. J. N. Clarry. Other officers and committees appointed were as follows: Epworth League Secretary, Rev. L. M. Sharpe; S. S. Secretary, Rev. W. W. Jones; Missionary Secretary, Rev. C. S. Reddick; Statistical Secretary, Rev. F. G. Joblin; Committee of Finance, the chairman, financial secretary and Messrs. A. Easton, and H. K. Denyes.

District Missionary Committee, the chairman, Revs. W. W. Jones and C. S. Reddick and Messrs. F. E. O'Flynn, H. K. Denyes and F. S. Deacon; Representative to annual conference, Missionary Committee, His Honor Judge Deroche.

The S. S. report was given by the Secretary, Rev. W. W. Jones, S. T. L. and showed a splendid advance all along the line. One of the most encouraging features being the large number of scholars who have joined the church during the year. The report of Epworth Leagues was also gratifying, there having been an increase of 88 members and an increase in Forward Movement Givings for Missions of \$110.

Before the session closed a most appreciative reference was made to the labors of Rev. H. S. Osborne, B.D., who is just closing a very successful pastorate of four years at Bridge St. Church. Mr. Osborne replied feelingly to the tribute of esteem and affection received from his brethren and expressed his keen regret at surrendering the ties of fellowship he had so much enjoyed. He extended a hearty invitation to the brethren to visit him in his British Columbia home.

The benediction brought to a close one of the best annual meetings ever held in the Belleville District.

PICTON BOY INJURED

Flight Lieut. Garnet Hughes of Picton has been injured in France. He says in a letter home from Portsmouth, "I had a mix-up with a machine that wanted to be boss and of course, couldn't allow that. I may be a bit sore but you should see my machine opponent. I was a bit knocked about but it was only stiffness of the muscles and that has mostly gone now. I was out for a raid over the lines about four in the morning on East Sunday. My machine shouldn't have been sent really, but it was up to me to obey orders and do my best. I was only up a hundred feet or so when the motor went wrong and in turning to get back into the aerodrome the machine showed its dirty disposition by dropping on one wing. They bundled me over here on Wednesday and it surely is something like a hospital. I came over on one of the finest yachts ever built."

Miss L. J. Tickell has passed her Second Year's Examinations in Modern Languages at Victoria University, Toronto. She secured first-class honors.

The 155th Battalion attends divine service tomorrow morning at the Salvation Army Citadel. Major Walton of Montreal will deliver the address.

LIEUT. BATEMAN WAS KILLED

19th Battalion Officer, Later of Flying Corps, Fell with Aeroplane.

COMPANIONS ALSO KILLED

First of Rawdon Boys to Give His Life—Was Graduate of O. B. C.

Lieut. George S. Bateman son of Joseph Bateman of Springbrook, was killed in an aeroplane accident at Gosport in Hampshire near Portsmouth on Thursday, the 18th inst.

His father received a cable that afternoon telling of his son's death and was later advised that Lieut. Bateman in company with Lieut. Selwyn was making a flight and when at a height of 1000 feet the planes gave way and the machine dived, killing its two occupants instantly.

Lieut. Bateman was attached to the 39th and was with that battalion when it was quartered in this city early last summer. It will be remembered that he in company with Lieut. Reg. Elliott made quite a sensation when after being transferred to the 59th battalion they boarded the train carrying their comrades of the 39th to Quebec and begged to be allowed to go as privates. Their case was brought before General Sir Sam Hughes and after a reprimanding the pair he attached them to the 39th allowing them to retain their rank.

Early in December of last year Lieut. Bateman was transferred to the flying corps, received his pilot's certificate in February and was recently attached to the squadron at Bristol.

Lieut. Bateman was Lieutenant of H Company of the 49th regiment, Hastings Rifles under Capt. Charles Bleeker of Marmora.

He leaves a sister and one brother besides his father. He was 22 years of age.

At one time he attended the Ontario Business College in Belleville. He is the first officer in this section and the first Rawdon boy to give his life in the cause.

ALD. DEACON COMMENDED

For Taking the Proper Stand in Reference to the Proposed Patriotic Grant

Belleville, May 19, '16.

Editor Ontario,—

Dear Sir,—I presume that Alderman Deacon knew what he was talking about when he said that the council had the power to make a grant of \$30,000 to the "Patriotic" Fund, without submitting it to the people.

