

STEWARTTOWN

The November meeting of Esquimaux Women's Institute was held at Mrs. Bally's home, Mrs. H. P. Lawson presiding. Roll call was answered with "My first photograph." Some were baby photographs, but all were interesting. Mrs. Lawson, for Mrs. McLennan, conducted a quiz on Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables. Mrs. Walter Lawson read a paper on "The beginning of Halton

County." Discussions and comments on these historical papers are always keenly interesting. Mrs. Henderson was hostess for the lunch period, meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer in unison. W. A. Meeting last week was at Mrs. C. E. Smith's home. Several families from here went to Toronto Saturday to see the Santa Claus Parade. The travelling wasn't good on the return trip owing to the snow and treacherous roads.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

by Rev. R. C. Todd
THE WAY OF LOVE
LESSON: 1 John 2:7-11; 15:17; 3:13-18

The Epistles of John take up the theme of the Gospel of John and carry on. In them is expressed the conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is the only perfect revelation of God. Hence if you would know what God is like you have only to look at Jesus. The strongest impression left on John by Jesus is his love—the love that accepted and bore the cross from the redemption of the world. That impression leads John to the conviction that "God is love". In the first Epistle, John deduces from this fact that it is the will of God for us that we should live in love, and that our love, like that of the Master should be expressed in sacrificial terms. The central commandment of Jesus was: "A new commandment give I unto you; that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another". John describes this commandment as both old and new. It is a fitting way to describe it. For while old, and known to every Christian, it is also new. Always this commandment demands new interpretations in the light of current events. Modes of expressing love which sufficed a generation ago, are not sufficient for today. Love is the root principle of community, whether it be the community established when a man and a woman come together in marriage to establish a home; or that established when a number of homes join in establishing a village or a town or a city; or that which is established in any society of nations. Love is the principal which establishes individuals in community. And according to the varying conditions of life, particularly in the economic and political spheres, love demands new methods or modes of expression in different ages. According to the necessities of the situation, it may demand new political institutions, or a new organization of a home, a community, a nation, a society of nations. It is easy, however, for a little word like "love" to remain abstract and vague, with little real bearing on actual life. The early Christians avoided this danger by thinking and speaking of love always in relation to the life and death of Jesus of Nazareth. They felt that in his life and in the cross there was an interpretation of the meaning of love which could be applied to any situation. "Hereby perceive we love, because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (3:13). Dr. Moffatt's translation is significant: "We know what love is by this, that he laid down his life for us." The Christian definition of love is not an abstract affair but is made with reference to a life once lived, and a Life one laid down, which Life, is the Eternal Life of God Himself. John makes it clear that love for the Christian cannot be a mere emotion. "Whoso seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his passion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (3:17) We all know how easy it is to read accounts of the desperate need which exists in Europe and Asia in the wake of the war, and then lay aside the newspaper or magazine, allowing a feeling of mere pity to take the place of the urge to find some practical channel for help. The Canadian Churches will shortly make an appeal for relief in Europe and Asia, to relieve the distress there. We shall then see whether our "love"

be abstract and emotional, or real and expressed in terms of life. Christian love finds expression also in attitude. We have in Canada, ample opportunity for Christian attitudes toward members of races, other than our own. Our attitudes towards other classes in Society than our own particular class, reveals whether the love of God "dwelleth" in us. John has penned a word which judges every one of us in 1 John 4:20, 21; "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? This commandment have we from him. That he who loveth God loveth his brother also." Both in his Gospel, and in his Epistles John deals with the opposites, Light and Darkness, Life and Death. In the Epistles, he adds Love and Hate, love of God and the World. He makes it clear that to him men fall into two classes, those who are in fellowship with God and therefore walk in light and love, and those who love "the world", and therefore walk in darkness and death. It is the same division Jesus insisted on when he said: "He that is not with me is against me". We saw James and Peter in their Epistles emphasizing the tension which exists between the Christian and the "world". The Christian must choose between love of God and love of the world. John also emphasizes those who choose to love the world are unable to discern the true path of life, they "stumble in darkness." They are anti-social, for they think only of their own "lusts". They "abide in death", suggesting a condition completely lacking in happiness or satisfaction. On the other hand, those who love God "abide in the light", and meet nothing which can cause them to stumble. They find their true being in a realm of life which by its very nature which is love, becomes life eternal; for its shares in a love which is Divine.

