

Forty Years Ago.

Opening of Christ Church, Athens, November 13th, 1884.

(From the Brockville Recorder, Nov. 14th, 1884)

"Some four years ago a little band of worshippers assembled each Sabbath in the Baptist Church, Farmersville. They were under the ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Bridge, an English clergyman, connected with the Reformed Episcopal Church, of which Bishop Usher was the head in Canada. The reverend gentleman in a short time attached himself to the Church of England, and when the parish of Leeds and Lansdowne was divided he resigned, the Rev. R. N. Jones succeeding to the incumbency of Lansdowne and Farmersville. The advent of the new pastor brought new life with it, and the little body of communicants gradually assumed larger proportions until to-day the membership numbers over a hundred with a flourishing Sunday School of thirty scholars. The Rev. Mr. Jones was one of those disseminators of the gospel whose zeal and earnestness tended to imbue his little flock with enthusiasm, and through his efforts a movement took place having for its object the erection of a House of God. Consequently a year ago last June the corner-stone was laid and immediately after the work was commenced, which culminated on Thursday (November 13), in the opening, with impressive services, of a handsome edifice built upon land generously donated by Mr. S. A. Taplin, of Farmersville, a member of another congregation. The pretty little church stands on the slope of a hill, commanding a view of the fine rolling country for which this section is noted, while away to the southward the waters of the beautiful Charleston Lake dance and sparkle in the sunshine. The building is of brick, 78 feet in length, the main portion length being 42 and the chancel 36 feet and the width 46 feet. The spire is 114 feet high, slender and graceful, while a starting along the roof will add beauty to the edifice. The stained glass windows are of handsome and rich design, the work of Mr. Horwood, Prescott.

"The interior of the church strikes one as being finely arranged. The seating capacity is 300 with the latest improved bench pews. The chancel is handsome, the woodwork being of ash in tasteful design. Altogether the tout ensemble of the edifice reflects credit on the congregation and the village of Farmersville. The cost, we understand, approaches \$5,000.

"Thursday morning dawned with lowering clouds, but they had no effect on the earnest workers who had been preparing for some days for the opening of Christ Church for public worship. From an early hour the people began to arrive until 10 o'clock the auditorium contained upwards of 600 while a large number were unable to gain admittance. At half-past ten the choir sang that beautiful professional hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," the clergy marching from the vestry to the main entrance and thence up the aisle to the chancel where they ranged themselves on either side. They were the Rev. R. N. Jones, incumbent; Rural Dean Nesbitt, Smiths Falls; Rural Dean Groat, Lyn; Revs. E. P. Crawford, G. J. Low, Brockville; Osborne, Frankville; Codd, Lyndhurst; Wright, Newboro; Fidler, Lombardy; Redcliffe, Maberly, and Coleman, North Augusta. The reading of morning prayer was proceeded with, the hymn "Blessed City, Heavenly Salem," being, after which Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt read the commandments, the responses being choral.

"The Rev. Mr. Jones regretted the fact of the absence of the Lord Bishop of Ontario, resulting from pressure of duties at this time of year. His Lordship would be with them, however, at no distant day.

"Rural Dean Groat preached the opening sermon, which was eloquently delivered. In the course of his remarks he congratulated the congregation on the occasion which had brought them together. Not only the willing workers who had erected this handsome edifice for the worship of God, but all churchmen throughout the diocese were to be congratulated. It was a day of rejoicing to those inside and outside the parish. When he had visited Farmersville a few years ago he never dreamed that it was in the bounds of possibility that a beautiful church, so admirably adapted to the wants of the congregation, would be opened this day. But it was erected by busy hands, aided by willing hearts. He urged upon his hearers to desist not from their efforts until every dollar of the debt which remained on the edifice be paid. The congregation, by their liberality and self-denial had provided a place of worship not only for themselves but for their children's children, and he must once more congratulate the members upon the fruits of their labors. The reverend gentleman an-

imadverted in eloquent terms to the improved intelligence of the religious bodies of the present day which believed that the House of God could not be too beautiful for the worship of that Great Being.

"During the offertory, Miss J. Florence Mills, of Iroquois, a distinguished pupil of Dr. Couture, Montreal, sang Beethoven's "The Heavens Declare His Glory" in a masterly manner.

Notes.

"Mr. F. Pierce was the contractor, and Mr. O. E. Liston the architect.

"Mr. A. E. Donovan presented handsome communion service.

"The ladies of the congregation worked early and late and by their strenuous efforts did much towards the success of the day.

"The Rev. G. J. Low, of Brockville, lectured in the afternoon, and was listened to in rapt attention by a large congregation.

"The basement of the church is finely adapted for Sunday School, entertainments, etc. Over 600 partook of an excellent dinner and tea within its precincts.

