

**FLESHERTON.**

Rock Mills Baptist church, artistically decorated for the occasion was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday June 23, when Mary Mabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David White of Rock Mills, was married to Mr. R. C. Walker, editor of the Hillsburg Beaver. The pastor, Rev. R. C. Kerr, conducted the ceremony in the presence of a large number of friends of the bride and groom, who were unattended. To the strains of the wedding march, played by Miss Dell Pedlar, the pretty bride entered the church on the arm of her father by whom she was given away. She was attired in her neat travelling costume of Belgian blue cloth. After the marriage a choice wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, and later the young couple left on the evening train for their new home at Hillsburg, where a reception was given them on their arrival. The bride received numerous wedding gifts, among them being a Bible from the trustees of the church, the marriage being the first to take place in the church. We join in the good wishes extended to the young couple.

Rev. A. E. Thompson gave an interesting address to a fair-sized audience in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening of last week. Mr. Thompson's theme was "The Divine Plan for Palestine," which, he believes, will be the return of the Jews to the Holy Land through the medium of the British Empire.

Rev. R. B. Stevenson of Shelburne will conduct anniversary services in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, preaching morning and evening. Mr. Norris of Toronto, who delighted the congregation a year ago, will sing again on this occasion.

Since the town constable has been able to move about again he has been rounding up some of the cows running at large in violation of the by-law. It is to be hoped the officer will have but little trouble further in this line.

Installation of officers for the ensuing year took place in Prince Arthur Lodge, A.F. & A.M. on Friday evening, conducted by Wor. Bro. F. H. W. Hickling, installing master. The following is the staff: Wor. Bro. J. Wright, W. M.; Wor. Bro. T. A. Blakeley, J. P. M.; Bro. T. Clayton, S.W.; Bro. C. J. Bellamy, J.W.; Bro. Rev. R. C. Kerr, Chaplain; Wor. Bro. J. Blackburn, Treas.; Wor. Bro. F. H. W. Hickling, Secy.; Bro. R. H. Goldhawk, Tyler; Bro. G. A. McTavish, S.D.; Bro. T. C. Blakeley, J.D.; Bro. G. Snell, S.S.; Bro. T. Chard, J.S.; Bro. J. S. McMillan, I.G.; Bro. T. Henry, D. of C.; Wor. Bro. T. A. Blakeley was elected representative to Grand Lodge.

Eugenia and Flesherton baseball teams played a match here on Friday evening, the visitors winning by a good margin. A few evenings earlier, a match was started between Ceylon and the team here, but a dispute arose and the game broke up.

Miss Iva Mitchell has been engaged for one of the schools at Fort William, where her sister is also teaching. Her duties commence in September at an initial salary of \$700.

The football team here played a match at Priceville on Saturday evening and won by 1 to 0. The boys enjoyed meeting the gentlemanly fellows of Priceville.

A number from here attended the garden party at Proton Station last week and report a successful party. On Friday afternoon some went to the Sunday school picnic at Ceylon, which was quite successful.

The Dominion Day celebration here promises to be quite successful if weather proves favorable.

Word was received here last week of the death of a former well known resident of Artemesia Mr. S. A. Thompson of Strongfield, Sask., who died on June 17, aged 51 years. He succumbed to peritonitis, which set in a week after an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Thompson was born on the west back line, Artemesia where he lived till 1898, when he moved to Minising. In 1910 he went to the west and settled at Strongfield, where he owned 800 acres of land, and was prospering. In 1898 he was married in Artemesia to Miss Martha Wright of the Orange Valley, who survives him with three sons and one daughter. He was an active member of the Presbyterian church and was an elder in Chalmer's church here for a number of years before his removal.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and daughter, and Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Thompson from Jerusalem,

spent part of last week with old friends in this place and vicinity. We were pleased to meet these old Artemesia boys again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Holland of Toronto are spending a week with their son and wife, here.

Mr. Wilfrid Henry was home from Orangeville on a holiday last week.

The Artemesia, Markdale and Flesherton Sunday school Association annual convention held at Eugenia on Thursday was well attended and quite successful. Two sessions were held, at both of which Rev. Mr. Dayfoot of Toronto, gave fine addresses. Good addresses were also given by Revs. Dudgeon of Flesherton and Matheson of Priceville, the former speaking on "The Worth and Winning of a Child" and the latter on "Parental Responsibility." The program was further sustained by local talent. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, S. Hemphill; vice president, F. Chard; secretary treasurer, H. Graham. Mount Zion was chosen as next place of meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bellamy and son Robert, motored to Nottaw and spent a day with relatives last week.

