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Patriotism and Politics (Presbyterian Witness.) It is being persistently asserted that an attempt is being made by a certain political ring to induce the government to bring on a Dominion election at an early date, and articles which have recently appeared in Conservative papers give some color to this assertion. We cannot, however, bring ourselves to believe that the great Conservative party of Canada would entertain the proposal of plunging this country into a heated political contest at such a crisis of the Empire. The moral effect, both in Britain and on the Continent, of a political contest in Canada, at the present time, could not but prove very serious. A divided Canada, in the throes of a partisan struggle would certainly be calculated to give comfort and hope to the enemy, as well as cause deep regret and depression among those on whom such tremendous burdens are already resting. If ever in the history of our country there was a call for all parties and classes to show a united front against a powerful and unscrupulous enemy, it is the present. Great Britain herself has set a noble example of such unity. At the beginning of the war, party differences were at once laid aside, and Conservative leaders publicly requested Mr. Asquith, in the interests of the Empire to prolong by Act of Parliament, the present legislature, so that the country might be saved from internal distractions during the war. The political parties of Britain tacitly agreed that there should not even be a contested by-election as long as a peril from without threatened the nation. When a vacancy in the House occurs it is understood that a man of the same party as the former occupant of the seat shall be returned unopposed. There are many reasons why a similar policy should be, and we believe, will be pursued in our own country. Any attempt to stir up party feeling and to revive old and bitter controver-

Middleton Oct. 26th. Mrs. Hattie Ross is the guest of Mrs. O. R. Potter. Miss Florence Rook spent a few days at her home in Springfield. Mrs. Jones is a guest of her sister, Mrs. W. S. H. Morris at the Rectory. Mr. Roache, of the Commercial Bank Staff, Truro, spent Sunday in Middleton. Mrs. Edwards, of Annapolis Royal, is staying with her daughter, Mrs. T. B. Buckler. Mrs. W. S. H. Morris gave a five o'clock tea at the Rectory on Wednesday last. Mrs. John Lewis, of New Grafton, spent a few days with her friend, Miss S. Smith. Mrs. N. F. Marshall is visiting her brother-in-law, Principal Marshall, of Chebucto School. The Captain and Mrs. G. H. Vroom are now occupying their home on Main Street. Miss Pearl Dodge returned to Wolfville last week to resume her studies at the Ladies' Seminary. Mrs. W. B. Ross who has spent some time here at her summer home, returned to the city on Monday last. Mrs. Harris of Annapolis Royal, was in Middleton on Saturday last, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Buckler. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. MacDonald entertained a few of their friends at their home on Commercial Street last Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Hill. The ladies of South Farmington of the Red Cross Society held a supper at Mrs. W. Phinney's home on Wednesday last. They made \$19.00 which goes for Red Cross work.

MELVERN SQUARE Oct. 26th. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks of Aylesford, were the guests of Mrs. Ella Goucher on Sunday last. Mrs. A. E. Wheeler and children, were recent guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Gage, of Margaretville. Miss Verna Palmer, of Kingston, visited her friends, the Misses Jean and Grace McNeil, a few days last week. Miss Myrtle Morse, student at Acadia Seminary, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morse. Mrs. Shippy Spurr was a recent guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Burgess, of Sheffield Mills, Kings County. Mr. Wentworth Pearson, of Canton, Mass., is spending his vacation here, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pearson. A few of our young people attended the dance at Kingston, on Thursday last, returning "in the wee sma' hours," tired, no doubt, but happy. Mr. James Martin, accompanied by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Martin, and two children, spent a few days last week with friends at North Williamston. Mr. Kenneth McNeil, in charge of an auto party, motored to Halifax on Friday last, where he visited his brother, Lieut. Scott McNeil, and wife, returning to Melvern Square on Sunday evening. The apples in this community are about all gathered, and are being packed and hauled to the different warehouses, making it a very busy time for the farmers. As about every farmer in Melvern believes in spraying, the fruit this year, with a few exceptions, is exceedingly fine smooth, with very few spots, if any, in evidence. So much for spraying!

Another Fine Residence CAPT. AND MRS. G. H. VROOM OCCUPYING THEIR NEW HOUSE Captain and Mrs. G. H. Vroom are now occupying their new house on Main Street West. After selling their former residence last Spring they purchased a double lot with convenient and slightly location on the G. F. Freeman property. The contract for a house and stable was awarded to W. K. Beale, Messrs. Crowe Elliott Co., being engaged to do the plumbing and heating, Ernest Bishop the painting and George Johnson the graining. The residence as now completed is not large, but is neat and comfortable from cellar to attic. Conveniently equipped kitchen, dining room and parlor; steam heating; electric lighting; concrete cellar; pleasing veranda and the stable of garage also completely equipped are features of the new property. Not only do Captain and Mrs. Vroom have a most comfortable home, but another is added to the number of new residences in Middleton. - Outlook.

