DIED

ELLIOT—In Esquesing, on Tuesday, January 25th, 1916, Stephen Elliot, aged 66 years.

NIVEN—At London, on Tuesday, 25th January, 1916, Dr. James Simpson Niven, father of Mrs. Torrance Beardmore, Acton, in his 69th year.

MATHESON—In Winnipeg Hospital, on Saturday, January 29th, 1916, Kathleen Matheson, aged 9 months, only child of J. P. and Mrs. Matheson, of Kenville, Manitoba.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1916

EDITORIAL NOTES

IN A circular addressed to the munitions manufacturers, Hon. David Llyod George makes the suggestion, which is virtually a command, that all Sunday labor should be abolished in all controlled establishments. "It is better," writes Mr. Lloyd George, "to work overtime during the week than to have Sunday work."

IT WILL be a bad day for the liquor traffic if ever the women get a right to vote. Probably ninety per cent. of the women who can be reached are in favor of prohibition. Another five per cent. won't sign because of their husbands. Whatever happens just now with regard to the liquor traffic the signs out for the future are decidedly "stormy."—Guelph Herald.

THE substantial manner in which the United States is benefiting commercially from the war is shown in her exports. The total for December was $350,301,000, which was in excess of imports by $187, 450,000, and an increase over December, 1914, exports of $113,660,000. Thereby gold is flowing into the United States in large amounts.

TREMENDOUS enthusiasm signalized the third reading of the woman suffrage bill in the Manitoba legislature last week. The galleries were filled with women who have been prominent in the movement for the political equality of the sexes, and they sang and they cheered as the house unanimously passed the bill. Only one member of the legislature, Joseph Hamelin, Conservative member for Ste. Rose, had a word to say against it.

There is a sketch in The Canadian Magazine for February entitled, "Fragments from a Modern Pompeii", by Britton B. Cooke, which gives one a vivid impression of what it is like in the shell-devasted area in France. Mr. Cooke is a graphic descriptive writer, and one feels after reading his sketch of a day passed in a ruined French town that one has had an actual glimpse at the ravages of war.

THIS is a day when the minds of men turn largely toward public service and the betterment of social conditions. It is the time when men are bound together with the purpose of raising the standards of life and living. It is ours as individuals to suggest to our legislators methods for securing improved conditions and to hold them faithfully and vigorously, if need be, to put into effect our suggestions to them.

THE LATEST word is to the effect that Germany's final answer to the United States in the Lusitania case has been submitted to Washington, and that "the action of the submarine commander is not disapproved and Germany will make no further concession." President Wilson now has a stern duty before him if the United States is to preserve the dignity of one of the leading nations.

41 MEN ENLISTED HERE NOW

Ten More have been Attested during the past week

The following is the list of men who have enlisted with the 164th Battalion in Acton up to date.

The following is the list to date:

J. P. Scarrow
Stephen George
C. Matthews
R. Swackhamer
A. Watson
A. Shand
E. Eads*
W. Hughson*
J. J. Cooney
F. Green*
J. Winton*
K. St. John
F. B. Reddie*
F. Lastaluk
L. Easdown
J. Esson*
S. Scutchings*
G. W. Cook
M. Kelay
M. Cooney
E. Barr
M. Soper
A. Young*
A. Gribben*
C. S. Moore*
S. H. Perry
F. Jankins*
M. McComish*
T. Marsh
S. Malcolm*
J. McTavish
Robert Stewart
Ross Swackhamer
A. Walters*
W. Feser*
John Waller
Arthur Anderson
James Mills*
Alex. Deforest
T. A. McLure
A. Clifford

* Rejected as medically unfit.

The weekly church parade will be held this week to St. Alban's Church at 7 p.m.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. E. Smith entertained the soldiers and officers on Tuesday evening in the Parish Hall. Games and music were much enjoyed after which refreshments were served.

The more I see of men the better I like my horse.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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KNOX CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Eloquent Sermons by Rev. Archibald Blair, D. D., of Guelph

LARGE CONGREGATIONS PRESENT

The opening of the present Knox Church, erected to replace the old structure which had accommodated the congregation for half a century, occurred Sunday, February 24th, 1895. It was a typical winter day with frost, snow and sunshine. The anniversary services each recurring year have been held on dates closely approximating to the original one, and generally with ordinary mid-winter weather of more or less intensity. The gloom and wet of last Sunday, when the anniversary services making the coming into full age of twenty-one years were held, was in striking contrast, but did not hinder large gatherings, notably in the evening when the rain was greatest. The walks, however, were better as the icy glare of the morning had disappeared.

The preacher was Rev. A. Blair, D. D., of Guelph, until recently pastor of the Nassagaweya congregations for about 30 years. It is a fine tribute to this well-known clergyman that so soon after his retirement from the active work he is chosen as anniversary preacher in the church adjoining his former charge.

Dr. Blair's sermons were able, eloquent and timely and were full of the energy which has always characterized his preaching.