"Christ Church possesses a very good choir, the following being the members: Organist, Miss Moore; Misses Webster, Green, Moles, Booth; Mrs. Jones, and Messrs. Moles and Ross.

"At the evening service the church was again crowded, the choir sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," after which Rev. Mr. Wright read the evening service, Rev. G. J. Low read the first lesson, and Rev. Mr. Codd the second lesson. "O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea" was then sung. The Rev. Mr. Crawford took his text from 2nd Chap. of St. John, part of the 16th verse and 21st chapter of St. Matthew, part of the 13th verse. The reverend gentleman preached in his usual excellent manner. At the offertory, Miss Mills sang that pathetic aria, "Eve's Lamentation," from King.

"The Farmersville brass band, under the leadership of Mr. H. Kincaid, are to be congratulated on the success they achieved during the day. Their services had been offered gratuitously, and the merited encomiums passed upon their playing were well earned.

"Considering the fact that the congregation of Christ Church is a small one, it is doubly to their credit that the debt of their fine edifice is nearly wiped out, only about \$300 remaining unpaid. Very few places in the Dominion could boast of such a flourishing state of affairs. We are in possession of the names of the donors but space will not permit of their publication.

"In the evening the debt was all provided for—subscriptions, \$753; dinner, \$200; offertory, over \$50."

PLUM HOLLOW

Plum Hollow, Oct. 23.—The memorial service held for Lindon Talbot on Sunday last was well attended.

The Ladies' Aid meeting was held on Thursday last at the home of Mrs. Wiltse.

John Stewart has sold his farm to Arthur Watts, of Addison, who has taken possession. Mr. Stewart is moving to Athens.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Chant spent Saturday at New home.

Charles Wiltse has returned to his home in Michigan after a visit with his brother, J. R. Wiltse.

A number from here attended the temperance mass meeting at Athens on Sunday night.

Mrs. Orm, Jackson and son, Ford, were recent Delta visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Chapman spent Wednesday at L. E. Chapman's, Hard Island.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Leahy and children, of Brownville, N.Y., were weekend visitors at W. B. Newsome's.

W. T. Yates leaves shortly to take up residence in Athens.

MAITLAND

Maitland, Oct. 21.—The village of Maitland was once more plunged into gloom on Monday when it became known that Mrs. Hiram Lemon had passed away after a short illness, of pneumonia. Mrs. Lemon, who was before her marriage, Jane Boyd, had resided all her life in these parts, and was beloved by all who knew her. The funeral, which was held on Sunday, was very largely attended and much sympathy is felt for the sorrowing family.

Mrs. William Giffin was called to Cardinal on Monday by the death of her mother, Mrs. W. C. Knight, who passed away after an illness of several years.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKim celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage on Monday. Their only son, Edwin McKim of Ottawa, Mrs. McKim and son, Arthur, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Weston motored here to spend the day.

Interscholastic Rugby

On Sat. Oct. 25th, Athens H. S. Rugby Team journeyed to Smiths Falls to meet the Collegiate Team there in a Rugby game. The day was exceedingly warm and the boys seemed eager for the fray.

The first quarter decidedly belonged to Athens, the local boys gaining yards continuously until the opposing team were fighting on the defensive, dangerously near their goal line. Towards the end of the quarter, Captain Layng called for a kick which should have given Athens 1 point, but the play was blocked by a Smiths Falls player who got through the Athens line. From that time on the play seemed more even until the close of half time.

On the beginning of the third quarter Smiths Falls gained one point by a kick. After this the game seemed to go more and more against our boys until the close when the score stood 11-1 in favour of Smiths Falls. The boys came home somewhat disappointed but hope to regain the lead.

The line-up of the teams was:—Athens,—Snap, Hanna; insides, Fair, Hollingsworth; Middles, Mainse, Tennant; R. wing, Holmes; L. wing, Johnston; flying wing, McFadden; quarter back, Layng; halves, Beale, Russell; full back, Foxton.

Smiths Falls,—Snap, McCoon; insides Hilfoil, Clark; middles, Henniger, Preston; wings, Cohen, Silver; flying wing, Earl; quarter back, Parsons, halves, Babeock, Demuel; full back, Moffat.

INTERSCHOLASTIC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

November 1—Brockville at Smiths Falls.

November 1—Athens at Perth.

November 8—Brockville at Perth.

November 8th—Smiths Falls at Athens.

November 15—Smiths Falls at Perth.

November 15—Athens at Brockville.

November 22—Smiths Falls at Brockville.

November 22—Perth at Athens.

Fortieth Anniversary.

