

CORNER CONCERNS.

Rev. Mr. Hawken of London took the service in St. Paul's on Sunday and created a favorable impression. He is looked upon as the coming man.

Mrs. McMeekin of Durham is spending a few weeks at the old home with her son Robert.

Mr. Jas. Eden has started on his barn contracts. Timber should be easily worked, with so much damp weather.

Mr. Lorne Allan moved his implement house last Friday afternoon, to give better shelter to the barn yard. In the evening he gave a party, which is spoken of as a very enjoyable affair by all who were present. Many were prevented, by the wet night, from attending.

Our teacher, Miss Emma Ritchie, has been re-engaged by the school board at a salary of \$600.

Our annual Sunday and day school picnic will be held in Wilson's bush on Thursday afternoon June 29. A good time is expected. Everybody is invited, and all will be made welcome.

Green Grove beef-ring commences operations this week.

Mr. Jas. Marshall's barn was struck by lightning on Friday and a post shattered and other timbers splintered, but no fire resulted. The Grey and Bruce Insurance Co. was prompt in looking up the damage.

Although we have had more rain all spring than desired, the rain of Thursday was the heaviest that even the oldest residents of this place ever saw, and caused many a wash in the fields. Potatoes and corn ground suffered most, in some instances re-planting being necessary.

Early sown spring grain, hay and fall wheat, are all looking exceptionally well; excepting hay on low land.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grasby of Brussels spent a few days last week visiting relatives and friends here. They were in attendance at the Picken-Grasby wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Cowan of Mt. Forest spent a day or two at the latter's old home the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Noble and daughter, from the U. S., have been on a few weeks' visit with the former's mother, Mrs. Frank Grasby.

Mrs. ———, nee Miss Edna Bennett, of Berlin, spent a few days last week at her old home.

Wedding bells are ringing in our burg, and our next budget will give a detailed account.

BLYTH'S CORNERS.

The heavy rains of last week did considerable damage here and there. Mr. Norman Kerr's dam at Varney was badly broken away. We are sorry for Norman's misfortune, as the expense and trouble to repair these things is considerable.

The Bell Telephone Co. are putting in their line along the concession north of the Corners. An effort is being made to induce them to continue it down through this locality.

Mr. Jake Hoefflin drilled for water last week, and after going through considerable rock struck a vein which rose up 150 feet. Jake now has ample provision for a dry Ontario.

Anniversary services will be held in Knox church on Sunday, July 2, further notice, we presume, will be published and paid for in the two Durham papers.

Pastor Smith's sermon on Sunday was a rousing and inspiring discourse from II Kings iii:10: "Make this valley full of ditches."

The rev. gentleman drew a striking comparison of the King of Israel, Judah and Edom going up to war against the Moabites. He pointed out their great mistake in relying on their own ability and numbers, leaving God out entirely, their miserable failure and great humility, and compared with the present crisis. He contended that the success of the Allies could only be brought about by a great deal of self-reliance, and a returning back to their God for guidance and help.

The annual Grange picnic held in Carson's bush Tuesday afternoon was quite successful. Although not by any means a good day, they might be considered lucky to get in between showers and have a fairly good attendance. Mr. Wm. Troy of Orchard was present and delighted the audience with numerous selections on the oag pipes and violin. Messrs. James Watson and Mr. Mather, of Hampden, each sang a song in their usual good style. The chief speaker was Mr. Halbert of Dufferin county, who gave a very good address, showing forth the advantages of the United Farmers Co-operative Company, what it aimed at, what it has accomplished and what it will yet accomplish if the farmers will stand by their guns. Mr. Halbert is a fairly good speaker, well posted in his work and apparently the position of recognizing the need of a closer and better uniting of farmers to protect their own interests. Messrs. Thos. McNiece and Mr. Watson each added a few remarks. Mr. Jas. Wilton occupied the chair quite acceptably. A spirited game of ball was played in the evening between Hampden and Knox teams, resulting in a score of 4-2 in favor of Hampden. The booth, under the supervision of Messrs. John Leith, Wilbert Blyth, and others, did a good business, and were certainly well deserving of a vote of thanks along with the speakers and singers.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Maggie Mae Allan of Egremont to Mr. James McCaul Marshall, on Wednesday, June 28.