The discourse at the morning service was based upon Ps. 42: 7. "Deep callath unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts." This was at the period when David was fleeing from Absalom. Waterspouts are a symbol of the judgments of God arousing man, 1st, to individual Christian experience. Under a sense of sin man call upon God as did the Phillipian Jailor, and the Publican. When undergoing temptations we find no help in ourselves; then we cry to God. Out of the depths of our soul we cry up to Him. In the time of human sorrow we cry to God for comforting grace. "Deed callath unto deep." Out of the deep mystery of death we call to the depths of our Heavenly Father's heart. 2nd. The history of the Christian Church on earth shows it crying to God. If there is a God in heaven how can we reconcile the trials of the Church? The answer comes when we cry to God. 3rd. The history of nations tells of the errors of national experiences. If there is a God in heaven how can this state of war be permitted? Only the most drastic treatment will deal with the worst troubles. The world's heart has gone wrong. Morally and spiritually nothing else will do than that Christians be humiliated by the sword. God's sword is unsheathed and shall not be sheathed again until God's work is done and done right. The war has brought to light the truest principles—patriotism and the meaning of the cross.

In the evening the service was eminently of war time character. The presence of Acton's growing platoon of the 164th Battalion in the front seats was in itself suggestive, and the subject chosen was peculiarly appropriate. "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which framath mischief by a law? .....He shall bring upon them their own iniquity and shall cut them off in their own wickedness"—Psalm 94: 20-23.

This is a psalm of the vengeance of God upon evil. Whatever may have been the occasion of the writing of these words, the purport of them is the horrible evil of purposeful planning of that which is wrong and hurtful and making it legally secure. In this, can there be any fellowship with God; anything in which Christians may co-operate? Certainly not.

Turning to the great present day question the Rev. gentleman discussed the position of Germany and showed the application of the thought of the text to her in a terrific indictment. With flashing eye, and ringing voice and majestic tread, he may have well resembled one of the old time prophets as he described Germany's iniquity, traced its workings, showed its manifestations and portrayed its awful doom.

As to how it come about that such an awful human catastrophe could be launched forth from the country of Luther, the land where evangelical religion found its revival, he showed that Christian faith and principle have been gradually undermined. Reading from one of their own authors, he showed that the Sermon on the Mount was grievously perverted, being turned into a parody of the original "blessed." Everything has pointed to Germany's power and greatness—in fact that nothing was to happen in the world but by the will of Germany. Bismarck led them to look for the control of Europe, the Kaiser had advanced upon that to desire the control of the world.

And, had they had another decade he might have secured it. The world was running after them. We were beginning to think with Germany. No one's education was complete without a German finish and the poison of their teachings was gradually being absorbed and was vitiating all thought.

The mass of the nation also had come to think with their rulers, by means of a long-continued instilling—forcibly at that—of these ideas into their minds, so that they are saturated with the same teachings for three or four generations.

The result of this has broken out in the awful cruelties in Belgium, which are enough to make the world shudder. But we are getting our deserts. We are certainly being chastened. We have been living in luxury and indulgence and grudging the Lord's work its share of our means and now it is being wrenched from us in spite of our ourselves. And the sooner we acknowledge it the better. This war will never be won by material means. Germany can out match us in everything. Nothing but the intervention of God in answer to humiliation and prayer will terminate the struggle.

But, "He shall bring upon them then their own iniquity." Shall Germany reap as she has sown? It is said to be the purpose of the Czar to turn his hordes of Cossacks, terrible fighters, on to Germany, and never to be hindered by any nation, neutral or otherwise from sweeping her from end to end with fire and sword. May Britain never do anything so terrible.

But we have a duty to do. Shall we, whose fathers won our liberties generations ago be recreant at this time. There is no doubt the Kaiser has his eye on the absorption of Canada. There is a moral principal at stake, of absolutism versus freedom. I believe Jesus is calling our young men now to suffering and maybe death. Nothing good is gained except by sacrifice. Let us give our sons. My only son is in France now, and if there were a dozen I would be ashamed if they were not all there. We all have a duty, going or staying. We must be humble and confess. The longer we put off, the longer the war.

He paid a glowing tribute to the young men before him in their sacrifice and devotion, and believed they were in the way of duty. He closed with a tender appeal for personal surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The large congregation, part of which was composed of members of the Methodist Church, whose pastor, Rev. Mr. Avison, was on the platform and assisted Rev. Mr. Wilson in the exercises, listened with intense interest to this magnificent discourse.

The choir of the church rendered splendid music at both services. Their rendered of the Hallelujah Chorus was especially creditable.

MILITARY NOTES

Carey Warren, son of R. D. Warren, Toronto, has enlisted with the Army Service Corps and is at present stationed at Stanley Barracks.

Perry Watson, son of Robert Watson, fourth line, has enlisted in Georgetown, in the 104th Battalion.

Pte. James Holloway was here from Guelph for the week-end.

Ptes. Charlie Morton and Harry Goldham were here from Georgetown over Sunday.

Miss Bertie Speight, Secretary of Acton Red Cross Aid Society, is receiving billet doux daily this week from Acton's Soldiers in England, France and Belgium, thanking the ladies here for the Christmas presents sent them. There is no lack of evidence that the gifts were appreciated.

