

MISS GUEST TELLS OF HER WAR EXPERIENCES

Was Engaged in Hospital Work and in Organizing England Along Agricultural Lines and For Women's Institutes—View of the Revolution.

Experiences in the Great War and observations on the political and social condition of the world today formed the subject of one of the finest addresses ever delivered before a Belleville audience. The speaker was Miss Elsie I. Guest, M.A., a former member of the teaching staff of the Belleville High School. She has during the past three years given invaluable service in England in hospital work and in production and in promoting the Women's Institute movement. The England that did not have a single institution a couple of years ago, now numbers twelve hundred. The movement is helping to make the revolution in England a constitutional one.

Principal P. C. MacLaurin occupied the chair and expressed the pleasure of the school in welcoming back Miss Guest to Belleville. He referred to the canvass on Tuesday next for subscriptions for the High School War Memorial. The school has \$600 on hand and hopes to make up the balance of two thousand dollars in order to found a scholarship as a tribute to the thirty-five B.H.S. boys who will not return to Canada. It will be a terrible thing, declared Mr. MacLaurin, if we do not properly perpetuate their memory. Fifteen or sixteen teams will engage in the canvass.

Last evening's meeting at the High School was in aid of the fund. The attendance was very large. Miss Guest was warmly received as she rose to speak. Her story of what she saw and her reflections prove her the closest of observers. She spoke in very plain language which no one could misunderstand, of conditions as she found them.

After leaving Belleville, she was engaged for a while in institute work. In 1916 she went across to England on an American vessel. While the States were neutral, there was no neutrality in the U.S. navy, but the sailors kept up the cannon. The American naval officers had no confidence in what Germany would do. That is, they will harass the new Germany—the nations' distrust of her. But England thinks she is a repentant and in that England teaches us a lesson.

Miss Guest spent nine months in Northampton War Hospital which had a thousand beds. Life in the hospitals was a wonderful thing. The Somme battle was raging at the time. Her St. John's ambulance training served her in good stead. Miss Guest's work was administrative and she spent a great deal of her time in the hospital post office. The war hospitals were the best. The fullest spots in England. "You in Canada, I believe, suffered more than we did in England. It is wonderful what you get used to. In England you caught the cheerful courage of the trenches." The speaker, Miss Guest, depicted the coming of the convoys, the Zepp raids and devoted considerable attention to the description of the Christmas festivities in 1916, at the hospital, when men became as children in their excitement. Every soldier had a gift, good old English roast beef and plum pudding. The wards were decorated for the occasion. Carols were sung. On Christmas night the Canadians sang in a subdued voice, "My Little Grey Home in the West." No one ever sang, "Home Sweet Home," for there are some things too deep. The Lady Mayoress of Northampton brought a gift to every soldier and even to three German prisoners. One of the Germans asked her why she remembered him, and she answered, "O, it is Christmas." The German started to cry. Germany before she became mad as a military nation had been the great home of Christmas.

In February, 1917, Germany started her respected submarine warfare. Had she waited for another month, she would have won in starving England. But England had still time to organize and turn everything into garden plots. Miss Guest was commended for the work of agriculture. The problem was to save food. England did not know how to "dry" vegetables and fruits. Classes were taught in London for two weeks. Miss Guest was sent down to Kent. There four or five hundred people would come to hear her speak on how to "dry" fruit. That was a secret she had learned from her grandmother. All that summer she worked in Kent. The dull thud of the guns in Flanders could be heard sixty miles away, sixteen to the minute. Later they became thirty-two to the minute and then sixty and finally no count could be made of them, there being but one continuous sound, the earth, seeming to vibrate. There were nights when one could not sleep in Kent for the severity of the bombardment in Flanders.

Miss Guest depicted the air raids over Kent and over London. The hotel where she stayed was struck. She was transferred to the work of organizing women's institutes. While in that work she had a great opportunity of studying labor. We were nearly over the top in revolution three or four times before the war was over. The food question was one of these occasions. Labor suspected the aristocrats of hoarding and forced rationing, but really the richest houses got less, if anything, than the poor. Then again the nation was much disturbed over the sudden discovery that the British Royal Family was of Teutonic origin. The name of the Royal House was changed to " Windsor" and this trouble was over. The last two years of the war disillusioned the English soldiers. They asked, "What are we fighting for and why don't we make peace?" Before March, 1918 labor was very uneasy. When the drive of March 21st, 1918 came, the nation to a man stood back. The coming of peace found the nation still credulous of the end of the war.

