

Notes and Comments

SOLDIER SETTLEMENTS on farms in Ontario have met their financial obligations to the bank remarkably well during the past year, according to a statement made by the Board of Soldier Settlement today. There was due by some 1,076 settlers, in the way of payments, \$199,669. At the close of the financial year these settlers had paid \$180,367, leaving only \$19,302 outstanding. The number of loans granted up to August 31 in Ontario was 1,676, the money advanced aggregating \$4,819,285.

SOMETIMES one is apt to wonder where all the religion is going to end. Perhaps things are not so bad as some people are prone to believe they are. The very fact that there is recognition that things are not what they ought to be may be a good sign that men are giving more real attention to religion and the church than they used to do—I mean getting more down to the root of things, for the men of past generations (generally used to quote the Scriptures more than is done to-day and they were possibly more devout in their attendance at church than are men to-day. But a good many things were done in by olden time as a matter of custom and because it was accounted the proper thing to do. Men are occasionally discussing religious matters more frankly to-day than they ever did, and that is a hopeful sign, even if more liberal giving to the church is not any indication. So don't despair.

Forming good Reading Habits. If parents wish their children to form good reading habits they must first form such habits themselves. And there is no better way to do this than to bring into the household a periodical which will be of interest to every member of it; that will supply the best reading for old and young. Among the periodicals in this description The Youth's Companion is unique. Not only does it aim to entertain and inform boys and girls in their teens, as its name suggests, but there is not a page in it that parents can pass over with indifference. The 52 issues of 1932 will be crowded with serials, stories, short stories, editorials, poetry, facts and fun. Subscribe now and receive—1. The Youth's Companion—52 issues in 1932. 2. All the remaining issues of 1931. 3. The Companion Home Calendar for 1932 all for \$2.50. 4. Or include McCall's Magazine, the monthly authority on fashion, for \$3.00. THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, Commonwealth Ave. & St. Paul St., Boston, Mass. New Subscriptions received at this Office.

Acton Mrs. A. E. Nicklin left on Tuesday for the Northwest. She will spend the winter with her daughters, Mrs. McCallum at Saskatchewan and Mrs. Belwood, at Calgary. Mr. King Cooper of Guelph made friends here a pleasant call on Tuesday. Mr. Cooper and his son, Lloyd, both occupy good positions with the Partridge Rubber Co. Mr. W. V. Collier and family are preparing to remove shortly to Boston, Mass. Chief Gooey received a warrant on Monday for the arrest of an Acton foreigner who was alleged to be mixed up in a whisky case at Kitchener, a day or so previously. The man, however, had left town. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mullin, Acton, announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Elizabeth (Bessie) Bell, to Mr. Neil A. MacEachern, of Preston, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald MacEachern, Mount Pleasant. The marriage will take place quietly in November.—Free Press

Milton The annual meeting of the Hamilton County Children's Aid Society will be held on Thursday evening, Nov. 3rd, at eight o'clock, at the Gordon Home. Reports of the year's work will be given. Everyone interested in child welfare is cordially invited to be present. According to the Hamilton Spectator of Tuesday, George A. Mann, formerly manager here of the Hotel McGeibon, but for the past couple of years or so chief clerk at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, has just been promoted to the position of an assistant manager of the above named hotel. Mr. Mann was born at Acton. Twenty years ago he entered the hotel business, and three years ago he joined the staff of the United Hotels, Limited.—Reformer. T. D. Hume is able to be up town, after being confined to his bed for about three weeks by an attack of rheumatism. His son, Ben, was taken ill about the same time with scabies. He is still in bed, with little, if any sign of improvement.—Champion.

FATHER POINT



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