It is somewhat of a co-incidence, but a worthy one indeed, that two of the ex-Wardens of the county, resident in Acton, Reeve Hynds and H. A. Swackhamer, have each two sons in khaki.

Among the names of the numerous doctors and nurses chosen for the staff of the Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington, England, announced last week, was that of our own Dr. A. W. Nixon, M. P.

Major and Mrs. C. A. Warren, Toronto, visited friends here on Saturday.

John Stone, Toronto, nephew of Mr. J. L. Warren, has enlisted.

Thirty-five students of the University of Toronto arrived in Guelph on Monday for the purpose of enlisting with the 43rd Battery. Twenty of the men are Knox College students, while the remainder are students of the various colleges, affiliated with the University.

Ptes. G. Cook and Ralph Swackhamer leave to-day with the rank of Corporal to take a course of instruction at Milton prior to attending school at Toronto to qualify as Sergeants.

Sergt. Coles addressed a Recruiting meeting at Burlington last Sunday evening.

The King's Orderlies Bible Class is arranging to banquet the officers and men of Acton platoon of the 164th Battalion in the Methodist School Room on Monday evening, 21st inst.

Acton platoon is now officered by Capt. Brown, who returned home wounded from the Ypres battle, Lieut. Kennedy and Lieut. Day.

TO THE YOUNG MEN OF CANADA

Your comrades have gone forth to-night,
In thousands their names shine bright on
the roll of fame;
Ypres, Neuve Chapelle, and Loos, tell
The tale of their imperishable glory.

The names of many are on the other—the
roll of Honor.
We must fill the gaps, boys, we must keep
the ranks full,
It is the business of every true Canadian
To help in this great and glorious war.

Come and do your duty boys,
You will be received as worthy sons
of England
Your comrades, from the trenches are
calling you,
Hear and obey their call.

PTE. STEVENS.

"Somewhere in Belgium."

BANNOCKBURN

The name of this somewhat noted rural school, which stands at the corner of the fourth line and the Acton cross road, will bring to mind much of interest to residents of that locality. The interesting words of appreciation of the late John Gordon by Mr. R. D. Warren, Toronto, and reference to incidents in the old school, gave rise to a current of reflection concerning this school which has been conducted with such manifest success during the past sixty years or more.

Mr. J. L. Warren has kindly supplied the following interesting data: From this rural school there has gone out no less than a quartette of earnest ministers of the gospel—the late Rev. Alexander Warren, Rev. Malcolm Gordon, Rev. J. Ralston Brown, B. A., and Rev. James Henderson, B. A. Twenty-six teachers laid the foundations for their profession in this school—Donald McDonald, Alex. Warren, James Warren, Peter McLaren, William Gordon, Malcolm Gordon, Bella Gordon, James Smyth, George Smyth, W. H. Grant, Jennie Grant, Clara Speight, Alfred H. Warren, Lizzie Warren, R. D. Warren, Barbara Warren, Cameron Warren, Catharine J. Kennedy, George Cook, John Cole, Katharine Kennedy, James Henderson, J. Ralston Brown, Myrtle Watson, Annie Henderson, Mabel Moffat. The following successful business men claim Bannockburn School for their alma mater: James Warren, D. L. B., Dr. John Lawson, Capt. John Shaw, R. D. Warren, superintendent Baptist Book Room, Toronto, Sir Donald Mann, A. T. Brown, Phm. B., Dr. C. A. Warren, Kerr Brown, Phm. B., Ray Watson, Phm. B., and there are no doubt others. Many of the successful farmers of the vicinity were schooled at Bannockburn.

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MUST PAY DOUBLE LIABILITY

Farmers' Bank Shareholders Have Lost their Appeal Case

Mr. Justice Lennox has sustained the decision of the Official Referee in two test cases in which J. R. Lindsay, Esquesing, and Mrs. Maria Allison contended they were not contributories of the Farmers' Bank on the ground that the organization was never properly incorporated as a bank.

The judgment means that those who subscribed to Farmers' Bank stock and held it at the time of the winding-up in January, 1911, will have to pay in the neighborhood of $500,000 under the double liability.

It is held as too late, after enjoying the fruits of the shares, to say the issue of the charter to the bank was irregular.

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LARGELY SIGNED PETITIONS

The Voters of Acton in Surprisingly Large Numbers Ask for Prohibition

The canvassers with the petitions praying the Legislature to prohibit the sale of liquor as a beverage in the province of Ontario, to the full measure of the powers of that body, were highly gratified with their week's work.

The petitions were much more largely signed than any petitions previously circulated in Acton in the interests of any moral issue. The fact that this movement of the Citizens Committee of One Hundred was supported by leading men, irrespective of political leanings or religious views gave the work a new impetus. Business men too on economic grounds are strongly in favor of this issue and freely signed the petitions.

Although Acton has occupied a somewhat unenviable position the past two or three years, because of the repeal of Local Option, she certainly has given a good account of herself in the very general manner in which the petitions for a "Dry Ontario by July 1st" were signed.

In the rural sections surrounding Acton the petitions were almost unanimously signed. In the section above Acton and from the Nassagaweya town line to the third line of Esquesing every single farmer signed the petition.

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