Labor says that peace was made in Paris and was not worth the paper it was written on unless it is backed up by a league of nations. Labor says capitalism caused the war. The laboring man cannot be convinced that Kaiser caused the war but feels that it was the demand for investment of the surplus capital which could not be invested in England or Germany. The object is to destroy capital. The Bolshevism that broke out in Russia and spread to Germany is a mighty force. It is working in other forms in England and America. Labor will use two weapons—the strike and legislation. The idea of labor is that the surplus values are not to make a few men millionaires, but ought to go to the masses. Canada's national schools gave Canada a lead, but England has passed the most wonderful educational bill. Every little public school is the best fort and every High School is the best citadel of peace. Canadian soldiers were said to be the greatest and also the best educated. The revolution that is pervading the world is the community spirit. It will come constitutionally. Every person must do some work and also be assured a living. We in Canada are going along constitutionally on a basis of national schools. It is the universal outlook. The Canadian has the best citizenship in England and France. The English people have been well educated, but they are in watertight social compartments. However the caste system is breaking down. English labor seems that the Women's Institute movement is making the revolution easy in England. Thinkers and the upper classes are coming to labor's viewpoint. The recent railway strike meant England was near civil war, but again English common sense prevailed. There was marvellous self control among the masses and the nobility were a "brek." Now the danger is past. It is believed. No doubt the next Government will be a Labor Government. In fact the outlook today is the nearest approach the world has ever seen to Christian socialism.

The people in August, 1914 were narrow minded and insolent and for the next three years. The navy was flaunted, but the people doped themselves into belief that they were not wanting power because they had no standing army. But Britain faced her problems. She is rapidly changing. Now the motherland is the true mother of the empire.

Neglected to Support Wife

B. Roy Maidens Was Fined \$50 and Costs.

Bleeker Roy Maidens was convicted by Magistrate Mason this morning under Section 242 A, of the Criminal Code for neglecting to support his wife, Henriette E. Maidens and was fined \$50 and costs or in default two months in the common jail.

DEATHS

WILSON—At Ottawa, on Thursday, November 13, Thomas Arthur Wilson, eldest son of the late Jacob Wilson, 553 Euclid avenue, Toronto.

The woman who doesn't know her own mind hasn't much to worry over. If a mountain refuses to come to some men, they put up a bluff of their own.

