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Chatting
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THERE ARE probably a good many people who will remember Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Wodson, who used to summer here in the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pollock, Temple Road. The Wodsons lived in Toronto, where the late Mr. Wodson was music critic for the Toronto Evening Telegram for many years. While vacationing here, Mr. Wodson wrote frequently and fondly about "Arcadia", as he called Georgetown in his columns. Many fine tributes to the excellence of our Lorne Scots Brass Band were often included in them, too, real compliments indeed coming as they did from a man who made a career from the study and appreciation of music.

Thus having refreshed your memory, you can the better enjoy with me a letter I received from Mrs. Wodson just before we left for our holidays. I will explain a little later on why I have been so tardy in acknowledging it.

ENCLOSED in Mrs. Wodson's letter was a snapshot of their daughter Elaine, taken in the garden at Pollock's cottage in 1933. I can remember Elaine starring in a play written by her father, and produced by St. George's Choir, at a big church garden party held on the grounds at the side of the church. If I recall correctly, she sang in the alto section and was a pillar of strength in the choir when its ranks were depleted by summer holidays.

About three years later, Elaine went to England to further her career in the theatre, and she has lived there ever since. In her letter Mrs. Wodson catches me up on news of Elaine by telling that "Elaine was six years in war work in Birmingham, near Coventry. As you no doubt know, both Birmingham and Coventry were badly blitzed. The cathedral was badly bombed. Elaine was in the company who did the Christmas Story from the crypt of the Cathedral, with the altar formed by a burnt beam. We heard it here in Canada over the radio.

"Elaine was in 'The Ministry of Labour' in Birmingham, and besides fire watching at night, she had fifty women under her, and if, for instance, you went to her office and said you could work one day a week in a factory, Elaine placed you where you could do the best and in a factory if possible."

Now Elaine is in charge of training small children who take part in the services of St. Aidan's Anglican Church, near Gravesend, Kent. Mrs. Wodson always looks forward to hearing them perform, on her frequent visits to England.

ALONG WITH her letter, Mrs. Wodson very kindly

sent a book which belonged to her late husband. Since it deals with the development of the government of Britain, Mrs. Wodson thought it would be especially interesting in view of the Queen's visit to Canada. And I certainly found it so. I was especially intrigued with the reproductions of 16th century engravings. The series of four included one entitled "Election Entertainment" by which post-election parties in this day and age are lame, I'm quite sure. "Canvassing for Votes" and "The Polling Booth" both convey an air of excitement. The latter puts our modern voters to shame. Three centuries ago, apparently the people were practically falling all over themselves to cast that precious vote. The last engraving, called "Charging the Candidate," looked as if everybody for miles around had turned out for the fun of a big parade.

However, the book is a really serious study of the British Constitution. It concludes by saying the Crown is the only symbol common to all the countries of the Commonwealth, with its mystical significance personified by our Queen, which particularly explains that tug of emotion that affected the great majority of us Canadians when H.R.H. and Prince Philip visited us in July. My honest opinion, the beautiful Joyce notwithstanding.

HAVING SPENT some seventeen summers in the Pollocks cottage here, needless to say, the Wodsons and the Pollocks were very good friends — and in her letter Mrs. Wodson asked if I had read the books written by Mr. Pollock. That is the reason I have been so long in acknowledging her letter. Before answering, I had hoped to be able to say "yes." I have to admit that my summertime reading has included only one, "Bitter Honey," so far. But I do intend reading his others — "Wilderness Honey" — which Mrs. Wodson recommends far above "Bitter Honey," "Jupiter Eight" and "The Woods Rider". After all it isn't right not to read books written by the only full-fledged author Georgetown can claim — my only regret is that I didn't read them during his lifetime. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock lived so quietly and unobtrusively I am quite sure very few people realized he was a writer.

Mr. Pollock's books are novels. The "Bitter Honey" story, and I would assume, also "Wilderness Honey," contains vivid description of how a large apiary business is run, and how bees are handled. This is knowledge gained first hand, since Mr. Pollock ran a large apiary during the blossom season. It was while Mr. and Mrs. Pollock were away attending to the making of honey that the Wodsons occupied their home here.

MRS. WODSON still lives in Toronto but visits frequently in town. Her thoughtfulness in writing to me was sincerely appreciated.

LIMEHOUSE

81st BIRTHDAY MEANS PARTY AT SINCLAIRS

Randy Scott celebrated his 81st birthday with a party for about a dozen little friends last week.

The WMS met at the home of Mrs. Gieby on Thursday evening last week, eleven present. Scripture was read by Mrs. Leferink and Mrs. Gieby led in prayer. Mrs. Leferink also prepared a Bible story which she read. Mr. Kirkpatrick read a paper on work customs in parts of India. Text word "Voice" was answered with a verse of Scripture. Following the meeting the hostess served lunch.

Carol Sinclair spent a few days last week with his aunt, Mrs. Bird in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mather, Miss Julie Mather and Mr. Jack Watson have just returned from two weeks holiday in Florida.

Observing Mr. Alex Hume's 81st birthday, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Sinclair on Saturday entertained Mr. and Mrs. Hume, Mrs. Bird of Toronto and Mrs. Bird's sons and daughter and their families at their farm home here.

Mrs. Roughley has returned from Brandon, bringing her mother back to make her home with her. Jean Findlay holidayed for a week at Arkright.

Visitors: Mrs. Wilson Wiley with the Patersons last week, and on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinclair of Welland.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coleman of Toronto with their daughter, Mrs. Douglas Scott.

Bob Wierstra of Acton with the Leferinks.

June, Jean and Velma Radburn of Arkright are holidaying with Jean Findlay.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGowan and Mr. and Mrs. John McGowan and children of Barrie with Mrs. A. J. Smethurst.

BALLINAFAD

CHURCH SERVICES ARE CONDUCTED BY Y.P.

Mrs. Norton Sr. and David returned home last week after a month visit with other members of their family in British Columbia, Miss Joan Norton, a nurse at the Vancouver Hospital returned with her mother for a holiday at her home.

Mrs. E. Perryman and her granddaughter Carol Bryce left for Winnipeg this week to visit Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heppburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Himes of Galt spent a few days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Himes.

Patricia and Brenda Colwill of Jarvis are visiting this week with the Jamieson family while Alan and Murray are holidaying at Jarvis.

Miss Brenda Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnes and who has been nursing at the Vancouver hospital returned home last week prior to her marriage later this summer.

The W.A. met for their August meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. George Edmunds, who in the absence of Mrs. R. M. Mc-

Enery took the Scripture and worship service. Plans for two quilts were made and the ladies also decided to make a quilt for welfare work. Mrs. D. McLean, program convener gave a reading and conducted a flower contest. Lunch committee for the meeting was Mrs. T. Given and Mrs. J. Black with the hostess and Mrs. Himes assisting.

The Evening Auxiliary also met this week for their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. A. McEnery.

The church services on Sunday morning at all three churches on the Ballinafad charge were conducted by the Young Peoples' Organization. It was a very worthwhile service of worship for the faithful few in attendance, and on their behalf we would say thank you and congratulations. The following members of the group took part in the service: Diane Swindlehurst, Robert Kerr and Michael Hamilton. Miss Margaret Davidson of Acton also sang two lovely solos, accompanied by Miss Helen Landsborough.

A group of interested friends and relatives of Rev. J. A. Kirkwood were entertained in the church on

Saturday evening with the showing of slides which Jimmy had taken since the time of college days up until the present.

He has acquired around 70 pictures, but had certainly picked a fine choice to show to this particular group of his friends around the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sanderson and family enjoyed a holiday trip over the week-end.

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