

Women's Institute

MT. PLEASANT INSTITUTE
The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on May 31st at the beautiful home of Mrs Morgan Harris...

The meeting opened by singing the opening ode. The president was in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read by secretary and adopted.

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The Misses Marjorie and Edith Sweet are the guests of Buffalo friends. Mrs. C. A. Cameron had a guest in Mrs. Berde of Toronto, during the week.

Mrs. Cornelius and the Misses Cornelius are visiting in London for a few days. Mrs. Jack Temple was the guest during the week of Mrs. Binkley, Hamilton.

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Mrs. J. H. Stratford, who has been the guest of Mrs. Cummings Nelles, left yesterday for her home in Toronto. Mrs. E. C. Ashton is spending a fortnight at Niagara-on-the-Lake, where her husband, the Colonel, is at camp.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson of Montreal, will spend the week-end at the parental home, 135 Sheridan street. Mr. W. J. Jolly, formerly of Brantford, has just passed the final law examination of the University of Saskatchewan.

Miss Hilda Livingston and her brother Art, were visitors in Galt on the occasion of the formal recognition of that centre to cityhood. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harris and Mr. George Upton of Boston, have journeyed to the grounds of the Calcedon Club for a few days.

Mrs. James Spence, Mrs. J. T. Ham and Mrs. Henry McLean were in Hamilton yesterday attending the reunion of the daughters of Alma. Miss Adeline Le-Vois of Paris, spent Wednesday and Thursday in the city, as the guest of Miss Gertrude Schuler, Duke Street.

Miss Claire Storey, left last night for Los Angeles, Cal., where she will visit for three weeks, to return with her grandmother, Mrs. R. H. Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Oldson celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding yesterday when a family gathering observed the event fittingly at their residence on William street.

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SOCIETY

Miss Pearl Morris will spend the week-end with Toronto friends. Mrs. A. S. Towers has a visitor in her sister, Mrs. Kitzbridge, of Chicago.

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Mrs. John Hagey and Miss Dorothy Hagey are leaving to-day for Preston. Mr. and Mrs. H. Ritchie of Toronto are visiting local friends for the week-end.

Mrs. W. D. Ritchie and Mrs. R. Hay of Little's Current are visitors in the city to-day. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Price of Chicago are spending a few days in the city with friends.

Miss Hudson, of Ealing, England, niece of the late Major Hudson, is the guest of Mrs. W. F. Cockshutt. Mr. John Whiting has received word that his son, Bombarrier Matthew Whiting of the 13th Battery, has arrived safely in Plymouth, Eng. and.

Mrs. George Walt gave a pleasant little supper in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ritchie on Thursday evening, when many citizens met the Canadian honorist. Among the Woodstock College students who have returned to the city upon the closing for the summer vacation, are George and James Matthews, Ken and Tom Kuddy, Russell Sweet, Arch, Jurnall and Reginald Cook.

Mrs. (Rev.) Turnell received for the first time at the Mohawk Institute on Thursday when very many citizens assembled in the picture room. She was assisted by Mrs. W. F. Cockshutt. The floral decorations were peonies and yellow lilies.

Decorated patriotically for the occasion, the Conservatory of Music presented a pretty, yet animated scene on Wednesday evening, when the program consisted of recitations, dialogues, choruses and a debate which was attentively listened to by a large audience. A neat sum was realized and will be used for patriotic purposes.

A very successful programme was given Wednesday evening in Easton St. Presbyterian church by the girls and the boys' organized classes, the "Always Ready's" and the "Lookouts." The program consisted of recitations, dialogues, choruses and a debate which was attentively listened to by a large audience. A neat sum was realized and will be used for patriotic purposes.

The closing meeting of the Donna Robinson Mission Circle of the Colborne Street Methodist Church was held last Tuesday at the home of the President, Mrs. R. Reid. There was an attendance of thirty. After a dainty supper was served, Mrs. (Rev.) Holling addressed the circle and presented life membership certificates, which were eight in number. Miss Claire Walton then gave a very interesting report on her recent visit to the missionary convention at Woodstock. The meeting was brought to a close with prayer by Mrs. White, ending one of the most successful years of the Circle.

Last evening, Mr. E. W. P. Jones and Miss Ina May Jones entertained the adult members of Sydenham street church to an informal lawn and house entertainment at their beautiful residence at Grandview Park. The affair was in the interests of the Sunday school and the entertainment was splendid. The grounds were a bower of beauty and many admiring expressions were heard. The younger section of the crowd played games on the lawn but later in the evening all turned inside to enjoy the following splendid programme: instrumental, Miss Whitney; musical bells, Miss Whitney and the Misses Williams; reading, Mrs. Benson; Miss Shultis; Highland Fling; Miss Whitney and the Misses Williams; solo, Miss Hammond; solo, Miss Shultis. The participants in the programme are well known, and each one lived up to their well-established reputation. Much interest was manifested in the clever work of the little Misses Williams. Their dumb-bell work and their exposition of the Highland Fling were splendidly executed. Mrs. Swartz of Woodstock, assisted Mrs. and Miss Jones in receiving their guests; Mrs. J. Laing poured coffee, and Mrs. Hewitson poured tea. The assistants were Miss Graham, Miss Turner, Miss Margaretson and Mrs. Ernest Anderson. The affair was a most delightful one, and appreciation was expressed on all sides for the thoughtfulness and interest shown by the host and hostess in the interests of the Sydenham Street Sunday school.

