

## Re-Opening Service At St. Andrew's Church, Maple

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The re-opening of historic St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at Maple was marked by special services held on Sunday, July 4th. The church had been closed for more than a year while undergoing extensive renovation. Improvements included a new basement under the Sunday School, the installation of an oil burning furnace, new pews in the church and choir, a new choir railing and hymn books, and a new carpet. The church had been redecorated both inside and out and the roof reshingled. Among large contributions towards this worthy work was one for \$3,600 from Lord Beaverbrook whose father was one of the early ministers. With the gift from Lord Beaverbrook the congregation raised \$4,000 to meet the cost of repairs.

Rev. Clifton J. MacKay, moderator of Toronto Presbytery and minister of Victoria Presbyterian Church, Toronto was special preacher at these services. With a seating capacity of 200 more than 400 persons attended and overflow gatherings had to be held in the Sunday School and on the lawn outside. The congregation has been in existence for more than a century, but Sunday's services brought the largest attendance on record. The ladies of the church provided luncheon for the many visitors who attended and more than 400 people were fed during the day.

Gifts dedicated at the services included a beautiful Communion Table and chairs by John Constable and

family in memory of the former's wife; a pupil Bible and hymn book were presented by Mrs. Colin Beaton and Mrs. Wm. Lawrie in memory of their parents, Mr. G. Stewart Bell, a former elder of the church, and his wife, Marion Duncan.

It is interesting to note that on display in the church on Sunday was a beautiful silver urn which had been presented to Mrs. Aitken, wife of Rev. Wm. Aitken, a former minister of the church, by the ladies of the Vaughan Congregation in the year 1880. This urn had been in the possession of Lord Beaverbrook and was presented by him to the church in his most recent visit to the village. On display along with the urn was the old communion set used earlier in the Church's history.

### TEMPERANCEVILLE

The July meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Wednesday, July 14, at the home of Mrs. McKeig. The topic will be Home Economics and will feature a demonstration on the various uses of the pressure cooker. The Roll Call is to be answered by Uses for Leftovers which should prove most helpful. The lunch committee will include Mrs. N. Thompson, Mrs. C. Henshaw, Mrs. A. Kerr and Mrs. W. Jennings. A cordial invitation is extended to all ladies of the community.

People who live in glass houses make interesting neighbours.

## ENGLISH JOURNEY

By Walter R. Legge  
ARTICLE 4

The Flowering Countryside  
In a previous article I referred to our first breath taking view of the English countryside in spring.

England at this time is like one vast flower garden for be it ever so humble, there is no place without its flower garden, and just now they are a glorious sight.

While most homes have a vegetable garden, the flower plots are not forgotten. I do not believe that they are kept up in a spirit of "keeping up with the Jones," but on account of the English love of beautiful things.

Most houses have a flower garden in front, but in cities and other places where the houses have been built on the edge of the sidewalk the flower gardens are at the rear.

Early builders seemed to have had a passion for driveways through a building to a courtyard in the rear, in the manner of the early inns. Usually these openings reveal a glorious vista of flowers in the courtyard.

At the middle of May the flowers in England are just at their best. The tulips are almost over but there are now masses of Brompton stocks, mostly white and blue narcissus, daffodils, wall flowers, auriculas, adonis, cowslips, lilies of the valley, candytuft, columbine, lupins and many others. In the larger shrubs there are rhododendrons, hawthorn, or May, azaleas, broom, roses, etc., while the trees in flower include Judas tree, Cabrunum, lilac, and chestnuts. The chestnuts are particularly fine.

Climbing shrubs in bloom include roses, clematis, and wisteria.

The laburnum and wisteria are not seen in Eastern Canada. The laburnum trees vary in size from small ones of 6 or 8 feet in height up to good sized trees. At this season they are covered with yellow flowers that hang down from the branches in great clusters from 6 to 10 or more inches in length.

The wisteria vines are trained over the walls of houses and have similar pendant branches of flowers only mauve in colour.

In the woods and fields blue bells grow wild and in such profusion that a bouquet can be picked in a few minutes.

Along many of the roads the high hedges of hawthorne or May are covered with white flowers.

The broom is a wild shrub which has yellow blossoms. The only part of Canada that I have seen it in, is on the Pacific coast.

England and the best way to see it is from the top of a double-deck bus. There are few places left in England that are not reached by some bus line and most of them are two deckers.

The motion on the upper deck of one of these buses is something like that experienced in riding on a camel, but it is worth it. There are a surprising number of high hedges, stone or brick walls lining the sides of the roads, but the passenger on the upper deck of a bus can look over most of the hedges and walls and see the beautiful gardens back of them. It is a pity that so many beautiful spots are hidden behind these walls.

With such a profusion of flowers it is only natural that there are bunches of fresh cut flowers in nearly every home but the strange part is that there are so many flower sellers.

There are in some places, especially the larger centres, not only florists in stores, but push carts loaded with cut flowers, and also corner flower sellers. One would think there would be no market for flowers with so many at every home.

Then there are evergreen shrubs, many of them cut and trained into fantastic shapes and designs. Most of these evergreens are of a darker hue and bushier than those in Canada. Many of them are yews, the English variety being an evergreen of very slow growth, but living to a great age, 300 or 400 year old trees being common. They can be clipped into all kinds of designs.

