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Alumnae Meeting

The first regular meeting for 1917 of the Alumnae Association was held at the High School Friday, February 2. There was a splendid attendance to hear the interesting programme on Italian Art and Artists. Three carefully prepared papers were read, the first one, by Miss Kathleen Murphy taking us back to the period of Giotto (di Bondone) 1276-1337; the second, by Miss Flossie Allison, taking up the life and works of Masaccio (Tommaso Guidi) 1401-1428, who was the first artist to paint the human foot otherwise than on tiptoe. The last paper, by Miss Anna Boyle, followed the career of the great Raphael (Sanzio) 1483-1520, whose adaptability was so marked; and whose wonderful paintings, especially his Madonnas, were a mirror of his pure moral thoughts and aspirations. After the literary part of the program was completed, afternoon tea was served by Mrs. Davidson, assisted by Misses Marjorie and Marguerite Boyle.

In the annual report of the Division of Chemistry, Dominion Experimental Farm, for the year ending March 31, 1916, prepared by Frank T. Shutt, M.A., D.Sc., Dominion Chemist, and recently issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, considerable attention is devoted to the study of the subject of "Sugar Beets for Factory Purposes."

MAPLE

Quarterly services were held in the Methodist Church on Sunday.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society was held at the home of Mrs. G. H. Rumble on Tuesday afternoon.

A number of young people from the village went to Aurora last Wednesday night to skate on the rink there.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tiggart have the sympathy of all in the death of their daughter Mollie who passed away on Thursday last. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon to the Maple cemetery.

Mr. G. Arnold and Mr. R. McNaughton audited the Township account books at the Clerk's office.

Following is the Maple school report. Names in order of merit.

Jr. II. — Rupert Jackson, Gordon Line, Lester Pilson, Gilbert Mathewson, John Beck, Joyce Annis, Winnie McDonald, Orland Downey, Ruth Robinson, Aberdeen Campbell, Nellie Beck, Doris Line, Verna Line, Kathleen McMahon.

First Class — Wm. Johnson, Lael Lahmer, Ruth Fry, Gladys Chapman, Viola Byam, Irene Pilson, Clarence Line, Arthur Jones, Ruth Pollock, Grace Montgomery, John Beck, Azala Fierheller.

Primer — Beatrice Mathewson, James McLean, Norman Pruner, Hazel Rumble, Jas. McMahon.

B*Primer — Zelma Pollock, Frances Johnson, Sarah Mathewson, Eleanor Gray, Jean Lahman, Mona Cousins, Dell Jones, Irene Jones.

A. Primer — Bert Mathewson, Howard Mathewson, Murray Downey, Lloyd Annis, Murray Malloy, Gwendolyn Beck.

Ethel M. McQuarrie, Teacher.

W. Patton's Letter

To the Editor of The Liberal:

Dear Friend,—May I ask your kind permission to place this letter of thanks (to the Red Cross Auxiliary and Friends of Richmond Hill and vicinity) in the columns of your valuable paper.

Yesterday, January 10, I received the very fine box from you and was very pleased to receive such a fine present, though late for Christmas, owing to the fact that it had been in France for some weeks and then sent back to England, finally reaching me last evening.

I must thank you all very much for your kindness, and it only goes to show that the people at home remember and try to make happy the boys who have come overseas to do their duty and try to uphold the honor of our Dominion. To those who have friends and relatives here, I can safely say that all the boys whom I have met from around home are carrying on and doing their bit with a smile, the finest and only spirit to go across the channel with.

Owing to sickness, since coming here ten months ago, I have been marked unfit for general service, but I am looking forward to the day when I can join my friends in France, however in the meantime I am trying to do my bit here in England.

Life is not too dreary here as I see a few of the boys from home. Lt. D. Atkinson, Lt. R. Grant and Ernest Palmer are all attached in this area, and of course seeing them and having an occasional chat relieves the monotony of soldiering over here.

The weather here lately has been very wet, and unlike home, we have snow which only lasts as it falls.

Really I must bring this letter to a close, but in doing so will again mention that the box is very complete and the contents, in my estimation, could not have been better selected to suit the wants of any man on active service, and thanking all the people who have so kindly helped in sending these boxes to the boys, and that I must wish you one and all health and happiness throughout this new year and only hope that in the not too far distant future we may again be living in the time of peace.

Will close thanking the editor for the space in his valuable paper.

I remain sincerely yours,
W. R. PATTON,
5 C.T.D. Headquarters,
Bramshott, Hants,
England.

HEADFORD

The anniversary and free-will services held in the Methodist Church on the 28th of January were very successful. Two helpful sermons were preached by Rev. J. R. Hewitt, B.A., of Victoria College. The speaker gave an interesting account of the work in the West. Good music was furnished by the home choir, assisted by Rev. L. E. and Mrs. Atkinson. The latter also contributed two duets. The free-will offering amounted to upwards of \$100.

Headford Red Cross Auxiliary are thankful to Markham Township Council for a grant of \$25 to assist in purchasing Red Cross supplies.

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