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NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN

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LAMBETH.

LAMBETH, April 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Will Evans of Listowel, spent the holidays with Mrs. W. Evans.

Miss Lulu Cutler is home for the Easter holidays.

Pte. Edwards of London, was the guest of Mrs. Gordon Mann on Sunday.

Sheriff and Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Christie of London, were the guests of Mrs. A. R. Routledge on Sunday.

The church was filled to overflowing to hear the choir in its Easter song service on Sunday evening. The loose collections going to the choir amounting to $26. The church was decorated with Easter lilies, ferns and plants with a white cross showing among the green.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Keenleyside of London, spent Sunday with Mrs. David Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ead of St. Thomas, were visitors on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ead.

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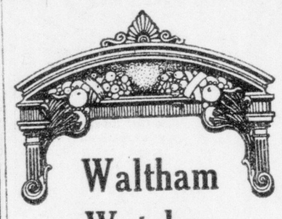

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SOUTH DELAWARE.

SOUTH DELAWARE, April 9.—A large crowd turned out to the box social in aid of the Red Cross, considering the wet evening. Miss Robertson and her pupils put on an excellent program. Geo. Peam gave some Victrola selections, after which Duncan Gordon auctioned off the boxes. The bids came in thick and fast. All boxes sold for a high figure.

Miss Robertson had the schoolroom decorated with flowers and bunting.

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EXCELLENT REPORTS WERE PRESENTED AT VESTRY MEETINGS

Anglican Congregations of City Have Had Busy Year.

NEW OFFICERS APPOINTED

Steady Growth Made by Churches in Spite of War Conditions.

Reports indicating a most satisfactory year's work were presented at the various vestry meetings held in the Anglican churches of the city last evening. Notwithstanding war conditions there has been a steady growth and many of the statements presented were unusually satisfactory.

At the Easter vestry meeting last evening in St. Paul's Cathedral the church wardens reported that the receipts for the past year were practically the same as for the previous year, $12,207.68.

Gratitude was expressed by the rector, Rev. Dr. Tucker, for the marked success enjoyed in all departments of the church's activities, notwithstanding heavy losses by death and removal, and the heavy burdens laid on the congregation by the war.

Inclusive of the font roll, the registered membership of the Sunday school is 486, and the children contributed $277.20, disbursed to missionary and patriotic objects. The junior department, especially, has outgrown its accommodation.

Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary has increased in both members and efficiency. A glowing report was presented from the Junior W. A., which has 64 members. Twenty-eight new members were recently received as associates into the Girls' Friendly Society. This society has been devoting much time to Red Cross work, and is planning a community garden for this spring and summer.

Three new organizations, the Girls' Auxiliary, Boys' Club and the revived A. Y. P. A. hold out high hopes of usefulness and success.

The Boys' Club.

The Boys' Club, organized in January, decided to take up the Canadian standard efficiency test course. The club has 28 members, and the boys are entering the potato growing contest for the summer.

Reference was made in the wardens' report to the sanction given by a special vestry meeting to the trustees of Woodland Cemetery to sign an agreement allowing the erection of a mausoleum in Woodland.

The vestry voted in favor of the admission of women to the vestries of the church.

One hundred dollars was voted towards the expenses of the Sunday school.

Regret Resignation.

Regret was expressed over the resignation of J. Harley Brown from the office of people's warden, J. M. Slater, who acted as secretary of the meeting, was appointed to take his place.

Dr. W. H. Moorhouse was reappointed rector's warden; A. G. Smyth, vestry clerk; R. Blandford, auditor, and L. Pinnell, clerk of the corporation.

Dr. Moorhouse, R. A. Bayly and Thos. Baker were appointed delegates to the diocesan synod, and T. G. Meredith, E. Weld and A. M. Smart, alternates.

The following sidesmen were elected: North aisle—A. Hall, S. J. Meredith, Jeffrey Hale. Centre—Percy Ball, Judge Judd and C. B. Edwards. South aisle—W. L. Underwood and Jos. Scandrett.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH.

The best year financially in the history of All Saints Church was reported last evening at the largely attended Easter vestry meeting. The total receipts for the year amounted to $4,106.46, and the expenditures to $3,948.52, leaving a substantial balance. In addition to meeting obligations $1,500 has been paid off on the mortgage.

All the organizations of the church show good growth and a nice balance. The Sunday school especially is in flourishing condition, and good work is being done by the Boy Scouts.