They are frequently seen in church yards where they impart a grace and solemnity. Some of the church yards I have seen in which they form an impressive part are at Stokes Poges, Beaconsfield, Chesham, Dorchester, Bunford, Waddesdon, Chalfont, St. Giles, etc.

With such a widespread mass of flower gardens it is no wonder that there are numerous song-birds adding to the glories of the countryside.

Their songs fill the air and there is one that I had never heard before—the cuckoo. I heard my first one in Stoke Poges churchyard, but since then I have heard them in many places, and here is one that tries to wake me up each morning at Amersham.

The most enjoyable way to see the English countryside is to stay in some centre, such as Oxford, Aylesbury, or some smaller place and make daily excursions into the countryside to interesting and historic spots.

The buses do not travel fast and every little hamlet is interesting and beautiful, and has some ancient landmark worth seeing and visiting.

In the smaller places there are many thatched roofs on the old houses and barns. They are most picturesque. I am told that a good thatched roof is about 18 inches thick, is perfectly waterproof, lasts from 15 to 20 years, and makes a building cool in summer and warm in winter.

It is not such a difficult job to do as many people think, and a cousin of mine, at Shifford, has recently replaced a thatched roof himself!

The only drawback to these thatched roofs is that they harbour rats and mice who find the straw to their liking.

While some of the more pretentious gardens are not yet back to their pre-war elegance, they are really wonderful to see.

I visited Blenheim castle at Woodstock, one of the largest and finest in England. Before the war 60 gardeners were employed all the time. The wall around the grounds is twenty miles around.

Most of these large homes gave up part of the buildings for war work and at Blenheim there are still a number of shacks built by the Ministry of works that spoil the view of the castle.

This castle which is the home of the Duke of Marlborough, covers three acres, and is set in grounds which cover 2,500 acres.

The avenues and trees are said to have been set out to represent a plan of the Battle of Blenheim with a tree for each soldier that fell. One avenue stretches for two miles from the palace.

There are Italian gardens, flower gardens, rock gardens, and others making a gorgeous show place.

On another day I visited Hampton Court Palace. The gardens here may not be as fine as before the war, but are beautiful today and must cover thousands of acres. There were immense beds of tulips, and many other flowers.

Hampton Court was built in the reign of Henry VIII by Cardinal Wolsey who had a household staff of 500 and 280 richly furnished rooms were always prepared to receive guests.

Cardinal Wolsey turned Hampton Court over to Henry VIII who brought there as his Queens Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard and Catherine Parr.

Other kings and queens who lived or held court here were Edward VI, Mary, Elizabeth, James I, Anne, Charles I, Charles II and George II. The only reason that it escaped destruction during Oliver Cromwell's time is that he had it retained for his own use. In Queen Victoria's time nearly 1,000 rooms were made into 45 separate apartments granted by the sovereign to widows or children of distinguished servants of the Crown.

One of the most famous features of Hampton Court is the Maze, but one does not need to go there to get lost. It is quite easy to do that in the gardens and grounds.

Hampton Court Palace is now preserved as an ancient monument and historic building by the Ministry of Works and it is visited by thousands daily.

From Hampton Court boat trips may be taken on the River Thames in one direction to Windsor and in the other to Kingston, Richmond and London.

Another delightful day was spent at Windsor Castle but that will be dealt with in another article.

### BUTTONVILLE

Congratulations to Miss Dorothy Hood who passed her Grade III Harmony in music with honours.

Miss Marion Hood has gone to Miner's Bay for the summer holiday season.

Mr. Ernest Walton is at present time enjoying a trip which takes in Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec cities.

Miss Ellen Boynton accompanied two cousins from Western Canada on a trip through the Eastern Townships and Quebec, Montreal, Montmorency Falls and St. Anne de Beaupre.

Miss Florence Craig is a member of the Toogood trip which left Unionville on July first. The group reached Calgary in time for a day or two at the Calgary Stampede before they proceed to Vancouver, Victoria, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

We are sorry to report that while visiting with her daughter, Mrs. D. Hood, Mrs. Brown became ill and is confined to bed at Mrs. Hood's.

The Institute meets this month at the home of Mrs. A. Robinson.

Joe Easton Jr. who has been seriously ill in Toronto East General following an appendicitis operation, is making fine progress toward recovery.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mr. Fred Elliot and son, Ross, also to Mrs. Robt. Elliot, in their recent bereavement. The funeral of the late Fred Elliot took place to Buttonville cemetery on Monday, July 5th.

### UNIONVILLE

Congratulations to the following pupils of Miss Ila C. Weighill, A.T. C.M., who were successful in examinations held recently at the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto.

Piano  
Jean Demiak, grade 8; Helen Russell, grade 8; Mildred Thomson, grade 7 (first class honours); Rena Miller, grade 7 (honours); Bill Hiltz, grade 7; Beverley Bratton, grade 4 (first class honours); Delphine Logan, grade 3.

Theory  
Anne Hill, grade 2 (first class honours); Mildred Thomson, grade 2 (first class honours); Rena Miller, grade 2 (first class honours); Helen Grant, grade 2 (honours); Joan Chapin, grade 1 (first class honours); Wilma McWhirter, grade 1 (first class honours).

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