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### HAMPTON HAPPENINGS

April 26—On Saturday evening the dance, which was held in the Agricultural hall, under the auspices of the Tennis and Curling Clubs, was very successful. Kane's orchestra, of St. John, supplied the music. The door prize was won by Miss Ross.

Miss Dorothy Ryan, of Norton, spent the week end with Miss Agnes MacPherson.

Mrs. Wm. Keohan, of Sussex, was the guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. John Keohan.

Mrs. Phillip Palmer has returned from St. John, where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Barbour.

Miss Treva Smith, who has been spending the winter in St. John, has returned to her home here.

Miss Mary Smith, of Truro, N. S., has accepted a position in St. John, and spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith.

At the weekly card party at Midway Hall, there were six tables, on Tuesday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Ernest Ryan and Gerald Smith.

On Tuesday of this week prizes were won by Mrs. Thomas Smith and James Kenney.

Mrs. Guy Keirstead spent the week end with friends in St. John.

Mrs. F. V. Wedderburn and Mrs. W. P. Dunham left on Tuesday for St. John, where they will attend the annual meeting of the Womens Auxiliary.

Dr. Roy Smith, of Boston, Mass., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wm. Smith.

Mrs. Vanwart, of St. John, was a visitor here on Saturday.

Miss Helen Barnes left on Tuesday for Halifax, where she will reside in future.

Harry Warneford has returned from a trip to Boston and New York. The Builders, of St. Pauls Anglican church, met on Tuesday evening with Miss Frances Fairweather.

Miss Helen Flewelling has returned from St. John and is spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Flewelling.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mrs. George Boyce on Thursday when the members of the Guild of the Baptist church met and rendered her a surprise party before her departure for Sussex. The vice-president, Mrs. H. Redstone, presented Mrs. Boyce with a piece of china, although taken by surprise Mrs. Boyce thanked the ladies in a pleasing manner. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing For She's a Jolly Good Fellow.

He was a stranger in the neighborhood, and had been brought to a dance at the local Deaf and Dumb Hospital by an old friend, the doctor.

"How on earth can I ask a deaf and dumb girl to dance?" he asked a trifle anxiously.

"Just smile and bow to her," replied the doctor, who had done it many a time.

So the young man picked out a pretty girl and bowed and smiled, and she bowed and smiled, and away they danced.

They danced not only one dance that evening, but even three, and he was on the point of asking her for another when a strange man approached his fair partner and said soulfully:

"I say, darling, when are we going to have another dance? It's almost an hour since I had one with you."

"I know, dear," answered the girl tenderly, "but I don't know how to get away from this deaf and dumb idiot."

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## DESCRIBES HORRORS OF WAR IN CHINA

DR. CATHERINE TRAVIS, FORMER RESIDENT OF HAMPTON, K. CO., WRITES OF THE RECENT FIGHTING NEAR MISSION HEADQUARTERS

A letter in which some interesting phases of the recent fighting in China, as seen by a medical missionary on the ground was recently received by Miss Minnie Travis, of Hampton, N. B., from her sister, Dr. Catherine Travis, medical missionary in St. Paul's Hospital, at Kweichow Honan Province, China. The letter will no doubt be of much general interest as well as particular interest to Dr. Travis' many friends in this vicinity. Extracts from the letter are given as follows:

Kweichow, Honan, China, March 13th, 1926.

We've been having such a time here at the hospital with crowds of wounded men pouring in. Our wards and all outbuildings are full, and we've a score over at the Boys' School. It has been a hideous experience these poor shattered mutilated creatures many of them will drag on for months with infected fractures of the leg. It's sickening to see so much suffering and such an unnecessary business. Oh, war! I've no words for my contempt and horror of it!

Sunday, the 14th, yesterday, wasn't springlike—'twas summer. In the night a fierce north wind sprang up and the mercury dropped to freezing. Today I almost froze going to the station, though I had two rugs and a woolly scarf. The cold can't last, however, so late as this.

We are trying in the intervals of dressings and operations to get some tree planting done. I'm wild to get at it. I want to transplant a lot of low locust saplings, to fill in between some taller ones I set out last year to make a sort of screen between our house and the highway to the east. Also I want to root out some "Pride of India" saplings, unsightly things, and move some Acacia trees (my favorite tree here) to suitable spots. We're going to get two good ones to place beside the front entrance to north and south. Also some peach and apricot trees for our place, more for the bloom than the fruit—the Chinese will appropriate most of that by night, probably.

Did I tell you we had built a very nice Chinese residence for Dr. Chang down at the southeast of our compound, in a newly acquired lot of land?

I hardly know how we have survived the experience of the last two weeks—it's been perfectly horrible. I went out to the station, driving the car, and taking Dr. Chan, and four nurses—that was one night at 11 o'clock, two weeks or more ago. We went around to several places crowded with hideously wounded men. We ordered most of them into the hospital. For a day or two, they kept pouring in. Then, when we were full to overflowing and we were worn out working and watching, word came that there was another contingent to come. We decided we couldn't take in any more, but they came right along, so we put a lot over at the school. The biggest number we have had was 105 or so, but it's a hard job to get them to go, even though their wounds are healed.

Tomorrow we have to clear out the school as it is opening very soon. We have the Rowsell's quarters full, the little north-gate house, and that building to the right, as one comes into the compound; the Bible woman lives in the first end. The wards are cram full with wooden Chinese beds crowded in.