What Mothers Need Too many women struggle under pains and aches. They are not sick—but weak, nervous, irritable. Such women need that blood-strength that comes by taking SCOTT'S EMULSION. It also strengthens the nerves, aids the appetite and checks the decline. If wife or mother live daily on Scott's Emulsion, SCOTT'S EMULSION will build her up. BROWN SUBSTITUTES.

Lawrencetown Perhaps nothing shows more clearly the phlegmatic calm of England and the English than the signs that are displayed in almost every shop window: "Business as usual." Though engaged in the greatest war the nation has ever known, upon whose decision hangs the very existence of the Empire, the ordinary Englishman steadily refuses to be jostled out of his regular routine. London is quietly going about her "business as usual." Shops are open, business is brisk, crowds throng the streets, and if the sound of foreign tongues more frequently than usual proclaim the presence of thousands of refugees from the Continent, still the great life-currents of the Metropolitan flow smoothly "as usual." But, looking beneath the surface, one soon sees that though outwardly quiet and calm, the very depths of the nation are most profoundly stirred. And if the tide of life flows on in its ordinary course it is only by the purposeful exertion of a will not to be stamped into panic by the awful possibilities that loom upon the imagination of the nation. The visit of the German air fleet has been threatened ever since the outbreak of hostilities, but especially since the bombardment of Antwerp has the imagination of the Londoner been gripped by the ghastly possibility. The street lights have been dimmed by lighting only part of the lamps and by painting a heavy dark band around the upper parts of the globes of those lights. Only a small circle of lights falls upon the street in the immediate vicinity of the lamp, while from above the smallest possible illumination is seen. The lighting of shop windows is diminished, and, where outside lamps are used, the globes are usually so painted that only that part turned directly upon the window receives any light. The street is in darkness. Many of the important streets near the royal palace are so dim that the traffic is directed by means of red lanterns hung along on the side of the street. A bootblack facetiously remarked that he was always forced to put an extra shine on the front shoe, so as to be able to see what he was doing with the other. It is said that in St. James's Park channels have been made along the sidewalks and water has been turned into them, so that the reflection from acetone lamps which have been especially prepared for the purpose may give the effect of the light in populous sections of the town. The idea is that the nightly visitors may be deceived into dropping their bombs in the park, where the least possible damage could be done. Immense search-lights nightly sweep the sky in all directions on the lookout for the threatened invader. A British air-vessel makes nightly visits over the city for experimental purposes, and the lessons learned are immediately put into practice. 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LAKE PLEASANT Oct. 26. Lots of moose, but get them. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wile, on the arrival of a daughter, Oct. 18th. Miss Gladys Hunt spent Sunday at Falkland Ridge, the guest of her friend, Miss Mabel Marshall. Mr. Oscar McNair has had his house thoroughly repaired this past Summer. Mr. Nathan Veinot did the work. The Davison Lumber Company purpose building a line of railway to their timber west of Lake Pleasant, to connect with the H. & S. W. Railway at Springfield. Messrs. Ross, Riner and Waller, who have had teams hauling lumber from their mill at Lake Pleasant are about through, having hauled about a million feet. The same company plan to operate at the same place the coming Winter. F. C. Tufts has a crew logging for the Davison Lumber Company. The timber will be drove into Lake Pleasant. I. B. Sanniers is putting in two crews for the same company and is building camps now. This timber will also be drove into Lake Pleasant.

SPA SPRINGS Miss Cora Bowly, of Mt. Hanley, spent the week end at her home. Capt. and Mrs. A. Barteaux, of Middleton, were the guests of their niece, Mrs. M. Bowly last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ingraham Dolge, of Lawrence, Mass., have been visiting the former's brother, R. A. Dodge. Mr. B. W. Woodbury, of Middlehead, Mass., who has been spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodbury, returned to his home last week. He was accompanied by his wife and child who spent the Summer at her old home.

London in War Time (By Rev. Ernest W. Bysahe.) Perhaps nothing shows more clearly the phlegmatic calm of England and the English than the signs that are displayed in almost every shop window: "Business as usual." Though engaged in the greatest war the nation has ever known, upon whose decision hangs the very existence of the Empire, the ordinary Englishman steadily refuses to be jostled out of his regular routine. London is quietly going about her "business as usual." Shops are open, business is brisk, crowds throng the streets, and if the sound of foreign tongues more frequently than usual proclaim the presence of thousands of refugees from the Continent, still the great life-currents of the Metropolitan flow smoothly "as usual." But, looking beneath the surface, one soon sees that though outwardly quiet and calm, the very depths of the nation are most profoundly stirred. 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