PERSONAL

Mrs. J. Boddy of Hamilton is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob and family have moved to Stratford.

Miss Irene Latimer of Owen Sound is spending a week or so at her home here.

Pte. Joe Warrington of the 110th Battalion, London, spent the week end at his home here.

Mr. W. B. Vollett attended the district meeting of the I.O.O.F., held in Palmerston yesterday.

Mr. Harold Moffat of Owen Sound was in town Sunday visiting his aunt, Mrs. John McFayden.

Mr. Christopher Firth of Niagara Falls, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Dr. Jamieson left Tuesday on a three or four weeks' trip to Saskatchewan.

Miss Nan Gun of Toronto is visiting her mother, Mrs. (Dr.) Gun, for the summer.

Miss Jean Crawford, nurse, of Buffalo, is spending a month or so at her home here.

Miss Cryderman left yesterday to attend a convention of the Y.W.C.A. at Elgin House, Muskoka.

Mrs. Douglas Munro and young son, Douglas, of Eyebrow, Sask., are visiting her mother, Mrs. J.W. Crawford.

Mr. Donald McFayden, near Edge Hill, is seriously ill of pneumonia, and as he is over 80 years of age, it may go hard with him.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Benton and little daughter, Dorothy, of Independence, Kansas, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Frappe.

Mr. J. H. Robertson has resigned his position as secretary of the National Portland Cement Company, and, with his wife, intends leaving town about July 1.

Mr. Mercer of the Royal Bank staff, has returned to his duties here, after spending a week in Markdale, where he was present at his mother's funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Moyer and three children of Berlin, motored up to spend Sunday with his brother, Rev. Mr. Moyer, at the parsonage. Miss Cryderman spent Sunday at her home at Walkerton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Allen and Miss Eva Burnett were in Toronto to the beginning of the week. They were accompanied home by Mrs. A. W. Davis of Edmonton, who will visit her parents here for a time.

FORESTERS AT CHURCH

The Canadian Order of Foresters to the number of sixty or seventy attended service last Sunday in the Presbyterian church, where they were earnestly addressed by Rev. S. M. Whaley, whose remarks were based on Acts vi:3.

The society, the speaker believed, from a brief perusal of the constitution, was based on the principles of Christianity, and its aims and objects were similar to other organizations of like nature. The material from which the membership is chosen is mentally, morally and physically fit, and makes no provision for the hosts of ineligible who can never gain an entrance to the order.

This society, and all other societies gives evidence of man's humanity to man. The monthly contributions, given so cheerfully, are not contributed through selfish motives, but for the comfort of others who may lose the strong arms on which they lean for support. The existence of such organizations is a recognition also of the inter-dependence of one upon another, an acknowledgment that none of us can live wholly to ourselves.

It was with intense feeling the speaker referred to the home for epileptics, and the awful condition of the poor unfortunate to whom the doors of the societies were forever closed. Here again humanity shows itself and the state steps in to render succor and support. The address was highly inspiring and must have been pleasing to every member of the society and to every member of the large and attentive congregation.

DARKIES' CORNERS.

A meeting was held last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. John McGirr for Red Cross work. At each of these meetings a ten-cent tea is served, the money to be spent for Red Cross supplies.

Mrs. Chas. Ritchie and daughter spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Arrowsmith.

Mrs. John McGirr spent Wednesday afternoon at Allan Park.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Jacques visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Blyth, Varney.

Mr. Clarence Ingham of Stratford is at present visiting his uncle, Mr. Will Jacques.

The beef-ring of this burg will start Thursday, June 22.

Mr. Roy Lawrence of Egremont, with his gasoline outfit, has been cutting wood for W. & W. Nicholas, W. J. McFadden and R. Lindsay, giving good satisfaction in each case.