The elections resulted as follows:

Rector's warden, S. Newton; people's warden, J. Barnard; vestry clerk, Fred Parker Jun.; select vestry, G. B. Drake, W. Box, E. Risler, H. G. Stein, W. Fox, G. Templar, E. Kidner, E. Harper, A. Drake, E. Chadwick, H. Smythe, F. Parker Sen., H. Barrows.

Auditors—T. Hogg, C. Ticknor, A. C. Thompson.

Lay delegates to synod—H. G. Stein, W. Fox.

Substitutes—C. Ticknor and E. Harper.

ST. GEORGE'S.

Financial statements presented by the wardens of St. George's Church, West London, at the annual meeting last night showed a considerable balance on hand. The report will be printed and distributed at another meeting to be held in two weeks' time. Votes of thanks to the Ladies' Guild, the choir and similar organizations of the church were passed.

J. K. H. Pope and T. S. Dexter were chosen as lay delegates to the synod, and F. Wilson was elected as the people's warden. F. S. Turville was chosen as the rector's warden. The sidesmen of the north aisle for the coming year will be: Messrs. Wilson, Murray, Bending, Dexter, Jeffries, Andrews and Hunt. Those for the south aisle will be: Messrs. Stinchcombe, Kennedy, Tozer, Finnegan and Hobbs. The ushers selected for the north aisle were: Messrs. Hunt, W. Bending, Newcomb. Those elected for the south aisle were: Messrs. Hodgins, W. R. Kennedy, Stinchcombe. Messrs. J. K. H. Pope and Andrews were elected auditors. The rector, Rev. Canon George B. Sage, presided.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The officers elected and chosen at the annual meeting of the members of Christ Church were: Rector's warden, H. A. Schafer; people's warden, Chancey Smith. Sidesmen: North side, A. G. McCormick, R. M. McElheran, F. W. McRae; south side, T. H. Wingett, L. Quick, A. T. Stephens. R. M. McElheran and W. A. Hayden were elected as lay delegates to the synod, with R. Mathews and T. G. Vrooman as substitutes.

HAD GOOD YEAR.

The best financial year in the history of the church, was the report given at the St. Matthew's Church vestry meeting held in the schoolroom last night. Rev. G. L. Latimer rector of the church, presided. The schoolroom was crowded to capacity and much interest was displayed as the various reports were given.

The financial report for church maintenance only was received. The total receipts were $1,996.89, the expenses amounting to $1,913.81, leaving a balance of $78.08. Other financial reports were not received, as a number of reports of the various church organizations have yet to be completed.

It was decided to install two new furnaces during the coming summer.

Following were the church officers elected:

Wardens—J. Taman and Fred Watkinson.

Delegates to Synod—J. H. Hitchens and J. Moulton.

Sidesmen—Messrs. Metcalfe, McKenna, Davies, Henderson, Ley, McLeod, Beer and Stallard.

Select vestry—Messrs. Jones, Whitlow, Nicholas, Fox, Ley, McLeod, Woods, Stallard, Beer, Moulton, Edwards and Stallard.

AN EXCELLENT YEAR.

Reports of the most gratifying nature were presented at a largely attended meeting in the Church of St. John the Evangelist. The statement of the wardens, presented by C. H. Beard, showed that everything is in first-class shape and that a good financial balance remains on hand. Reports from the various organizations showed that all are flourishing.

Hearty votes of thanks were tendered to the rector, Rev. Canon Craig, the retiring wardens, C. H. Beard and W. G. R. Bartram, and to the various organizations of the church.

Officers for the coming year were chosen as follows:

Lay delegates to synod—Col. Fisher and Stephen Grant. Substitutes, B. S. Murray and W. G. R. Bartram.

Rector's Warden—Clair Jarvis.

People's Warden—W. H. Hicks.

Auditors—C. R. Eden and Arthur Butchart.

Vestry Clerk—Claud Brown.

Select vestry by the rector, H. E. Gates, W. B. Eardley, C. H. Beard, J. Robinson, S. W. Linley, J. C. Butler; by the vestry, B. S. Murray, Ray Lawson, Finlay Marshall, Wm. Green, C. R. Eden, Geo. H. Davis.

Sidesmen, Clair Jarvis, F. W. Linley, Kenneth Taylor, A. Butchart, Geo. H. Davis, G. Wright, W. Boug, Ross Clark, Col. Fisher, S. Loughrey, A. Connor, W. B. S. Eardley, J. McDougall, A. Burwell, John Robinson, R. Liddell, James Wilson, S. G. Hungerford, Wm. Harding, Ed Guillemont, Iolo Williams, Arthur Milligan, Richard Ashton and Herbert Young.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH.

