

AMONG THE CHURCHES

KNOX UNITED W.M.S.
The Women's Missionary Society of Knox United Church held its Easter Thankoffering in the schoolroom of the church on Monday afternoon. There was a good attendance, a number of the Queen St. ladies being present also. The president, Mrs. T. F. House, gave the call to worship. The scripture lesson from John 14, 15 and 16, on the promise of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, was read by Mrs. J. S. McElraith, after which Miss M. McGirr gave a devotional talk and led in prayer. Miss McGirr based her remarks on the scripture read, and on a portion of Stanley Jones' "The Christ of Every Road."

A message in song was given by Mrs. I. B. Sharpe and Mrs. W. Wilson in a duet entitled "I never knew such love could be" and Mrs. C. McGirr and Mrs. B. Stonehouse sang "Nailed to the Cross." Mrs. D. W. Dowkes, of Owen Sound, Presbyterian Secretary of Associate Helpers, was the special speaker for the occasion. She gave a resume of the Conference Branch meeting held recently in Toronto, which was both interesting and informative. Mrs. House closed the meeting with the benediction. Lunch

was served and a pleasant hour spent together.

In the evening the young ladies' Evening Auxiliary heard an inspiring message given by Miss Evans, Owen Sound, the Grey Presbyterian corresponding secretary. Her theme was "Gardens." Beginning with the garden of Eden, the garden of holiness where God was very near to man, and where sin entered and happiness was forfeited, she took her hearers then to the Garden of Gethsemane, the garden where Jesus knelt in sorrow and where comfort came to Him. The assurance was given that we too if we conquered all fears, sorrows and hate would find a refining influence when we came to our Gethsemane, The Garden of Resurrection was made radiant with the love from Calvary. The influence of love will bring blossoms into life.

The devotional period was in charge of Mrs. W. G. Ritchie. Misses Myrtle Mortley and Anna Ritchie, Mrs. J. Petty sang very effectively "The Stranger of Galilee," and Miss Jean Priest contributed a delightful piano solo. Miss Barbara Ritchie presided. Both presiding officers conveyed to the speakers and singers the sincere appreciation of all present for the messages in word and song

HOLSTEIN LEADER

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

and both organizations served refreshments in the social hour that followed the program. Spring flowers lent their beauty and pleasure to the gatherings.

Presbyterian Thankoffering Meeting

Rev. J. Douglas Wilkie, B. A. of Teeswater, former Missionary to Formosa, addressed the Presbyterian W. M. S. Wednesday night at their Easter Thankoffering meeting. Rev. Mr. Hirtle presided. Mr. Wilkie gave a resume of Missionary work in Formosa. He spoke of the organization over 60 years ago, in training native workers and placing them permanently in strategic centres. This system is still carried on.

This work, patterned after the Presbyterian Church in Canada is carried on by Synods, Presbyteries, Men's Missionary Societies, Women's Missionary Societies, Mission Bands etc., and all offices filled by native workers, no missionaries holding office.

Not only the people in low estate are being converted but professional educational and financial men, thus they have competent men and women doing the Lord's work. They have assumed 20 per cent. of the financial budget and hope in 20 years to have all trained native missionaries and to finance their whole budget.

Mrs. Lauder sang a solo and Rev. Mr. Honeyman spoke a few words of appreciation of Mr. Wilkie's work.

Angler — Does this "No Fishing" sign mean what it says?

Native — It sure does, stranger. There hasn't been a fish in this creek for years.

YEOVIL

Seeding operations are only starting in this locality, as the soil is drying very slowly.

Mrs. Urquhart, Owen Sound is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. Reid, and Mr. Reid.

Mrs. P. Mutch, and Mrs. Jas. Nicholson are attending the Provincial W. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church in Galt this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Ross, and little son, and Earl, and Bert Ross, Toronto, were week end visitors with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Swain, and Peter, Toronto, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Mutch.

Mr. and Mrs. Will. Haas, and Catherine, Normanby, called on the Haas family on Sunday.

Mrs. George Scott who has spent the winter with her sister Mrs. D. Campbell, Mt. Forest returned to her home in the village last week.

Teachers, and scholars are back to work again this Monday morning. Miss Sharpe has the following little new scholars Doreen Whyte, Zelma Coudt, Wilmer Nicholson Muriel McDonald, Shirley Keith, Percy Horsburgh, and Alexander Watson.

May their school days be happy ones!

VARNEY

Miss Elspeth Blyth and Mr. Jan P. Blyth spent last Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Leeson.

Miss Doris Woodley of London and Madeline Catton of Durham, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bogie.

Mrs. Victor Blyth and her mother, Mrs. Hope visited one day last week with Mrs. Wilbert Blythe.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Leeson spent an evening last week with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Barber.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kerr, Caldwell and Laura, motored to Niagara-on-the-Lake Sunday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Kerr, and sister Janet, Marion and Jean Kerr returned with them.

Miss Ruby Blyth and Mrs. Cameron Lauder were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Blythe.

Miss Dorothy Bogie spent last Thursday with Mrs. Jas Leeson.

The Sunday School will reopen Sunday next for the summer with last year's officers in charge.

KNOX CORNERS

Rev. Mr. McKenzie took the services at Amos and Knox on Sunday. He took for this text, "Ye are the salt of the earth." This text was taken quite recently at Knox but the thoughts brought out were somewhat different. These words were spoken by Jesus to His disciples.

He knew all their failures and faults even as he knows ours, yet He speaks these words of encouragement. If we would fulfil this text we must confess Him before men and follow where He leads that we may win souls for Him. Many who seem to care little for the church and its services yet benefit by them as well as those who support it.

Mrs. Wesley Storrey, son and daughters of town were visitors on Sunday at the Wallace home.

Mrs. A. Picken spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Grassy, Sr. and family.

Miss Marie Weber from near Ayrton is assisting in the Porter home at present.

The Y. W. A. and Mission Band met in the church on Friday afternoon with an attendance of about 20. Mrs. Marshall, Sr. had charge of the Mission Band and Mrs. Mearns presided for the Y. W. A. Several interesting and helpful readings were given by members of the Y. W. A.

Mrs. Mearns read the scripture lesson from St. John 20th chapter and Mrs. Marshall and Miss T. E. Byers led in prayer.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carman Queen (nee Audrey Bell) who were married in London on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Marshall, Sr. is attending the Prov. meeting of the W. M. S. being held in Galt this week.

We were pleased to have a visit on Sunday from our cousin Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walker of Sask. who were on a brief visit to the latter's sister, Mrs. J. McLean and family of town. Will visited his old home and former friends of his boyhood-days at Holstein and also his mother's grave at Naplewood cemetery. Mrs. McLean and daughters of town accompanied them and they also called on Mr. and Mrs. David Marshall.

The Sunday School will reopen on Sunday May 1st, for the summer and we hope there will be a good attendance.

Miss T. E. Byers, visited Monday afternoon with Mrs. Birt.

Mr. John Birt is under the Dr.'s care. We hope that he may soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McKechnie and

BLYTH'S CORNERS

Mr. Wm. Park visited with his sister Mrs. Basil Peel, Drayton last week.

Miss Elsie Halliday returned to Galt after spending a few days with her parents. Mr and Mrs N. Halliday.

Mrs. John Marshall, Sr. returned home last week after an extensive visit with her brother in Colorado.

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