

Miss Estella VanAlstine of Bellevue spent from Friday until Monday with Miss Gertrude Loveland.

B. F. Gregg and family of Belding spent Saturday and Sunday at F. F. Ambrose's.

Misses Hildred and Veda Allen and Florence Guenther of Lansing spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Mary McEachran.

Roland Dorman, wife and two children and Miss Mary Shinkman of Grand Rapids spent the week end at the home of E. G. Bowman.

Dr. Dana Snell and wife of Lansing spent Labor day at K. L. Barber's.

Misses Gertrude and Helen Loveland, Ethel Powers, Estella VanAlstine and Lois Gaut took an eight mile hike Sunday.

#### MRS. HELEN HAMMOND

After many weeks of constant suffering which was always borne bravely, patiently, hopefully, Helen Brown Hammond passed away from her loved ones August 22, 1918.

She leaves to mourn her loss one son, Elmer Hammond of Grand Rapids, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one foster daughter, Bessie Manktelow, of Cadillac, one sister, Rachel Brown, of Sunfield, and a host of friends.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1918.

#### ANNUAL CHURCH-TEA AND BUSINESS MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The annual church-tea and business meeting of the Vermontville Congregational church was held last week Thursday evening in the chapel of the church. About 100 sat down to a bountiful repast prepared by a committee of the Ladies' Christian association of the church. This committee consisted of Mrs. McLaughlin, chairman, Mrs. Diehl, Mrs. Hunt and Miss Noris.

At the close of the supper all members of the Congregation, church school and Christian Endeavor society were invited to repair to the social room below where the annual business of the church was transacted and a special program rendered. The business consisted mainly of reports of various officers and committees, revealing a very healthful and hopeful state of church life. Mr. F. E. Hay reported for the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Roy Hammond as Church-Treasurer, Mr. Claud Hatfield as Superintendent of the Church School, Mrs. E. G. Bowman as President of the Ladies' Christian Association, Mrs. Neva Campbell as President of the Ladies' Missionary Society, Miss Thelma Phillips as president

of the Christian Endeavor Society.

The following officers were elected: Mr. F. E. Hay, church clerk; Mrs. Homer G. Brown, church treasurer; Mr. E. E. Sprague, trustee to succeed himself; and Dr. C. S. Snell, trustee to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Hervey Church. Mr. George Herriek and Mr. E. D. Lake acted as tellers of the meeting.

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Mrs. J. C. Downing left Thursday for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Niles, of Saugatuck in an effort to regain her health.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bowman returned home Monday evening from Cadillac where they have been spending a few days with the latter's brother, Harry Williams, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stricklen of Woodland and Miss Sarah Townsend spent Monday with Mrs. Alice Tubbs. Miss Townsend expects to spend the winter here with Mr. Orin Tubbs and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Allen and children of Lansing spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cross and Miss Thelma Phillips.

Mrs. Alice Tubbs and grand daughter Gertrude spent the week end in Charlotte visiting the former's sister's.

Mr. Eckhart and daughter Hazel motored to Lansing, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Z. McLaughlin returned home Thursday from a week's visit with their children in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek.

Mrs. Stella Grinnell has purchased the Clyde Hawkins house on East First street now occupied by Wm. Bennett. She in turn has sold her house to Andrew Green.

Mrs. McCroden, mother of Miss Madeline McCroden, spent the week end at the home of C. A. Anderson.

On Saturday, September 14th, the marriage of Mr. H. R. Holmgren of Chicago and Miss Madeline McCroden of Vermontville and Dutton was solemnized by the Rev. Henry Hunt, at the residence of Chas. A. Anderson in Vermontville, Miss Nell Anderson acting as bridesmaid and Mr. Bainbridge of Chicago as best man.

Being a very private affair only a few were present among those being Mr. and Mrs. Bainbridge of Chicago, Mr. H. M. Mason of Hastings and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCroden of Dutton. A party of six, bride and