MARRIED.

MOORE-POTTER—At the residence of the bride's parents, Dundas, on Friday, 18th October, by Rev. Austin Potter, father of the bride, assisted by Rev. A. K. Birks, B. A., G.L.B., Charles H. Moore, Manager Dundas Star, son of James Moore, Acton, to Miss Jessie Potter, B. A.

DIED.

HILTS—At Norval, on October 13th, James Hilts aged 70 years.

SAYERS—At his home at Guelph, on Saturday, 19th October, Peter Sayers, in his 67th year.

WHEELER—At Glenwilliams, on October 14th, Margaret Ann Martin, beloved wife of Andrew Wheeler, in her 53rd year.

DURSTON—At Percy, Moose Mountains, Sask., on Saturday, Oct. 5th, Eliza Ann Simmons, widow of the late Fred Durston.

HARVEY—At her home at Markham, on Wednesday, 16th October, Harriet Osmanson, widow of the late Michael Speight, formerly of Acton aged 79 years.

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LET US GIVE THANKS

Monday next, October 28th, has been proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day for Canada, when all the people are called to cease from their regular labors and give thanks to Almighty God for His many bounties.

The habit of thankfulness is one which ought to be diligently and systematically cultivated. Nor is the task a difficult one to those who set about it in an intelligent fashion. If any man, for example, will learn to close every day with a review of the blessings which it has brought him from the hands of God, he cannot fail to experience a deepening sense of gratitude.

These blessings are so manifold and so rich that to attempt to enumerate them will be sure to bring a great surprise. Not only does this hold good as to those whom the world regards as happy—the wealthy and the great—but it is also true of those whose lot in life appears to be the narrowest and hardest—the lowly and they poor.

It behooves us all to give thanks on our national Thanksgiving Day next Monday. Let us all give thanks.

EDITORIAL NOTES

GEORGETOWN municipal authorities have notified Hon. Adam Beck that arrangements are to be made forthwith to secure a supply of hydro-electric power. This means that main power stations at Port Credit and Guelph will be connected and that a loop will be formed consisting of Port Credit, Brampton, Acton, Milton, Georgetown and Guelph.—Milton Reformer.

THE ONTARIO ALLIANCE OFFICERS have just sent out the following information: Another big Local Option campaign will be fought out at the time of the next Municipal Elections, in January 1913. Voting is likely to take place in over 70 municipalities, comprising 1 city, 16 towns, 20 villages and 34 townships. For the most part, the contests are in Western Ontario, Huron leading with nine contests. Among the larger places to vote are Peterboro, Lindsay, Carleton Place, Clinton, Oshawa, Pembroke, Petrolea, and Sarnia. Some of these places have voted before, but in a considerable number the question is before the electors for the first time. The striking feature of the fight, is the fewness of repeal contests. Last year of 178 places where repeal contests were possible, voting took place in 15, and in none of these was the attempt to repeal successful. This year there are 280 possible repeal contests, but it is not likely that in 10 per cent. of these, will the issue be brought before the electors.

IF THE LIQUOR PEOPLE undertake a Local Option repeal contest in Acton they will have on their hands a herculean task; one which is generally considered as foolish and futile. To accomplish their end they must first persuade twenty-five per cent. of the qualified electors to sign a public petition asking the Council to submit a by-law for the re-establishing of a licensed liquor traffic in Acton. They may possibly succeed in with the petition. If they do, and the by-law is submitted, they must, at the election next January overcome not only the 92 of a majority which the Citizens' Committee succeeded in piling up at the election three years ago, but they must also secure another fifth of all the voters after the above majority is wiped out, to comply with the three-fifths requirement of the Act. It is true a few of those who were credited with voting favorably to Local Option at last election are now alleged to be prepared to vote against it. On the other hand the Citizens' Committee have the names of a number who opposed the measure then who are now quite convinced that both moral and material benefits have followed the adoption of Local Option and will vote and work against any change. There is no doubt whatever that if the local forces who are prepared to fight the notorious evils of a licensed liquor traffic will work as strenuously in the event of a repeal contest, as they did before,—and it is confidently believed they will—Local Option will be sustained in Acton by a large majority.