Mr. John Whitten of Toronto is visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. Alf. Harrison.

Mr. Tom. Wardrobe of Toronto is on a holiday among old friends here.

Miss Gladys Slaughter of Stratford, is visiting Miss Lillian Bnati. Miss Slaughter's father was formerly principal of the public school here.

Mrs. R. McIntyre and children, of Toronto, are visiting her brother, Mr. Robt. Richardson.

Miss Elsie Wright, Miss Dell Thurston, Miss Lever and Miss Addie Wright, are home from their schools for the holidays.

Miss Switzer leaves this week to holiday at her home near St. Marys.

Miss Florence Thurston has returned from a month's visit in Toronto.

Mrs. Geo. Mitchell visited over the week end with old friends at Feversham.

Mrs. P. Loucks and little son, Cecil, have gone on an extended visit with relatives in Russell county.

Dr. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Henry motored to Goderich on Saturday to visit the latter's old friends.

Dr. E. A. Armstrong of Cobalt, spent the past week with his mother and other relatives here. The Dr., who is a recruiting officer at Cobalt, is fired with zeal to go to the front in the war, but the militia department, so far are holding him in his present position, where he is rendering valuable service.

Miss Minnie Graham, milliner, is spending a few days with her old friends here.

Miss Irene Orr and Miss Catharine Burns, pupils of Mrs. Blackburn, were very successful in their recent examinations at the Toronto College of Music. In junior theory both young ladies passed with first-class honors, and in senior second piano Miss Orr took honors. Miss Burns, who is also a vocal pupil of Mr. Mark Wright passed in her primary exam.

The Assembly's program for Patriotic Day was interestingly rendered at the Presbyterian service on Sunday. The pastor gave the address, which was interesting.

Mr. McPherson of Winnipeg is visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. M. E. Wright, and at the Methodist church services on Sunday sang in pleasing duets with Mrs. Wright. At the close of the evening service a song service was given by the choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morrow of Toronto were visitors with Rev. and Mrs. Dudgeon over the week end.

Mr. Thos. Chard, teacher at Rock Mills, has been engaged for the coming year at an increase in salary.

Rev. Mr. Horsford of Markdale was in town on Monday, the guest of Mr. G. Mitchell, and visited Mrs. Talbot of the back line, an old shut in lady of his Communion. Mr. Horsford was accompanied by Mrs. Laird and Miss Plewes who visited old friends.

Rev. A. McVicar attended Presbytery at Orangeville Tuesday.

Mrs. Welton returned on Monday from visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Hill, Markdale.

Mrs. Geo. Hopkins returned on Monday, after spending a month with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. (Dr.) Pickering and children, left Tuesday for Bassano, Alta., to spend a couple of months with her sister, Mrs. C. McKinnon.

Mr. D. C. McKenzie is visiting for a week with his son at Milton.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

Lesson I.—Third Quarter, For July 4, 1915.

**THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.**

Text of the Lesson, II Sam. xviii, 1-15. Memory Verse, 5—Golden Text, Eph. vi, 1—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Our lesson title is "Absalom's Fallure," but "Absalom's sin and overthrow" might perhaps have been better. There is not so much of profit in the lesson verses as there is in what precedes and follows, and as this is our last lesson in this book we must gather all we can in the space at our disposal. Our last lesson was in chapter xii, and because of David's great sin he was told that the sword should never depart from his house and that the Lord would raise up evil against him out of his own house (xii, 10, 11). There is always a reaping from all sowing, either good or bad (Gal. vi, 7; Hos. viii, 7). Chapter xiii tells of the beginning of his household troubles and of the flight of Absalom and his sojourn three years in Geshur. Chapter xiv tells of the plea of the wise woman of Tekoa and of Absalom's return to Jerusalem and reconciliation with his father after dwelling two years there without seeing his face (xiv, 25-33). Absalom's remarkable beauty is described in verses 25, 26. The utter helplessness of the sinner and the great mercy of God are most suggestively mentioned by the wise woman in verse 14.