Notwithstanding the fact that practically every eligible man in the parish has enlisted, the best year financially and otherwise in the history of St. David's Anglican Church was reported at the Easter vestry meeting last evening, presided over by the rector, Rev. R. E. Charles. The members of the congregation who are left have taken up the work with earnestness and enthusiasm, with the good results chronicled. Owing to the fact that all the men of the A. Y. P. A. have enlisted, and only the girls are left, the organization has been turned into a Red Cross society. Good reports were presented from the Sunday school and all other organizations.

St. David's is benefiting by the extension of the street railway right past its doors, making it much more accessible to members at a distance or those who find walking difficult.

It is proposed to use the large grounds around the church building for a community garden this year.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Rector's warden, Thomas Thorogood; people's warden, H. M. Watson; vestry clerk, John Metcalfe; lay delegate to synod, H. Pierson.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

Financial reports were presented and officers for the ensuing year elected at the annual vestry meeting of St. Luke's Church last night. The rector, Venerable Archdeacon Richardson, presided, and the minutes were read by the vestry clerk, George McCoomb. The wardens' report showed the church finances to be in good condition, as were those of the Sunday school, Women's Auxiliary, A.Y.P.A., and Ember Pennies. The rector's report was also presented. The accounts of the church wardens and rector showed a balance of $61.36. The balance of the Guild was $159.20, and the others aggregated $102.86. A vote of thanks was tendered Warden Docker for extra services in connection with the church and cemetery, and a gratuity was presented to him.

Votes of thanks were also tendered to Miss Marjory Newcomb, organist, and St. John's Guild.

The warden chosen by the rector for the coming year was Bart Powell. Charles S. Lecky was chosen by the people. The sidesmen elected were: J. G. Docker, S. Newcomb, George Carey and Lee Farncomb. William Graham was chosen as lay delegate to the synod, with E. B. Powell as substitute.

REMARKABLE GAIN.

A remarkable gain during the year was reported at the annual vestry meeting of Cronyn Memorial Church. The financial statement showed a deficit, but this was completely effaced during the year, and there was a surplus of $251.69. This will go to the building and surplus fund, which previously amounted to $1,200. A gain in membership was also evidenced by the fact that 439 members attended the communion services on Easter Sunday.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the rector, Rev. R. W. Norwood; the wardens; organist, Miss Moore; sidesmen, auditors, Sunday school teachers and officers, and the Ladies' Aid. Messrs. Doherty and Elgie will be the wardens this year. Mr. Doherty was chosen by the rector, and Mr. Elgie elected by the people.

The Select Vestry.

The six members of the select vestry chosen by the rector were: Messrs. V. Cronyn, F. Leonard, William Kingstone, Charles G. Clarke, E. McKone, Dr. Homer Black. Those named by the vestry meeting were: Messrs. George T. Brown, F. Jewell, R. T. Orr, T. Cliff, H. J. Child, J. Haslett. The sidesmen elected were: F. Dale, T. Cliff, C. Lawrence, P. A. Sands, G. Petit, E. Anstle, C. Treleaven, A. C. Wistow, H. Burch, E. McKone, R. Whitton, C. Clegg, A. M. Smith, McKenzie, A. G. Hewton, H. E. Simpson, J. Eggett, J. B. Hooke, H. Bayley, G. Pring, William Element, F. Lapthorne, Dr. Black. The auditors will be A. J. Smith and H. Treleaven. The delegates to the synod, Messrs. F. P. Betts, F. J. Jewell, Marshall Graydon. The substitutes, S. E. Leonard, George T. Brown, William Kingstone.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The results of a successful year's work were evident when the financial statement of the Church of the Redeemer was read. The receipts were $933.31, and the balance on hand was 85 cents, which showed careful financing. The A. Y. P. A. had a total receipts of $123.34, and a balance of $39.10; the Women's Guild receipts $538.47, and balance $126.76; the Altar Guild receipts $14.05, and balance $2.30; Girls' Sunday School Class, receipts, $301.86, and balance $3.87; and the rectory building fund receipts $3,172.53, and a balance of $271.27.