The fortieth anniversary of the opening of Christ Church, Athens on Nov. 13 promises to be a historic event. All the former rectors who are living have signified their intention of being present namely, the Rev. R. B. Patterson, now rector of Woodbridge, who was rector of Christ Church from 1904 to 1911; Rev. W. G. Swayne, L.Th. now rector of Bath and Earnestown, who was rector of Athens from 1911 to 1918; and the Rev. Geo. Code M.A., rector of Newbyone and Lombardy who was here 1918 to 1920.

The Rev. R. N. Jones who was rector forty years ago, from 1882 to 1889 has since passed to his great reward, but we hope his widow, Mrs. Jones of Brighton will be present. The Rev. Wm. Wright, who was rector from 1889 to 1904, will be represented by his son, Rev. James deP. Wright M.A. B.D., rector of St. Luke's Church, Kingston. The anniversary services on Nov. 13th will be as follows:

- 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 12:00 a.m. Anniversary Dinner.
- 3:00 p.m. Addresses from visiting clergy.
- 5:30 p.m. Anniversary Supper.
- 7:30 p.m. Anniversary Service.

NOTICE

In view of the unpleasant rumors circulating, relating to the bakery on Elgin St., at present occupied by Lewis Stevens, the writer wishes to inform the Public that Mr. Stevens rented the said property from me for a term of one year only from December 14th 1923. Due to reasons well known to both Mr. Stevens and myself the property would have been vacated on the expiration of lease. I have therefore been presented with an opportunity and have again leased these premises to Mr. A. Hagan of Gananoque, who will take possession on the 15th day of December 1924.

L. M. Scott

At about one a.m., on Thursday morning fire from an unknown origin broke out at the home of William Cross about one half mile from Athens. The barn and stables were completely destroyed with the season's crop and a very valuable race horse belonging to Mr. Nelson Cross.

FAIRFIELD

Fairfield, Oct. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Horace Glazier spent Sunday with Mrs. Ira Billings at Fairview.

Mr. and Mrs. Orwin Goodison and little daughter, Evelyn, who spent the past two months with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodison, left for their home in Albany, N.Y., on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rowsome and family, New Dublin, were recent visitors at J. E. Acheson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Glazier attended the surprise party tendered by Mr. and Mrs. James Glazier, Brockville, on Friday night, the occasion being the 20th anniversary of their marriage.

On Monday evening last about 20 friends from here and Brockville met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Johnston, Tin Cap, to celebrate the anniversary of their marriage. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and music until midnight when refreshments were served and the gathering broke up by singing "Best be that the Best Bird", and wishing Mr. and Mrs. Johnston as many more years of health and happiness.

Fairfield East, Oct. 22.—On October 17 the F.P.E.A. held its first meeting of the season. All members were on hand, and a very enjoyable night was spent. The business programme occupied a long session and was at last disposed of, when various games and midnight supper were enjoyed by all. The meeting closed with the singing of "God Save The King." The next meeting will be held at the home of the Senior Member.

JELLYBY

Jellyby, Oct. 20.—Miss Verna Ellis is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Tackaberry, Spring Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Knowles, of Marlborough, spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Berry, accompanied by Miss Myrtle Gardner of Merrickville, motored to Ogdensburg on Wednesday.

Miss William Rowsome and little son spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Jelly.

The Messrs Hay and Barber are busy engaged threshing.

James Gibson attended the ploughing contest at Smiths Falls on Wednesday.

A number from here attended the Dollar Day sales in Brockville.

Children's day service was held in the Anglican church on Sunday and Rev. G. Osborne Walker gave an interesting discourse to both children and adults.

Van Allan's Corners

Van Allan's Corners, Oct. 23.—Mrs. Basil MacNillage and son, Ray, spent last week at Ventnor with the former's mother, Mrs. H. Ogilvie.

Mrs. M. Delaney and Mrs. B. Marquette, of Prescott, are guests of their sister, Miss Julia Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Thorpe, of Hulbert, spent the week-end with M. W. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spero and Wilfred Spero, of Donville, were here last week to visit the former's brother, Peter Spero, who is seriously ill.

William Cater and A. C. MacNillage spent Monday in Brockville.

Mrs. R. Small, Jr., and Miss Helen have returned home from Ogdensburg.

Miss J. McRae has returned from a visit to friends in Ottawa.

George Beggs spent the week-end with friends in Antwerp, N. Y.

Misses Viola Thompson and Annie McRae were guests of Mrs. F. Porter at McReynolds' Corners last week.

Ben MacNillage went to Manotick last week to work for King & Holmes on the provincial highway.

Albert Cater spent Monday at Manotick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Coulthart spent Sunday at Heckston with J. Shaver.

Mrs. M. Mackey, of Kemptville, spent the week-end with P. Spero.

Mrs. Hany Sellock returned to Great Bend, N. Y., after having spent the past week with friends here.