Chapter xv describes Absalom's rebellion and the plight of the king, and would have been a much more suggestive and helpful chapter than the one assigned us. David's crossing the Kidron and going up by Olivet (verses 23, 30) is so suggestive of our Lord's doing the same thing because of the rebellion of His son Israel (John xviii, 1). The notable words of devotion on the part of David's servants and of Ittai the Gittite (verses 15, 21) should be our continual heart words to our Lord Jesus. See also the devotion of Hushai, David's friend, in verses 32-37, and David's submission to the will of God in verses 25, 26. Chapter xvi tells of Shimei's cursing and how David left him wholly to God. Chapter xvii describes the suicide of Ahithophal because the counsel of Hushai was preferred to his. It also tells of David's friends who so kindly cared for him at Mahanaim. Our lesson, chapter xviii, tells of the battle between Absalom's army and that of David and of the defeat of the former and the death of Absalom. It is truly pathetic to listen to David's instructions to the leaders of his hosts, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom" (verse 5), and then to hear his heartbroken cry when he learned that Absalom had been slain: "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son" (verse 33). See also xix, 4. Does it not help to make more real the love of God in giving up His only begotten Son to die for us? (John iii, 16; I John iii, 16; I, 9, 10; Rom. viii, 32).

The folly of seeking to make a name for oneself is seen in verse 18. A grand illustration of the significance of the command in Hab. ii, 2, is seen in lesson verses 19-32. The words are, "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it," but they are generally misquoted, "that he that runs may read," as if one could take it in as they do the advertisements by the roadside when traveling sixty miles an hour by train. The true meaning evidently is, get the message correctly and then run and tell it. In our lesson Cushai had the message, for he had seen what he was to tell. Although insistent, Ahimaaz was the fleetest messenger, he knew nothing, and his running was in vain (verses 21, 29, 30), and he had to stand aside. And there are many running today whom God never sent. They know nothing, but the worst of it is that they take pride in not knowing and yet insist that they have been sent. It is blessed to be able to say, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you." "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (I John i, 3; Acts iv, 20).

After Absalom was dead all Israel longed for David, and said one to another, "Why speak ye not a word of bringing back the king?" David himself sent to the priests and elders of Judah, saying, "Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house?" Then as one man they sent the message, "Return thou and all thy servants." So the king returned (xix, 9-15). Shimei, who had cursed him, was one of the first to meet him and confess his sin and seek forgiveness (xix, 16-23). Mephibosath had mourned for him all the time that he was gone and was so glad to see him back that he was content to let Ziba have all the inheritance (xix, 24-30). Barzillai, who had taken care of the king at Mahanaim, saw him safely over Jordan, but would not go to Jerusalem, as David desired, saying that he was too old. But he asked David to take Chimham and show him kindness, which thing David was glad to do (xix, 31-40). It would seem from Jer. xli, 17, that David conferred on Chimham his personal patrimony at Bethlehem, and it may have been there that the Messiah was born, on Chimham's property.

**EDGE HILL.**

Miss Mary A. Edge is visiting friends in town.

Mr. C. Cotton was in Markdale on Monday.

Miss Eva Ritchie of town is visiting friends in this vicinity this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Little of Dur-dalk, were visiting her mother, Mrs. R. Ector, on Sunday.

Miss Emma Ritchie, who has been teaching in Sullivan for the past year, is home for the summer vacation.

Mr. F. McArthur of Priceville is busily engaged these days pruning Mr. Geo. Staples' orchard.

The Messrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Gardiner, of Mt. Forest, were the

guests of the Greenwood family on Saturday.

Miss Alix. Edge arrives home home to-day, Wednesday, after attending Lindsay Collegiate for a year.

The old roof is being taken off the Grange Hall to-day and a band of willing workers are busy reshinguing it. The old windows are also being repaired.

The Edge Hill Sunday school is holding its picnic this year on July 8, at the usual place.

Mr. Geo. Newell's beefring heifer dressed 532 pounds of prime beef last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moffat and Mr. John Moffat, and Miss Winnie Greenwood, enjoyed a motor trip

Capt. L. D. C. Gaskill, Colorado pioneer, who helped capture Confederate President Jefferson after Richmond, died at Denver.

The Toronto ball team still stays in or near the cellar position in the International race. Force of habit, we presume.

The game wardens of West Virginia protest against the emptying of illicit whiskey seizures into the streams—on behalf of the fish.

We don't mind a paragraph now and again, but we do hope the daily press won't persecute us further with "picters" of Harry Thaw, Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw and any other of that bunch who may happen to give evidence at Harry's insanity trial.

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