I claim that Ald. Deacon in the stand he has taken, is a "credit to his nation," and after all the expressions of loyalty and patriotism emanating from the pen of Mr. J. J. B. Flint, I fail to understand why he should continue to knock something that is an actual necessity in the carrying on of the war.

I believe Sir that the only way to get the burden evenly divided is by taxation.

Mr. Flint's attitude causes me to wonder if he fully appreciates the sacrifice made by those who go to the front, and their dependents.

Thanking you for space in your highly valued paper,

Yours for victory,

Signed up Ratepayer.

EVENING AT ST. ANDREWS

Albert College Dramatic Class Presented "Home Guard," Last Evening

Last evening in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School a delightful program was given by the students of Albert College under the auspices of the Young Peoples' Guild of the church. In spite of the inclement weather the attendance was very large. The program was as follows:

Piano solo—Miss Edwards

Solo—Mr. Loney

Reading—Miss Moorehouse

Violin solo—Miss Griffith

Solo—Mr. Staples

Reading—Miss Tuite

Solo—Miss LaVoie

Piano Duet—Misses Grosskurth and Edwards.

The second part of the program was a drama entitled "The Home Guards" about ten young ladies from the college played in this farcical treatment of the woman's side of war, when the men folk are drilling and the women are left home to their fears of burglars. The situations were decidedly comical and the acting revealed a good deal of talent. The audience was convulsed with laughter by the humorous elements in the play.

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THE BEEHIVE

CHAS. N. SULMAN

CHURCH PAPERS SAY UNION NOT GONE.

The Presbyterian of last week, in commenting on the recent meeting of the Presbyterian Committee on Union sums up the conclusion reached as follows: "The organic union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches is not to be abandoned. We must go on to union or go back to the waste and hurt of denominational rivalry." The resolution adopted by the Presbyterian Committee warrants the hopes that the General Assembly, which meets in Winnipeg the first week of June, may decide definitely for church union. The committee recommends that a resolution be passed by the Gen. Assembly deciding definitely committing the church to union on the basis already approved by the Assembly and by a large majority of the Presbyteries under the Barrier Act, as required by the constitution of the church, that the day be not fixed at present; that within one year after the close of the war any congregation may decide by majority vote of members, whether it will enter the United Church or not; that, thereafter the uniting churches seek the necessary legislation to validate the union and secure all right of the United Church in the property and trust funds of the uniting churches; and that the union be consummated after legislation is secured, as the required steps can be taken. The vote of congregations west of old Ontario was about 89 per cent. in favor of union. The resolution was moved by Principal Gandier, of Toronto, and seconded by Dr. Fryce, of Winnipeg. The minority of the committee opposed to union have not yet announced what their recommendation to the General Assembly will be. It is not expected that they will concur in the decision of the majority, but it may be hoped that they will recognize the utility of persisting in further opposition and gracefully accept the situation. To the average layman, unaccustomed to the niceties of theological differences, it seems unreasonable that all the advantages of the union proposed should have to be relinquished in deference to the preferences and bias of the minority. The Methodist and Congregational churches, which have already by large majorities, approved of union, cannot be expected to wait much longer for the Presbyterian Church to make up its mind on this question.

ALGONQUIN PARK.

This wonderful government reserve of 2,500,000 acres of forest, lakes and rivers set aside for a playground for the people has become one of the principal objective points of the summer tourist, the camper and canoeist. Good hotels and log cabin camps with most reasonable rates, situated in different parts of the park and operated by the Grand Trunk Railway System offer first-class accommodation for those who do not desire to live out-of-doors. Unlimited canoe routes for the camper, splendid fishing, beautiful country (1,500 lakes in the park) and pure and invigorating air is found here at an altitude of 2,000 feet above sea level. Illustrated descriptive literature and all particulars may be had on application to any Rand Frank Agent or to H. C. Thompson, or E. E. Horsing, D.P.A., Toronto, Ont.

TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Twelve years ago, May 18th, 1904, Mr. I. L. Moore joined the staff of the Ontario Business College. He received his business training at O. B. C. some years before and was subsequently chief accountant with an extensive manufacturing company and auditor for other companies in his native province of Nova Scotia. Mr. Moore has been the assistant principal with Mr. Johnson for ten years.

SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

We have learned that Guner G. E. Nagle who was employed as an assistant of Mr. Boyd Davis on the Trent Valley Canal at Glen Ross, and who enlisted less than a year ago as an artilleryman, has been wounded in battle and lost part of one ear. He has made speedy recovery and is probably back in the battle line again doing his bit.—Stirling News Argus.

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