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## The Rural Church

Chas. M. Flatt

Recently an article appeared in the Toronto Globe describing the activities of a rural Methodist minister. Going into a new field after having served overseas as an aviator in the R. F. C. this minister at once began to interest himself in the daily occupation of those with whom he must constantly come in contact.

The district is one in which dairying is the dominant industry. The minister was an experienced dairyman, and recognized that in this line lay his best opportunity of coming in touch with his people. He immediately began to study how he could advance the interests of the dairy farmers. He organized a cow testing association that from a small beginning rapidly became the largest organization of its kind in Ontario. Over 500 cows are being tested in this one district.

The work of testing and sending in the reports to Ottawa is supervised by the minister, who is the Rev. Capt. Cotton, of Copetown. Every week he lectures on some phase of the dairy industry. Besides all this he carries on the regular work of a minister in a particularly efficient manner.

Undoubtedly this effort will meet with some disapproval by certain classes who constantly criticise any movement. But it is obvious that by the method used in this district can rural churches alone be made particularly successful. That this is true is substantiated by certain arguments contained in Carver's "Principles of Rural Economics" the writer of which, shows that under the present world conditions, it is evident that finally those most efficient and most thrifty will push out and supplant those less proficient or assiduous in industry. Following up this point he shows that if the more progressive classes are non-christian the christian community will eventually so diminish as to be negligible, unless they seek sufficient skill to compete with their supplanters. Thus obviously it is as much to the advantage of christian workers to encourage education and efficiency so that their converts may exist, as it is to primarily convert them.

In the fact that a minister can be of other service than merely to preach on the Sabbath day lies the solution of most rural problems. To this end a special course for ministers is carried on during the summer at the Ontario Agricultural College. Here the underlying principles of agriculture in a manner to be easily assimilated. The result hoped for is that ministers will go out and be real leaders in every line of progress in their community. That few are doing this is perhaps not surprising. It is a matter that is of comparatively recent interest and it requires particular ability.

In the example set at Copetown we see what will probably be the starting point of a new movement that takes in a wider scope than any other, because besides showing people the proper path in life it seeks to make their progress certain.

Chicken thieves were active in this vicinity last night. A number of farmers report the loss of valuable flocks.

## Valentine Tea

An Invitation to You

The first of a series of "Afternoon Teas" will be held Monday, February 14th, from 4 to 6 o'clock in the new Public school. Funds are needed to purchase pictures for the class-rooms and furnishings for the teachers' room.

The assistance of each and every lady of the village will be greatly appreciated by the Staff to make these teas, both a social and a financial success. The co-operation of the entire school section is requested, so that the Staff might accomplish its aims. Donations of cream, sandwiches or small cakes would be very acceptable. Admission 25 cents.

## Mountsburg

Mr. Albert Hewins moved the barn off his village lot to his farm, Mr. Hall Gunby, of Carlisle, had the contract.

A large number from here attended the funeral of the late Wm. Mast of Puslinch which took place on Sunday afternoon to Morrison Methodist church cemetery.

While Mr. Bogle was away from home on Sunday afternoon, a party living not far from here broke into the gasoline pump and extracted a quantity of gas.

Mrs. Edward Beaver of the Royal City, Guelph, spent the week end at her father's Mr. T. Woolsey.

Mrs. A. Mount has been quite poorly for the past few weeks.

Mr. Albert Hewins lost a valuable horse last week.

Mr. Edward Hurren is quite ill and is under the care of Dr. King.

Quite a number here are housed up with the La Grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton are giving a party to their many friends on Tuesday evening.

## Carlisle

The members of Carlisle Orange Lodge motored to Dundas on Tuesday to attend the County Lodge meeting. All report having had an enjoyable time.

## Horse Killed

Mr. Jas. Attridge, while driving down Mill street last Thursday afternoon, met with an accident which resulted in the loss of his horse. He was met at the Bank corner by Mr. Austin Alton, who turned his car sharply to avoid an accident and in doing so caused the rear end to skid hitting the horse and fracturing its leg. The horse was taken to the Methodist church sheds where it was shot.

## Greenville

The Women's Guild of Christ church met with Mrs. Geo. Ofield on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Hardy of Harriston is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. Thornton.

Miss Shirley Morden gave a dance in the Township hall on Thursday night, which was a great success.

Mr. Bailey has sold out and left for Rochester. The building he occupied is to be torn down.

## Women's Institute

The Women's Institute met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Chas. Brigger. A prize paper from Millgrove Institute entitled "How to plan an enjoyable and profitable evening" was read by Mrs. Ferdinand Slater, and was very much appreciated.

Readings were given by Mrs. T. Allen and Mrs. E. Sawell. Mrs. F. Thomas sang a solo, and a duet was played by the Misses Everitt and Pearson. Mrs. Brigger served 5 o'clock tea.

There was a good attendance and a pleasant and profitable afternoon spent. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Wm. A. Drummond.

## Women's Auxiliary

The annual meeting of the Womens Auxiliary of Grace Church was held in the Rectory on Thursday afternoon and the following officers elected for the year.

Hon. President Mrs. H. J. Leake  
President Mrs. E. Douglas  
1st Vice-President Mrs. Ed Feilde  
2nd Vice-Pres. Mrs. R. C. Griffin  
Secretary Mrs. Albert Feilde  
Treasurer Mrs. R. M. Spence  
Clergyman's Representatives: Mrs. Lovejoy and Mrs. Atkins.

Auditors: Mrs. W. G. Spence and Mrs. C. Attridge.

Delegates to Diocesan Board: Mrs. E. Douglas, Mrs. R. M. Spence, Mrs. D. Atkins, Mrs. R. C. Griffin and W. Featherston.

Sick Committee: Mrs. Featherston and Mrs. T. Dent.

Flower Committee: Mrs. Atkins and Mrs. Lovejoy.

The Treasurer reported that the net proceeds for the year were \$254.88. Cash on hand including balance from last year \$473.26.

## Locals

Mr. Chas. Prudham left last week for Beachburg.

Mrs. Henry Miller of Baden is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Beethold.

Mrs. E. H. Slater and son Clare of St. Catharines were visiting in the village last Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Nicholson of Dundas visited with her sister, Mrs. A. Newell, on Wednesday.

The Mission Circle of the Methodist church will be held in the Sunday School room on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 6th, at 2.30.

Mr. Wareham Carson, of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, returned last week to the Capital after spending six weeks here with his parents.

The Women's Institute will hold an "At Home" at the residence of Mr. Chas. Brigger, 4th concession on the evening of Friday, February 18. Further announcement next week.

On account of a typographical error in reporting the opening of the new school in last week's issue Reeve Smith's name was omitted in the list of speakers and the duplication of one of the other speakers the result. We regret this mistake very much, as our worthy Reeve was there and delivered a straight from the shoulder address.