Hurons Are Norval Soccer Champs, Bluebirds Win Softball

Ending the fall soccer series at Norval last week, the Hurons took the championship by winning two straight games from Iroquois. Both games were won by 3-2 scores. On Monday, Sho Teramoto scored two and George Grasyby one for the winners, while Arnie Hazell got Iroquois two goals. Wednesday, Teramoto, Grasyby and Jamie Cunningham got the Hurons' scores and Hazell and Jarvie totalled one apiece for the winners. Members of the winning team, who will receive crests from the Norval Recreation Council are: Sho Teramoto, captain, George Grasyby, Jamie Cunningham, Harvey Hazell, Ross Cunningham, Gord Loxley, Howard Chester, Charles Carney, Barry Cleave. The Iroquois team was composed of: Arnie Hazell, captain, Donald Jarvie, Julian Reed, Donald Smith, Ronnie Scondo, Laurie Reed, Maurice Bastedo, Ronnie McLean, Doug Hazell. Third team in the league, the Algonquins, had as team members: Mitch Hunter, captain, Peter Fendley, Brim Bastedo, Don McNaughton, Peter Pomeroy, Bill Donaldson, David Fendley, James Teramoto, David Cunningham. The two girls' softball teams, Bluebirds and Cardinals were tied last week one-all in their play-off series and last week the Bluebirds won two games to gain the championship. On Monday they won 16-4 and on Thursday 11-6. Cardinals won the Wednesday game 8-5. Girls on the winning team will also receive crests. The boys have issued a challenge to an "all-star" girls team for a game this week, weather permitting. Meanwhile everyone is looking forward to the skating and hockey which will soon replace summer sports at the recreation centre. Members of the softball teams were:

Bluebirds — Lorraine Bastedo, captain, Mary Carney, Ona Bastedo, captain, Mary Carney, Ona Bastedo, Ellen Palmer, Joyce McNaughton, Adele Bastedo, Louise Webb, Dorothy Hudson, Emiko Teramoto, Mitako Teramoto, Pearl Cardinals — Edith Teramoto, captain, Edna Buttrey, Jean Grasyby, Ina Webb, Kathleen Cascadden, Thelma Hunter, Patay Carney, Joy Blanche, Eileen Hunter, Grace Blanche, Lois Jarvie, Louth.



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REV. J. L. SELF SPEAKS TO KNOX W.M.S.

The Women's Missionary Society of Knox Presbyterian Church held their regular monthly meeting last Wednesday afternoon in the basement of the church with a good attendance. The Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. Hamilton, who spoke on "Thanksgiving," basing her remarks on different verses of the Book of Psalms and prayer by Rev. J. L. Self of Norval, who also was special speaker. Mr. Self outlined the work and activities of Glenmohr camp and hoped that more girls and boys would take advantage of such a splendid place for a holiday. He also gave an instructive talk on "wees", comparing different trees mentioned in the Bible to the lives of individuals. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Self for making the meeting one which was well worthwhile attending. At the close of the meeting a Life-Member Certificate and address was presented to Mrs. W. T. Sinclair in recognition of her years of faithful service to the Society.

FITNESS AN OBLIGATION

Ill-health, when it is avoidable, is anti-social, declare health authorities. Officials of the Department of National Health and Welfare point out that health isn't a personal matter. Since it influences not only personality, but work and living routine, it is of vital concern to relatives and friends, and thus a community matter. It is, therefore, a public health duty to fight sickness.

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