The showing of the rectory building committee was considered most praiseworthy, in view of the fact that the new rectory has been built, and was taken over by the rector last week. It was decided to hold a reception there on April 17 and 18, both afternoon and evening, the proceeds of which will be placed to the credit of the building fund.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the rector, Rev. H. B. Ashby; the rectory building committee, the choir and the organist, the choirmaster, the warden and the Sunday school teachers and officers.

New Officers.

The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Rector's warden, Thomas Hodgins; people's warden, Percy Southen; vestry clerk, William Vaughan; auditors, W. R. Ashman and A. Wallace; sidesmen, Frank Ross, Isadore Brett, Charles Sugden, Russel Geoghegan and Harold Mason.

At a meeting of the congregation previous to the vestry meeting, W. R. Ashman was elected a delegate to the synod, and J. H. Thompson.

AT ST. MARK'S

There was a fair attendance at the vestry meeting of St. Mark's Church, held in the Sunday school room. Rev. A. L. Beverly, rector, opened the meeting with prayer, after which M. J. Morrison and Ernest W. Hill were elected wardens.

The sidesmen appointed were W. E. Dunston, M. Garrett, W. Wills, H. Turner, C. Chapman and D. Sharp.

A. R. Adams was named vestry clerk and financial secretary. Wm. Wills was appointed lay delegate to the synod, H. Turner being appointed as substitute.

The meeting was then adjourned till April 30, when the full financial report will be given.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Trinity Church, Chelsea Green, will be held tonight.

RECTOR SOON TO RETIRE.

Very Rev. Dean Davis, rector of St. James' Church, South London, expressed his intention to seek superannuation in his address at the meeting of the vestry of St. James' Church, South London. Speaking of the growth of the parish he said that when he began the work on March 23rd, 1874, the first communion numbered 16, and there were 19 children in the Sunday school. This year, the 44th year of his charge, there were 315 at holy communion on Easter Sunday, and there were 285 children in the Sunday school and 425 families in the parish. At his age he found it most trying to carry out all the duties relating to his office, duties and work which were multiplying, and being unable to do it all, it was trying to feel that the work was suffering on his account. Owing to his physical condition he would not be able to continue another winter, and he felt that he would be compelled to seek supernnauation some time later in the season.

The total receipts for the year were about $5,190, and there was still a balance on the right side. The financial statement showed that the various church organizations were in a healthy condition. The lay delegates to the Synod are A. F. Nash, R. R. Davis and G. Collyer, and the substitutes are J. A. Thomas, T. Mains and A. O. Hunt. Votes of thanks to the rector and the various church organizations were passed, and the meeting was adjourned for two weeks, when the election of officers and the matter of the resignation of the rector will be taken up.

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PHOTOPLAY NEWS

PATRICIA.

Mary Pickford, "the sweetheart of the screen," in a five-act photoplay, "The Poor Little Rich Girl," is the attraction the first four days of this week at the Patricia.

In this picture adapted for the screen from the book by Eleanor Gates is presented a story that appeals to young and old alike. The Patricia was crowded to capacity at all four performances on Monday.

Over three hundred children attended the Monday afternoon shows, and enjoyed themselves only as children can.

The story is that of Gwendolyn, the "poor little rich girl," so called for her wealth of material comforts and her poverty in the happiness and affection she craves. Surrounded by everything that money can purchase, she longs for the maternal love and care that her mother's social duties leave no time for. Wall Street and its daily battle of bulls and bears so fully occupies her father's attention that he, too, neglects to show her the affection that a father should.

Neither is she permitted to follow her own inclinations, for when parental watchfulness is lacking, there are numberless paid servants ever ready to forbid what she most desires, and to insist upon what she least wants.

In this environment her dreary little life goes on day after day. Each morning the austere tutors instruct her in the schoolroom under the guidance of Miss Royle, the governess, and each afternoon that the sun shines, Jane, her nurse, accompanies her for a ride through the park in her limousine, guarded by liveried footmen and chauffeur. At sundown a hurried kiss dismisses her from the parents who must hurry off to some social function or to a business conference, and her tearful eyes close on one drab day only to open on another.

Finally she falls sick and then in her delirium tells of the things she wants. The doctor tells the parents they must act accordingly.

They do and the "poor little rich girl" has the sunshine she has longed for so long come into her life at last.

The bill opens with the ninth chapter of the "Secret Kingdom," showing the Swamp Adder.

In vaudeville, two good acts are presented.

Davis and Pollard, a funny pair, put across a laugh every few seconds, and gets lots of applause.