Donations to Children's Aid

Kindly permit me to tender our sincere thanks on behalf of the Management Board of the Children's Aid Society for the kind donations received during the past month and also to apologize for the omission of the following names from the acknowledgement of the "Pound Day." This was owing to a misprint: Mrs. Johnson, per Mrs. F. E. Flynn, \$1.00; Mrs. A. Dufor, fancy biscuits; Haines Shoe Store, boots; Miss Millard, rice, tapioca; Mrs. Farley, 1 lb. butter; Mrs. L. E. Allan, clothing; Mrs. Thos. Ritchie, 10 lbs. butter; Miss J. Tickell, cocoa; A. Friend, sugar; Mrs. E. Badgley, Melrose, potatoes, apples, pumpkin; Mrs. Pearsall, clothing; Mrs. Jolly, sugar, rice, starch, jelly, raisins; War Veterans, bread and sandwiches; Mrs. (Judge) Wills, clothing and coat of fruit; Melrose and Women's Institute, 3 undershirts; 2 prs. girl's drawers; Ritchie Co., felt hats; High School, bread, butter, salmon, potatoes; Y.M.C.A., bread, longhuts; Mrs. Hough, Foxboro, can fruit; Mrs. E. T. McKean & Son, bread and buns; Mrs. Lewis, clothing; Miss Bogan, clothing; Miss Corbett, sewing machine; Miss Embury, Thompsonburg, can pre-served apples; Mrs. Geo. Jones, Thompsonburg, jelly; Mrs. Edwin Morton, Thompsonburg, 1/2 gal. maple syrup; Mrs. J. Jones, Thompsonburg, gems and fruit cake; Mrs. Fennel, Thompsonburg, 1 can sugar; Mrs. Geo. Henry, Thompsonburg, 1 layer cake; Mrs. Melbourn Adams, Thompsonburg, can honey, can jam; Mrs. Archie Jones, Thompsonburg, 1 can currants; Mrs. T. Francis, Thompsonburg, apples and cookies; Mrs. H. Lee, Thompsonburg, 1 lb. butter, 1 cake; Mrs. R. Perry, Thompsonburg, 2 lbs. cakes; Mrs. Chester Adams, Thompsonburg, 1 lb. cakes; Mrs. J. D. Embury, Thompsonburg, 1 doz. past. cakes; Mrs. W. Harrison, Thompsonburg, 1 layer cake; Mrs. Henry Blakely, Thompsonburg, 2 lbs. jams; Mrs. Wm. Maynes, Thompsonburg, 3 doz. buns, 2 doz. cookies; Mrs. B. Carter, Thompsonburg, 2 doz. cakes; Mrs. J. A. Quilla, Thompsonburg, 1 layer cake; Mrs. Joseph English, Thompsonburg, 1 loaf bread; Mrs. Alex. Morton, Thompsonburg, 2 1/2 loaves bread; Mrs. Silas Pringle, Thompsonburg, 2 doz. cookies; Thompsonburg Women's Institute, quilts, 4 handkerchiefs. The Belleville Reading Club per Miss Anning, 1 sweater; Mrs. Jones, apples; Miss Smith, Alexander St., apples and candy; Mrs. Jamieson, Bona, box of hickory nuts and crackers.

I remain, Yours respectfully, Thos. D. Ruston, Insp.

SALEM.

Mrs. H. Robinson spent Sunday with Mrs. L. Ross.

Mrs. Alva Hagerman spent Tuesday with Mrs. Geo. Badgley.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hatch moved off our line on Monday to go to Belleville.

Mrs. Owen Roblin is spending several days this week with her cousin Mrs. A. Hall of Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson and family spent Sunday at Mr. H. DeMille's of Melrose.

Mrs. H. Robinson spent one day last week with her friend Mrs. James Sills.

Quarterly convocation service was held in Bethel church, on Sunday morning, owing to this, there was no service in the evening.

Mr. H. Horton of Lindsay spent the week-end with his sister Mrs. Thos. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beary took dinner with Mrs. H. A. Rowe on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Lidgate of Randolph, Nebraska, visited friends in our community last week.

Miss Lucille Benson of Belleville spent the week-end at her home here.

The Bethel Epworth League intend holding their annual Rally service on Tuesday eve, Nov. 13th, at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. W. H. Higgs of Madoc is expected to take part in the program, and an interesting and helpful evening is looked forward to. Come along and bring one and all of your friends.

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"I cannot recommend Dadd's Kidney Pills too much," Mrs. Jones states in her enthusiasm. "I would not use any other kind."

"I do not know the cause of my trouble, but I know it dragged along for two years—and in that time I suffered from cramps in my muscles, neuralgia, headache and lumbago."

"My sleep was broken and unrefreshing. I had dark circles around my eyes and I was always tired and nervous. I was low spirited, my memory was failing, my limbs were heavy and my ankles swelled."

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Lindsay, Nov. 8.—About four-thirty, Thursday afternoon, Johnny Amon, son of Mr. Amon, York St. was struck by a car, driven by Mr. Robt. Barr. The accident occurred on Kent street, in front of Mr. Bide's store. The little fellow was crossing to the north of the street, and in dodging one car, failed to see the other and was struck. As far as can be ascertained, he was not seriously hurt. The car did not touch him as it passed over him. No blame is attached to the motorist.

Conductor Hansford Broke His Leg

Lindsay, Nov. 8.—Conductor Chas. Hansford, in the General Hobbit at Belleville, suffering from a broken leg. He was assisting in making up of his train at Hord's small station near Campbellford, three weeks ago, when the accident happened. Mrs. Hansford spent a few days with him, but has returned home. He was holding on to the side of the car, when his right leg was struck, and broken. Just above the boot top. He is progressing very favorably.

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