The cosy parlors of Wellington St. Church were thrown invitingly open on Thursday evening to a number of friends on the occasion of a strawberry festival under the auspices of the Young Peoples' League. There was nothing stereotyped about the modes of entertaining that offered. The guests were at liberty to sit and gaze one at the other, or to contemplate reflectively the arc lights suspended from ceiling and walls; else might they wander at will among the empty tables of the refreshment rooms, inhaling the rare and elusive perfumes of bridal wreaths and geranium plants. Were one disposed to solitary musing, he might do the dolce far niente to his heart's content, while ever and anon strains of patriotic airs subconsciously inspired young hearts to dream of valorous deeds "on battlefields where thousands need to lift one hero into fame." Three snatches of conversation interrupted the sequence of one's thoughts now and then, when mixed foursomes, swell undercuts, lode sets, and hints of prowess in ascending the ladder of fame by means of tennis tournaments, lent the touch of realism necessary to round out a perfect evening.

Taken all in all, those who were fortunate enough to be absent, are to be congratulated, while those privileged to be present will not readily forgive the happy evening at First Methodist Church.

TWO LETTERS FROM THE FIGHTING LINE

Corp. Hamilton and Corp. Bell Write Home.

The following letter from Corp. A. Hamilton of the Fighting Fourth is very interesting, and depicts the life things that cause heartaches on active service. A soldier is a very human boy, as his letters show.

My Dear Mrs. Sara: I have not heard from you for quite a considerable time, but I suppose my wandering around has quite a lot to do with it. I have heard from Steve recently quite a while, but I suppose he is too busy to write. I know he is alright, having met one of the boys from the front. The transport never lost a man so far. I am at present "batman" for young Gillen who arrived here yesterday from the hospital. He was wounded in the head, but not seriously, so will be going back next week and I expect to be going with him. He kept on fighting after he was hit for quite a while, and when it was dark helped to get in the wounded, one of the Brantford boys, Huggins by name, dying while being brought in. The lad I worked with at the Rido, my tankmate, who I was about him, he was the lad who threw bricks during the riot, was killed. His name was Ellis. But you will know more about how the boys from Brantford went on better than I do. Well, I hope yourself and sister and baby are quite well, and I believe Pete is over here now. I don't know how I am going on the time, so please send that package to Ethel if I should catch in the next time. I was lucky last time, but my luck might not hold good twice. There is nothing important in that package except my mother's last letters to me, and a few photos. Now don't get the idea I am downhearted. I am not, but I realize what I am up against and think it is best to be happy about it. Steve is better off in not having to go in the trenches or take part in the attacks, but they are liable to attacks by shell fire. But the man who has charge of them is an old hand at the game, having done the same thing in Africa, and has a good head. I hope you are settled in your new house now and are comfortable. Give my Canadian nephew a kiss for me, and I hope he is well. I hear Pete's regiment is taking turns in the trenches, or is going to take turns in the trenches, but I reckon they will be alright. They are a good bunch.

I have no more to say at present. Best love to you all. Yours, ALBERT

Dead men, dead horses and wrecked buildings, such are the daily scenes around Ypres, depicted in a letter from Corp. W. Bell to Mr. Raymond the Postmaster.

May 22 Dear Sir,—Just a few lines to let you know I am well and doing a well-cash in the next time. I was lucky in the trenches for four days and it doesn't seem to be right where it is so quiet after those seventeen days of hell at Ypres and seven days at another place. It is remarkable how reckless a person you are. They have been in action a few times. The first few days at Ypres I was very cautious but towards the last, when we heard the whistling of shells, we would try and locate which way they were coming when at first we would duck in a ditch or a hole of some sort and never mind the direction. Well, Mr. Raymond, the world will never know half what the dirty Germans have done, but you can see for yourself the Canadians will get back at them for the way they treated some of our boys; and they know it. I think they have an idea that we are savages, as some of the prisoners call our Scotch "wild women fighters." I guess they put up a great fight. The country around here is a great farming community and the people are very industrious. Of course when you are in the fighting zone everything is gone to ruin. Ypres must have been a very fine place before the war, but it is an awful looking place now; buildings wrecked, and dead horses lying around by the hundreds; also dead men; wagons blown to pieces, also wheels and motor bikes and motor cars. The Germans have a gun which we call the Ypres express. It must be a 15 inch or a 17 inch gun. You could hear the shell going through the air a mile away, and see the explosion long before you could hear the report. Nearly all the English troops tell us that the Canadian artillery are the best artillery out here as their marksmanship is perfect. They always put the shells into the right spot, and the Germans know that by this time. We went into action with with 12 eighteen-pounders, and came out with seven that were right. Of course we brought the other five out and they were overhauled, and are now O.K. It is rather exciting when under shell fire and also amusing at the way our boys take it. If a shell comes close to you you will hear them abuse the Germans, calling them all sorts of names; and if they are a long way off, they will laugh and poke fun at their poor shells, but as the country is full of them, it does not, as general rule, take them long to get our range.

Well, Mr. Raymond, I must close; remember me to all the boys around the office, and I hope soon we will be marching into Berlin, because it is a certainty they cannot lick us, and we will win in the end. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Corp. W. W. Bell, Headquarters Staff, 1st Brigade, C. P. A., 1st Canadian Contingent, Belgium.

DENIAL IS MADE. My Special Wire to the Courier Ottawa, Ont., June 5.—The militia authorities this forenoon had no confirmation of the German wireless claiming that Brigadier-General Turner had been captured. They deny that any order has been issued to British or Canadian officers to shoot men attempting to surrender, but that the Germans have issued such an order, and it was doubtless a copy of this that was found on the general.

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