The La Blanche Duo entertain with operatic singing and musical selections.

"SELF-DEFENCE" AT LYRIC TODAY AND WEDNESDAY.

All who have seen the massive and spectacular Canadian war photodrama, "Self-Defence," at the Lyric are unanimous in the view that the military part of the spectacle is on a scale that is truly marvellous. Here one sees war as it is actually waged. Seldom, if ever, have so many troops participated in the making of a picture. And seldom, if ever, have the military movements been carried out with so much accuracy and precision. Much local interest is attached to this picture, owing to the fact that many of the scenes in it were taken at the Carling Heights encampment last summer, in co-operation with the Canadian department of militia.

LYRIC.

Depicting a supposed invasion of Canada by the Huns that gigantic and specacular military film "Self-Defence" is being shown the first half of this week at the Lyric Theatre.

The production was made in Canada and with the co-operation of the military authorities 50,000 troops, 3,000 horses and a cast of 400 are shown.

The drama, shown in ten parts as well as a great vehicle for recruiting, unfolds a story that carries with it a thrill in every scene.

The battle in the final chapters of the film was staged in the woods just north of Caring Heights, and Londoners familiar with this section can quite readily recognize the district and surroundings.

A number of the scenes are laid in Galt, the fire scene showing the Imperial Hotel there.

The opening scenes in the picture shows Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and other cities.

The question is then asked how would you like to lose these cities.

Canada is at war. She is giving every ounce of her available strength to England to hurl against the mighty Teutonic wave which is being thrown against the world, and which, if successful, will practically Prussianize humanity. A great recruiting campaign is on, and valiant sons of Canada are offering themselves for overseas service. Donald Gresham Jun., a young Canadian of wealth, good family and influence, has, since the outbreak of hostilities, developed into a rabid pacifist, and is spreading his propaganda broadcast, with the sincere hope that it may be of effect in killing the patriotic fervor with which the entire Dominion is imbued. Brunner, a man of engaging manner and excellent education, has been secretly sent to Canada by Berlin to ascertain the fighting strength of Canada, and to report all troop movements and Government progress to his imperial master. He makes the acquaintance of Gresham, and naturally finds him the best kind of tool with which to work.

Capt. Trench, a V. C. man has been invalided home, and in thrilling and graphic language describes what he has seen in devastated Belgium, and then goes on to impress upon young Gresham what might happen in Canada.

He describes in a spellbinding manner of how one fine day that the German fleet could secretly steal upon the Canadian coast, land its Teutonic hordes, capture a great sea-coast city; how that city is put to the torch, atrocities committed, and how, only after superhuman efforts, the Canadian forces are mobilized, and, after the cost of thousands of lives and millions in money, are enabled to drive the invading conquerors into the very sea from whence they came.

Gresham is finally convinced that he has failed to do his duty and enlists and goes forth to avenge the lives he sees being sacrificed to Hun savagery.

The closing part of the film is a powerful appeal to Canadian manhood to come forth, each and every one, and "do his bit" in the cause of freedom and right—the great principles for which the Allied armies are fighting.

MRS. TALLACK BURIED.

DORCHESTER, April 9.—Mrs. Mark Tallack, an life-long resident of Dorchester and its vicinity, whose death occurred Friday night, was buried this afternoon at the Union Cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. H. Sutton. Mrs. Tallack was 60 years of age and prior to her marriage was Mrs. Emma Edwards. Besides her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Theo. Parker, of London, and Mrs. Harry Poulton, of Brantford, she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Logan, of Vancouver; Mrs. McLean, of London; Mrs. Minkler, of Woodstock, and one brother, Thomas, of Memphis, Mich. By her death the village loses one of its most ardent Red Cross workers. The pallbearers were: Geo. Wade, John Parker, Colin Campbell, Dennis Carroll, John Ford and Joseph Hunt.

SHACKLETON AT FRISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., April 9.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, Antarctic explorer, arrived today from Australia. He will lecture here.

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Greater production and civic gardening were the themes discussed last evening at a joint banquet of the Board of Trade, the Canadian Club and the Rotary Club at the Tecumseh House. Peter McArthur, Ekfrid, took up the former question, while George Baldwin, Toronto, head of the Toronto Vacant Lot Cultivation Association, discussed the gardening problem. Rotarian Alderson, Toronto, also spoke briefly on the work done there by the Rotary Club in stimulating interest in backyard and vacant-lot gardening. S. Frank Glass, M.P., announced that the Government had decided to open a labor bureau for farm help as well as city help today. No announcement was made as to the man who would be placed in charge. A. E. Silverwood presided. Rev. Principal Waller represented the Canadian Club, while George H. Belton looked after the interests of the Board of Trade.