Mr. Andy Lindsay, Mrs. Robert Bell and Mr. Robt. McFadden had telephones installed last week. Born—On June 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Roseborough, a son.

DURHAM BOYS IN SCOTLAND

The following letter has been received from L.-Corp. E. J. McGirr, now stationed at West Sandling Camp, England, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McGirr, of Durham, and will be of interest to the young soldier's friends in Glenelg and elsewhere:

"Well, here I am again, and will endeavor to give you some news of our trip to Scotland. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves all the time we were there. If you want to learn what hospitality is, you must go to Scotland. My goodness! They almost kill a fellow with kindness. I ate four meals every day I was there. Binnie couldn't do too much for us. We sent a telegram to Agnes Edinburgh at 10.45 p.m. Agnes and Cissie met us. I did not know there are two boys besides, Jim and Willie. Jim is in the army. On Wednesday afternoon Cissie stayed home from work and showed us the sights of the city. We started through the Royal Park and on our left were the mountains. The first thing of interest was St. Margaret's loch, and the ruins of St. Anthony's chapel. The we passed St. Anthony's well and started past Holyrood palaces. At ordinary times we would be able to get through there, but the Lord High Commissioner was there at the time attending General Assembly, so we could not get in. It was a very pretty place and close behind it was the ruin of Holyrood Abbey.

"Next we turned up Cannongate, the oldest street in Edinburgh. We were heading toward Edinburgh Castle and on the way we walked over a large heart in the pavement known as the Heart of Midlothian. Then we passed John Knox's house and chapel. They are both old, but in good repair. Later we passed St. Giles' Cathedral, where the General Assembly was being held. I was much amused in Edinburgh. Every other man we met was either an officer or a minister, and I thought there must be a most fearful lot of those ministers supplied. Then I found out what they were there for.

"In the parade grounds of the castle were monuments erected to commemorate the different wars. The first thing we saw in the castle was the room where the Duke of Argyle last slept before being beheaded. Then we were shown a bunch of guns used in the wars against Napoleon. Next we saw St. Margaret's chapel, the smallest in Scotland. It would scarcely hold 20 people. It was erected in 1093. Behind it was a gun, forged in Mons in 1496. After that the guide took us to Queen Mary's room, where James I. of England was born. There were some very old portraits hanging there. The room where the Crown Jewels are kept is closed on account of the war. Then we went through what used to be the banquet hall. It is now filled with old armor and weapons. But the most interesting thing there was the gun carriage on which both Queen Victoria and King Edward were borne to the grave. Another interesting thing we saw was the dog's graveyard where all the different soldiers' dogs were buried.

"Then we left the castle and went through Princess St. Gardens. It is about the prettiest place I ever saw. It is right alongside the castle, but about 300 feet straight below it. There we went along Princess St. past the monument erected to Sir Walter Scott. It is very beautiful and is the biggest in Scotland. We passed Wellington's statue just across the street from Waverly Station. This station is the largest in the world—26 acres under roof. From there we headed to Mrs. Williams' and found it all right, but did not have long to stay. Then we went back to Binnie's for tea, and Wm. and Margaret Binnie were there to meet us.

"Right after tea, Agnes, Alex., Cissie and I started for a concert in Usher Hall. We were there for an hour early, but we couldn't get in then; it was full. So we went for a short stroll, got back after 11 o'clock, and walked somewhere about 10 miles. We went away round by the Braid Hills and Blackford Hills. It was very beautiful scenery all the way. I was that tired when we got back I could scarcely walk. I was issued with a new pair of British army boots just the day before I left camp, and my feet were sore. But the girls were not tired—just a nice walk for them.