A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE

We notice in this week's issue of the Family Herald and Weekly Star, that the publishers have secured, as a premium picture for subscribers, another beautiful subject, entitled "Mother's Treasures" a companion to the beautiful picture "Home Again," which they gave last year. Family Herald pictures are always good and it is said that "Mother's Treasures" is the best yet. It is truly wonderful what great value one receives for one dollar a year in the Family Herald and Weekly Star. It is a paper no home in Canada should be without. Every member of a family will find some part of it interesting, and alone well worth the year's subscription. The premium picture, "Mother's Treasures" is 23 by 29 inches, all ready for framing, and alone would sell in any art store at two dollars.

The Family Herald should do bigger business than ever this season.

The average man is always batting in and sidling to his collection of easy miles.

—Two new baggies; both have seen stable. Bargains to cash buyers. W. J. Gossip, Herald maker.

THE W. M. S. CONVENTION HERE

A Good Attendance, Interesting Programme and Inspiring Proceedings

WILL MEET IN FERGUS IN 1913

The eighteenth annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society of Guelph District was held in the Methodist Church here last Thursday. It was in all respects successful and encouraging, the true missionary spirit, characterizing all the proceedings.

Nearly all the auxiliaries of the district were represented, for which fact no doubt the perfect autumn day exerted an influence.

In addition to the members of Acton auxiliary the following delegates were registered:

GUELPH—Mrs. J. W. Oakes, Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, Mrs. J. E. Schmidt, Mrs. J. Conery, Mrs. Clifford Jackson, Mrs. M. Graham, Mrs. James H. Royce, Mrs. Thos. Easton, Mrs. H. H. Robinson, Mrs. J. Hillis, Mrs. Cotton, Mrs. Peavoy, Mrs. R. Shortill, Mrs. Bolsfenillet, Mrs. H. A. Bradley, Mrs. Harry Mahoney, Mrs. T. C. Rogers, Misses Lillie Henderson, Edith L. Carter and Janet Galbraith.

ELORA—Mrs. Macgowan, Mrs. Godfrey.

FERGUS—Mrs. John Jackson.

ROCKWOOD—Mrs. L. R. Guild, Mrs. J. M. Paamore, Mrs. A. J. Murray, Mrs. (Rev.) T. R. Clarke, Mrs. S. Stephens, Mrs. J. D. Reaman, Mrs. M. Stephens, Mrs. John Breese, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Duffield, Mrs. W. J. Peal.

Miss Uberta F. Steele, of Kiating, China, and Miss Marjorie Marshall, South Portland, Maine, were also present.

The convention opened at 10 o'clock a. m., Mrs. L. R. Guild, district organizer, presiding. After singing the doxology, and repeating the Lord's prayer in unison Mrs. Jackson, of Guelph, conducted the morning devotions. Matt. 25 was chosen for the bible reading.

Mrs. Harry Mahoney was reappointed Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Geo. Beattie, Assistant Superintendent.

Mrs. L. R. Guild was appointed delegate to the ministerial District Meeting in May, and Mrs. Geo. Beattie, alternate.

Mrs. Terrell, Mrs. Robinson, and Mrs. Oakes were appointed a Courtesy Committee.

The reports by delegates respecting the work of the year in the various auxiliaries brought out many items of interest.

ACTON—This auxiliary has 41 annual members, 8 life members, 3 associate helpers. Mrs. C. C. Speight was made a life member at last meeting. Total offerings $83.94. Miss McGuffin spoke at afternoon and evening meetings, giving a resume of her visit to the Holy Land in the evening.