I looked after the men over in the school with very able help from Mrs. Williams. Miss Rapson has had charge of dressing the cases in the outbuildings. Dr. Shaw has the ex-woman's ward, full, of course, of men. I have the clinic tools and the drug room and my usual administrative and financial work. Also I give ether for most of the operations, though Miss Rapson has done a lot since I have been going over to the school.

We made a Union Jack a few weeks ago—it's a beauty—exactly correct in the disposition of the colors in the St. Andrew's Cross. We had it flying for a couple of weeks, nailed to the mast, as it were. It was on a bamboo which was wired securely to a strong pole, which in turn was wired to one of our willow trees, up here in the corner next the road, so as to be seen first by entering troops. A Red Cross flag is up near the gateway. We've not had any trouble at all, though we expected it—the mud wall was trenched from end to end, at least at this north part, and it bristled with soldiers.

The fighting took place a few stations up towards Kaifeng from here. Oh! If I could only forget the horrors and if the poor men could only forget their sufferings!

Tonight our dear Alma and Mary are to be married. Agnes graduates in a month or two. She made very high marks in her Nurses' Association of China exams. Mr. Lin got honors, too. No one failed and we are so pleased. I'll give your greetings to all the Chinese. From

DR. CATHERINE TRAVIS, Medical Missionary, St. Paul's Hospital, Kweichow, Honan, China.

### SPAIN SEEKS WATER POWER

Spain is the latest country to join in the quest for improved water power and hydroelectric development by the nations of both hemispheres. King Alfonso inaugurated the new Spanish irrigation work in Andalusia a few weeks ago by laying the foundation of a great dam near Andujar, where the Jandula empties into the Guadalquivir, the only river in Spain which flows freely at all seasons.

This dam will be 295 feet high and 720 feet long, and its estimated cost is \$5,000,000, half to be borne by a private company and half by the State. It is expected to furnish 26,000 horsepower of electrical energy as well as a large tract of land much needed in that section for cultivation, as indeed is the case almost everywhere in Spain except in Leon and the provinces bordering on the Bay of Biscay. The site of the works is in the wild Sierra Morena, which separates the plateau region of Castile and Estremadura from the Andalusian plain and forms the watershed between the upper Guadiana and the Guadalquivir.

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rate the plateau region of Castile and Estremadura from the Andalusian plain and forms the watershed between the upper Guadiana and the Guadalquivir.

The latter river is 360 miles long, and drains an area of 21,865 square miles. The purpose is to make it navigable as far as Andujar. For vessels of 1,500 tons it has lately been made navigable only up to Seville, owing to accumulation of silt in the lower reaches, but in the time of the Moors it was navigable up to Cordoba. Many other irrigation works are in course of construction in Spain, but are progressing slowly on account of lack of capital. To speed up construction, the Minister of Public Works proposes to jump together annual State payments for twenty-five years in advance. Spain's resources are rich and varied. Two thousand years ago they supported a population three times as large as at present. With revived energy there seems no reason why Spain should not regain her former prosperity.

### THE RIGHTS OF THEM

Many a widow receives less than justice in the distribution of her husband's estate. Sometimes through lack of a will, sometimes through lack of foresight, there is suffering which was not intended. The nature of property has undergone a great change in recent years. Formerly there was little property except land, and for that condition of affairs there was a provision

in the dower law, by which a widow whose husband died without a will was entitled to one third of the real estate.

Nowadays, the family may live in an apartment, have not a foot of land, and yet the husband may own a million dollars in securities. If there is a will, the husband may leave his widow without a cent. Mr. Fisher, of Ottawa, has a bill before the legislature, by which a widow who receives less under a will than she would have received had her husband died without a will, may apply to the Supreme Court for relief. Several provinces of the Dominion have recognized this anomalous position, and have legislated to overcome it. The Fisher Bill is copied from the law in Alberta.

There is an old phrase in the marriage ceremony of some denominations "with all my worldly goods I do thee endow," but it is not always supported by legal sanction. From a legal point of view, except as to real estate, the husband endows his wife with nothing. The idea, however, is now adapted for the preservation of the rights of widows. The bill has possibilities of an important bearing on the rights of many individuals, and is worthy of a close scrutiny by the House.

### CLEVER FINANCING

A very clever stunt was worked at the Imperial Theatre last Friday. A young chap about 12 years of age decided to do some financing before the show started. He gathered up enough loose change among his pals to purchase a \$1.00 book of 10 children's admission tickets, and went out and whistled for his gang, around the theatre corner. The ten of them (all smiling) walked in. By buying the book of tickets and collecting a dime from each of them, he saved his pals a nickel each for a treat or by collecting the 15 cents that should have been paid by each of them at the wicket, he received his own ticket for nothing and made a profit of 35 cents besides on the transaction for himself. The Imperial management says that "financing" and that this young chap deserves credit for his smartness.

"Kissing is a custom entirely foreign to Japan, and it is undesirable that it should be introduced into our country. It is uncleanly, immodest, indecorous, ungraceful, and likely to cause the spread of disease." So read a statement issued by the prefect of police in Tokyo.

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**THIS IS NOT CORRECT.**  
The lease of the premises ends on the 31st day of October, 1926, upon the Town giving Mr. Lutz three months' notice.

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