"Next day Alex. and I started for Jedburgh. We got off at Jed-foot Bridge and asked the station agent the way to Douglas'. There was a school-girl came off the same train and he got her to show us the way. Madge Yourston was her name, and she was a bonnie Scotch lassie. She took us right past her own home almost to Douglas'. The driveway up to the house was the prettiest I ever saw. The Douglas' are all very Scotch. It bothered me sometimes to know what they were saying. In the evening Mr. Douglas and the boys took us for a stroll down through Ancrum. I am sending you a primrose I picked there. We went through Ancrum graveyard. In the centre were he ruins of the old chapel built in 1742, covered with ivy. Some of the tombstones dated back to 1740 and on others the date was completely worn off. Then we passed a round some big gent's estate, where we saw a lot of deer. Another thing I noticed were the pheasants and as Andrew Douglas said, "the connie mavis." Of course, we had a supper of coffee and scones when we got back.

"In the morning, we got up early and struck for Kelso. We went through an estate where we saw a lot of 'kylies.' Mother can tell you what they are. We hired bicycles at Kelso and cycled to Xethonn. We went into a store at Xethonn for a drink of water and when the lady found out we were Canadian soldiers she gave us a lemonade we could drink for nothing, and told us when we came back to come in and she would give us more. We went to Andrew Cowan's first and had dinner. Mr. Cowan is very young looking for his age. He had a son in Egypt. Then we went up to Weir's and nobody was more glad to see us than they were. We were sorry we could not stay there longer. They expected John Weir soon, and were asking us about him, and all the Weirs at home. When we were going back to Kelso we went into the store and got all the lemonade we could drink, and the lady also gave us some chocolate. I was very hot and tired when we reached Kelso, and I sure don't think much of English wheels. We went back to Edinburgh that afternoon and Cissie met us at the station and we went down to Mrs. Williams' for tea. Then Mrs. Williams took us to Hillson's. Nettie Hillson is a good singer. Mr. Hillson took us through the power house that runs the cables that supply power for the street cars. They certainly were powerful engines. Then we went through a munition factory which is run almost entirely by girls—one of them was a Belgian refugee whose husband is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Later we went to Mr. Wm. Binnie's, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Binnie and Agnes were there. Annie Douglas was there, too, and she is the very picture of Belle Weir. After having another tea of scones, etc., we took Annie Douglas home and we young folk got back at 12.45, and before I got to bed I was suffering extreme pain. The next morning I felt better. Annie Douglas came up, and we, Annie, Alex., Cissie and I, went for a stroll away up the mountains in the park. We came back for dinner and in the afternoon Agnes, Cissie and we boys went up there again, but this time by way of the radial road. We rested up there for some time, and when we got up to go home I was in such pain I could hardly walk. We got back to the house all right, but by 8 o'clock I was so weak and sick I had to give in. So they called a military doctor and he said it was hospital for me. So he sent to the castle for an ambulance and I was taken there in that just at the time Alex. was leaving Edinburgh for London. It caused a fearful sensation around there for a while. In spite of the pain I could scarcely keep from laughing when I saw the crowd around that ambulance. In the hospital they simply put me to bed and told me to lie there. By Sunday afternoon I was able to go out again. Mrs. Binnie, Agnes and I went to church that night. I left Edinburgh at 10.20 p.m. Sunday, and reached King's Cross

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ANDERSON—PARK.

Our best wishes go out to Miss Bessie Park of Hampden, who was married last Wednesday to Mr. Alister Anderson, mail clerk on the C.P.R., and formerly of Hampden. Only the immediate relatives were present. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by Mrs. James Byers, sister of the groom. The bride was daintily dressed in cream duchess silk with shadow lace and pearl trimmings and carried a bouquet of white roses. Both bride and groom were unattended. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. I. McLean, M. A. During the signing of the register, Lieut. Norman Anderson of Ingersoll, brother of the groom, sang "O Promise Me." Later, all partook of an appetizing repast. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson leave on June 20 for their future home at Medicine Hat, Alberta. Mr. Anderson holds a lucrative position as mail clerk. Mrs. Anderson will be greatly missed in Hampden church where, in the various departments of the work, she has taken an active and capable part. The good wishes of a host of friends will follow them to their new home.

At a meeting of Berlin council it was decided to select six names from which the new name for the city shall be chosen by a vote of the qualified electors. Voting is to take place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on June 24, 26, 27 and 28, and the one receiving the largest number of votes is to be chosen as the new name.

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