GUELPH, DUBLIN ST.—Has an annual membership of 100, 9 new members, 3 life members, 33 associate helpers and 46 on the cradle roll. Total receipts $375. Through the supply Committee a large bale of bedding, etc., valued at $40, was sent to Rev. Mr. Lawrence, Cochrane, for the fire sufferers. In March Rev. Mr. Salsoon, Italian missionary gave an address. The Easter offering was $33.70. There are 23 subscribers to the Outlook. Mrs. (Rev.) James Hallinson passed away during the year and left a bequest of $50.

GUELPH, NORFOLK ST.—This auxiliary reported 38 members and 2 life members added during the year. Amount raised $320.88. Miss McGuffin gave an address in October and Mrs. Guild gave an inspiring talk in September. In April the Silver Anniversary was held. Mrs. (Rev.) Crews spoke and letters were read from former members. The thank-offering was $120.80.

GUELPH, PAISLEY MEMORIAL—Has a membership of 17. The Easter offering was $6.25. A Christmas box of toys was sent to the Italian mission at Toronto. Mrs. (Rev.) Hockey, Galt District, gave a very instructive address.

ROCKWOOD—The membership is 36, two being life members. Receipts for the year $117.48. Goods valued at $8.00 were sent to the Deaconess Home, Toronto. It is regretted that Mrs. Harris, the President, has been obliged owing to ill health, to give up both home and church duties. The Vice-President is, however, doing splendid work.

ELORA—Members 41, life members 7, associate helpers 16, cradle roll 20. Offerings $75.00. Two bales clothing and 12 quilts were sent to Hamilton Deaconess Home.

FERGUS—Has 50 members, 5 life members, one new life member this year. Amount collected $160.73. An interesting mission study class is conducted.

Active mission bands are working in Norfolk Street, Dublin Street, Rockwood and Elora, and the children are doing good work.

During the session the reports were interspersed with relevant questions aptly answered by Miss Steele, of China.

Upon adjournment at noon the delegates were invited to the schoolroom where a most appetising luncheon was served by the ladies of the Acton auxiliary.

The afternoon session opened at 3 o'clock with a hymn and prayer by Miss Henderson. A few verses from the first missionary, St. Paul, made all feel that more prayer was necessary to live nearer Christ.

The Organizer reported a very successful year, with a total increase in membership of 60, and $199.73 in givings. Seven new life members received certificates. The various auxiliaries were reported as follows:

AUXILIARY	MEMBERS	RECEIPTS
Acton	41	$ 67.10
Belwood	13	14.00
Elora	31	65.74
Fergus	50	160.73
Guelph		
Norfolk St.	104	341.08
Dublin St.	100	375.25
Paisley St.	15	21.25
Total	355	$1,088.90

The organizer reported having visited a number of the auxiliaries, also Eden Mills and Belwood where it is expected an auxiliary will shortly be organized. The work of the Society is to do all in its power to extend Christ's kingdom among women and children, to give of prayer, money and service, and spread the gospel among those who have not heard it. The Society now has 12 life members, 12 children's bands, 12 mission study classes, 12 Tyndale Bible classes, 12 Mission Circles, 12 Junior Auxiliaries, 12 Cradle Roll, 12 Mission Band Extension, 12 Supply, 12 Literature, 12 Press, 12 Social Service, 12 Temperance, 12 Stewardship of Life, 12 Prayer Meetings, 12 Tithing, 12 Thank-offering, 12 Mission Study, 12 Bible Study, 12 Prayer Calendar, 12 Mission Circle Extension, 12 Tyndale Bible Class Extension, 12 Supply Extension, 12 Literature Extension, 12 Press Extension, 12 Social Service Extension, 12 Temperance Extension, 12 Stewardship of Life Extension, 12 Prayer Meeting Extension, 12 Tithing Extension, 12 Thank-offering Extension, 12 Mission Study Extension, 12 Bible Study Extension, 12 Prayer Calendar Extension, 12 Junior Auxiliary Extension, 12 Cradle Roll Extension, 12 Mission Band