WILL TEACH WOMEN THE ART OF SHOPPING

Most husbands and fathers would agree that women are natural born shoppers and that they don't need to be taught—it's a gift. The point is, however, that many of them do need to be taught intelligent buying so they can get the value of the dollars they spend. For this reason, New York University has added a course in buying, and Miss Elizabeth Dyer has been made instructor. Miss Dyer is a Vassar graduate, whose desire to do social service took her to a department store. Her educational work among the girl clerks and her experiences there gave her such a wide knowledge of selling that she decided to make retailing her career. One of her tasks is to arrange for actual store experience in the big New York department stores for students of the university.

IMPROVEMENTS TO ELGIN TOWN HALL BROUGHT TO CLOSE

What's New in That Village and Its Vicinity.

PROHIBITION GATHERINGS

Few Centres in the Surrounding District Left Unvisited by "Dry" Forces.

Elgin, Oct. 21.—The town hall, which has been undergoing improvements, is now completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Carman Blair, Metcalfe, were week-end guests of her father, S. M. Halladay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jennock are moving into H. Coon's house, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Smith.

Miss Gladys Soper suffered an attack of appendicitis last week, but has sufficiently recovered to return to the Athens High School.

Master Joseph Sullivan was able to return home on Sunday from St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Brockville, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis several days ago.

Mrs. A. L. Campbell has gone to a Kingston hospital to undergo an operation.

On Sunday evening G. F. Warren and J. B. Pinkerton held a plebiscite meeting at California Church. A goodly number from here went over. The same programme was attempted to with much interest here in the Methodist church on Sunday evening. Both gentlemen proved themselves able platform speakers.

Miss Muriel Powers is visiting friends in Watertown, N. Y.

LANSDOWNE

Lansdowne, Oct. 22.—A meeting was held last night in the town hall, in which addresses in support of prohibition were delivered by Elmer Davis, of Kingston, and Mrs. Smith, of Ottawa.

Mrs. John A. Headip, who is with her sisters, the Misses Maggie and Nancy McCormack, had the misfortune on Friday to fall and fracture her arm.

Mrs. W. P. Dalley, of Brockville, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Peck.

Mrs. Herb Redmond is a patient in the General Hospital, Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy, and Mrs. Orr, of Flint, Michigan, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Lappan on Sunday and Monday.

FRANKVILLE

Frankville, Oct. 28.—Mrs. Shaffer, of Pittsburg, Penn., is spending a month with her mother, Mrs. M. Sheffield.

Mrs. Rogers, of Carleton Place, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Kate Jones, who is not very well.

Mrs. Lottie Jones is acting as companion to her aunt, Mrs. Addie Hanton.

Mrs. M. Livingston has returned from visiting friends in Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Loucks, Mrs. A. Hanton, Mrs. E. Coad and Mrs. Lattimer, of Toledo, motored to Prescott to attend the W.M.S. convention.

Mrs. T. McGregor, son and daughter, of Balderson's Corners, recently visited their cousins, Mrs. J. Mitchell and Mrs. E. Coad.

Jas. Mitchell lost a valuable horse last week. Dr. Grant, Athens, was in attendance.

Mrs. G. M. Levereite has returned after spending a week with friends in Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hanton spent Sunday at Lombardy, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Frayne.

Mr. Wm. Bryant has bills posted for his sale of stock and farming implements, etc., Nov. 4.

Rena Soper, of Ottawa Normal, was home for the week-end.

Mrs. Moffatt, of Brockville, is visiting her father, Mr. Haskins, and sister, Mrs. Fred Ireland.

Mrs. Lindsay, of Kars, is visiting her cousin, Miss Millie Stewart.

Mrs. (Rev.) Comerford, of Carleton Place, and daughter Alma, teacher at Ashton, spent the week-end, guests of Dr. W. H. Bourne and Mrs. E. G. Richards.

Mrs. W. G. Richards has gone to Ottawa to visit her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Livingston.

MAYNARD

Maynard, Oct. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Young, former residents of Maynard, have returned to this place.

Dr. S. L. Spicer, of Toronto, was accompanied on a motor trip to Maynard by Mr. and Mrs. T. Brydal. They spent the week-end with the doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Spicer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDonald, of Cornwall, were recent guests of Mr. McDonald's sister, Mrs. Alex. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Perrin, of Brockville, accompanied Rev. F. M. and Mrs. Weston to Maynard on the 14th to attend the New England supper.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church served an excellent New England supper in the basement of the church on the 14th. Mrs. Heman Throop delighted the audience with a temperance monologue, and Rev. Frank M. Wootton, of Brockville, delivered an excellent temperance address. He was tendered a hearty vote of thanks.

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