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## OBITUARY.

Mrs. William Speight, whose maiden name was Ann Bailey, was born in Bingley, Yorkshire, on July 4th, 1837, and died at Maple, Ont., March 18, 1913. She came early in life under the influence of a christian home, her parents being members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. She united with the Independent Church and was a member until she came to this country in 1869, to join her husband who had come out a short time before. Mr. and Mrs. Speight settled in York Township near Elia. She united with the Methodist Church and became a leader in all the Church entertainments of that place. Being possessed of a strong evangelical spirit, she influenced many souls to seek the Savior. Those who knew of her at Elia, will always think of her as a strong christian character. Twenty-three years ago the family moved to Maple. Here with increasing zeal and fidelity she took up work in the interests of the Master's kingdom, and tried in every way possible to enrich and enlarge that kingdom. Regular in attendance at Church, and who ever was absent from the prayer meeting you could always count on sister Speight being there. If she knew of anyone in the village who did not go to church, she would try to persuade them to attend. It was no uncommon thing to see some one whom she had influenced sitting with her in her pew. At the time of her death she was President of the Ladies Aid Society and had been a member of the Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. for twenty one years, and had she lived a month longer she would have been made a life member of the W.M.S. It will not be easy to fill her place in this community.

In her home her christian life shone even more brightly than in the church. Here her unselfish life was spent in the interests of every member of her family. Her judgment was always sought on matters of domestic concern. Her absence leaves a great vacancy in the home. She leaves behind her to mourn her loss, her husband Wm. Speight, two daughters, Mrs. Pickens of Carleton Place, Sask., and Miss Annie at home, and one son, Thomas Speight, Civil engineer of Toronto, who are all looking forward to a happy reunion when the night is over and the day treads on the eternal morn.

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## A PROTEST TO HON. MR. HANNA

Five well filled street cars Tuesday morning took large deputations from Aurora, Newmarket, King, Whitchurch and Richmond Hill to interview Hon. W. J. Hanna at the Parliament Buildings. The various speakers asked that no licenses be issued in Aurora during the present year. Mr. T. H. Lennox, the local member, who introduced the deputation said that while he had not taken an active part either for or against local option he would impress the Provincial Secretary with the fact that something should be done for the moral welfare of Aurora, as conditions during the past two years have been almost intolerable. Rev. Mr. Despard, Mr. F. E. York and Mr. Urquhart, made a strong case in opposition to the granting of licenses. The vote pulled for local option, as given by the town clerk, was 321, and 214 against, a majority a little over three-fifths.

Dr. Wesley spoke for Newmarket, Mr. A. J. Hume for Richmond Hill, Mr. Perry for King and Mr. Gain for Whitchurch. It was clearly shown that the municipalities having local option on all sides of Aurora were not reaping full benefit, with licensed hotels in the centre.

Hon. Mr. Hanna assured the deputations that he would give the matter his serious consideration.

Maple.

A social under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary will be held in the school room of the Methodist Church next Monday evening. A programme will be given by local talent and a silver collection will be taken up. The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. C. Bailey on Wednesday afternoon of last week, papers read by Mrs. J. B. McLean and Mrs. W. J. Johnston. Rev. S. R. Robinson and several of the Boy Scouts attended the demonstration in the Massey Hall last Friday evening. A new sidewalk is being built from the south end of the village to the public school. Mr. S. Jarvis is building a new chopping mill to replace the one destroyed by fire in winter. Dr. D. and Mrs. Hart, of southern Manitoba were visiting at the home of Mr. Donald Watson, The W.M.S. will hold a public meeting on the evening of April 21st, at 8 o'clock. The mite boxes will all be returned and opened and amount contents announced. A choice programme is being provided. A collection will be taken and refreshments served at close of meeting. Everybody welcome.

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## VILLAGE COUNCIL.

The Council met in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, April 15th. All the members present.

The Clerk read the following resolution which had been sent on to Council by the Ratepayer's Association:—Moved by Wm. Pratt seconded by Wm. Innes, "That whereas Mr. Lawrence has approached the Village Council asking for financial aid to enable him to reconstruct his Greenhouse buildings and to otherwise assist him to carry on his undertakings here, and whereas it seems advisable for the Village of Richmond Hill to grant such aid. Therefore be it resolved that we the ratepayers here assembled request the Village Council to submit a by-law to provide for raising the sum of Five Thousand Dollars to be loaned to the said Mr. Lawrence, the loan to run for ten years and to be repaid at the rate of One Thousand Dollars per annum during the last five years of the said term, without interest."

The resolution was received and adopted and a By-law to meet the wish of the ratepayers as thereby expressed was introduced by Councillor Sims. The By-law was read a first and second time. The Council went into Committee of the whole thereon. Committee rose and reported the By-law with blanks filled. As this By-law requires the assent of the Electors, the third reading was deferred until after the voting thereon, which will be on Saturday, the 10th day of May next.

## King City

A large number of friends from Teston Methodist Church assembled at the Parsonage Tuesday evening, spent a happy time together, and presented their pastor, Rev. F. C. Keam, with a purse of money, accompanied with the following address:—

Rev. Mr. Keam,—Dear pastor and brother: The members and friends of the Teston Epworth League regret to learn of your prospective removal from our Circuit. We sincerely hope that your life may be spared yet many years, and that you may have a bright and happy evening to follow the long day of faithful toil, and when your labors are ended you may be rewarded with the crown of life.

We hope we shall not be forgotten by you, and as an expression of our esteem and regard for you and your family, we ask you to accept this purse of money with which you will purchase something by which you will remember this pleasant occasion, and that our enjoyment together in the past will not be forgotten. Signed on behalf of the League.

J. PIERCEY, President,  
MISS R. CLARKSON, Sec'y.

## METHODIST CHURCH.

The third monthly Ten Cent Tea under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church will be given on Friday by Mrs. C. P. Wiley, Mrs. G. F. Allen and Mrs. T. F. McMahon, in the schoolroom of the church. Tea will be served from five to seven, and all interested are cordially invited to take advantage of this opportunity to assist the Ladies' Aid in their efforts to reduce the church debt.

The Sewing Circle in connection with the Ladies' Aid will meet in the schoolroom on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to come, bring their sewing, and spend a social hour.

A pleasant hour was spent at the Epworth League Monday evening when the entertainment was in charge of the Social Department. The following numbers were given after the opening exercises:—Instrumental trio by the Misses Connell of Buttonville; solo, Miss Trench; reading, Mr. F. Hickson; instrumental duet, Miss Millie Trench and Miss Marjorie Wright; duet, the Misses Switzer. The chair was taken by Mr. T. F. McMahon. Refreshments were served at the close.

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