Get Together.

"The main idea is to get the city folk and the farmers together, so that they might the better understand each other," said Mr. McArthur. "You know what you think of the farmers, and I am not going to take up time to tell you what the farmer thinks of you. Some of you have an idea of it at least. One farmer wrote me, saying that it looked as if the city folks desired to unload the long-eared jackass brand of ribbon them. It was to correct these impressions that I am taking an interest in this work.

"It is a serious business. Lloyd George and others in authority have told us that defeat may come by hunger, not by the grey hordes of Germany. They see behind the red shadow of war the spectre of famine. That is what we are up against, and we must solve it. I want to help the Empire in this our great crisis.

Have Right Idea.

"I met some farmers in Hamilton today and they have the right idea. They are willing to take the help and do the right thing. There are a lot of farmers that way.

"The farmers have a grievance. The munition workers are not paid for patriotic reasons. The more they produce, the more they are paid. The farmers fear that the more they produce the less they will get. We want them to produce as much as they can, and if they do not get fairly treated on the matter of price, there will be a roar that will be heard throughout this Dominion. We must get him a market, and we will, too.

"It is amazing how many young men have left the farms and gone to the front. It would surprise some of you city folks if you would trouble to find out. I know many, many homes where there is mourning tonight. Recruiters have told these farmers that their sons must go to war, that they could leave their farms untilled, provided the boys donned the khaki. If they gave the excuse that they wanted to produce more, they were called slackers. Now you come to them and ask them to produce more. We will support the soldiers at the front; the farmers will. Now will you help and support the soldiers on the farm? That is your problem and you must solve it.

Need Skilled Men.

"Unskilled men are not wanted on the farms. We want men who can and will work on the farms who know the game. The businessmen of Toronto now understand, and they are deadly in earnest. They want to help and they are going to help. We are going to reach everybody we can and solve this problem of victory, for that is what it means."

Rotarian Alderson declared that the cultivation of vacant lots and backyards had been a great success in the past two years, and this year more interest than ever was being shown in the schemes. Over 500 applications for lots had been received and more land was being secured daily to meet the demands. It meant increased production and better citizenship.

Practical Advice.

George Baldwin gave a most interesting lecture on the methods of cultivation, and gave some excellent advice on the best way to grow vegetables. He suggested many varieties of garden stuff to be planted, with proper facilities for securing good crops. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides and was most profitable. The audience made notes almost to a man and the majority took down the varieties that he specially emphasized as good producers.

S. Frank Glass, M.P., announced that the Government had decided to open a labor bureau here, and would get the farmers in touch with the right kind of men for their work. It was essential that something be done at once. Seeding would be on at once and the demand for skilled labor was most apparent. He spoke of the good results that had followed the conference with city employees, and he felt sure that in many of the business places were men who could do farming and who should be available at once. He urged that all such be given their holidays this month, so that they could do the most good for the farmers. Intensive farming was most profitable. He instanced where a young Caradoc boy had raised 510 bushels of potatoes on one acre of ground, when the average in good years was not 200 bushels.

Get Things Done.

Rotarian Alderson in acknowledging the greetings from the Londoners threw a bomb into the Government and politicians.

"If you want anything done, do it yourselves," he declared. "Keep it out of the hands of the politicians and the Government. A young Scotchman in Toronto wanted to go onto the farm and somebody sent him up to the Government. He was chased from one place to another, finally receiving word that there was no place where he could go. That's the way things are done. Get busy in your own way; get your own men and get them out yourselves. This red tape business is no good at all in these times."

Mr. Alderson also complained about the lethargy of the Provincial Government. He declared that the greater production committee, or rather the resources committee, had been organized almost a year, and not a single man had been secured by that committee as yet for the farm.

"They should have been on the job months ago," declared Mr. Alderson. "They are now making a tremendous rush, but months and months were lost, when valuable organization work could have been completed, and the men made ready for their patriotic duty. There is haste now, but the delay may be fatal."

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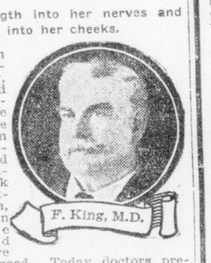

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