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## LONDON JUNCTION CHURCH IS GROWING STEADILY

Splendid Reports Were Heard at the Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of St. George's Presbyterian Church, London Junction, held on Thursday evening, was well attended. Rev. Mr. Blackie presiding. Reports from all the departments of the work were received, and showed steady progress, the ordinary revenue being \$1,201.35, and missions and schemes of the church \$155.80, an increase of over 50 per cent. Substantial improvements to the church and manse property were made during the year.

A special vote of thanks was tendered to the managing board and the president, Wm. Talbot, and Secretary, Treasurer George Cairncross. J. M. McKenzie was reappointed to the board with I. Saul and F. Buchanan as new members.

The services rendered by leaders of the various church departments were gratefully acknowledged. An honor roll composed of 38 names of those who have been enlisted for active service is being prepared.

## HONORED NEW WARDEN

Silver Service Presented to Head of Middlesex Council.

Reeve Archie Blake, the newly-elected warden of Middlesex County, was presented with a beautiful silver service and a large cut-glass vase by the members of the London Junction church at noon on Friday. The silver and cut-glass were the gifts of the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Renner.

Reeve Henry Dale of Strathroy made the presentation, and in a few words conveyed to Mr. Blake the good wishes of Mr. and Mrs. Renner, who also expressed their good wishes.

Warden Blake, though completely taken by surprise, thanked his host and hostess for their thoughtful and generous gift, and then, in an excellent manner.

On Thursday evening, "The Laford Club" girls of the office staff of D. S. Perin & Co., Limited, together with some of their former associates, gave a delightful party in honor of Mrs. R. G. Fair (nee Elsie Lintott) of Ottawa, formerly one of their number.

After an enjoyable drive about the city, the party partook of a delightful supper at the City Hotel Cafe.

## ORGAN BREAKS DOWN, BUT RECITAL CONTINUES

C. E. Gilmour Pleases Audience—Substitutes Smaller Numbers for Program.

One of the accidents which will happen at the most inopportune times occurred Thursday to the organ of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, the very evening on which Clarence E. Gilmour, organist and conductor, was giving the first of a series of organ recitals. The leaders of the fellows in one section of the organ broke, breaking at the same time the variety originally assured. Mr. Gilmour found it impossible to put on the big numbers promised in the program, the prelude and fugue in E flat major (C. S. Bach), a Tchaikovsky "Humoresque," and Tombelet's "Marche Pontificale." It was necessary to substitute smaller numbers, and the recital of the variety originally assured. At the same time, the evening proved a most enjoyable one for the music-lovers present, who were delighted with the artistic playing of Mr. Gilmour.

Special mention might be made of a choral prelude by Bach. Though the choral prelude has been termed "the key to the very heart of Bach," they are seldom included in a recital program. Grant Milligan, violinist, was the assisting artist, evoking from his violin the rich, "cello-like" quality of tone which is one of the remarkable features of his playing. His offerings were: Sonata in A, G. F. Handel; a Romance by Wienawski; the air on the G string by Bach, and "Vision" by Franz Drieda.

## S. S. WORKERS GUESTS

A very enjoyable and profitable evening was given the teachers and officers of the Sabbath school of St. Andrew's Church, when the Ladies' Aid Society entertained them Tuesday evening. At 6:30 p.m. the guests gathered in the ladies' parlor, where prettily-decorated tables were laden with good things. The program which followed the supper included songs by Mrs. Charles Wheeler and Miss May Martin. Rev. Dr. C. MacGregor, who acted as chairman, thanked the ladies for their thoughtful and generous hospitality, and then, in a few words, gave a short report on the work of the school. G. W. Hoffer, B. A., the new superintendent of the Sabbath school, afterwards led the discussion on Sabbath school work, which occupied the balance of the evening. Among the guests were the retiring superintendent, J. Leach, and Mrs. Leach, and a former superintendent, A. S. MacGregor and Mrs. MacGregor.

## GRANT OF \$72,000 TO PATRIOTIC FUND IS RECOMMENDED

Middlesex Council Awaits Finance Committee's Report.

## HEARD SIR HERBERT AMES

Would Urge Government to Exempt All Soldiers From War Tax.

"Fight or Pay" was the theme of an excellent address by Sir Herbert Ames, honorary secretary of the Canadian patriotic fund, before the members of the Middlesex County Council on Friday afternoon.

That it is not fair to borrow money to support the dependants of soldiers because it would remain to be paid back by taxes from the soldiers when they return after the war, and that he would personally like to see the Government exempt the soldiers from war taxes when they have returned, was the statement of the speaker.

Many criticisms were leveled at the Government by those who claimed that the soldiers' families should be supported entirely by the Government. The question "Why doesn't the Government do the whole thing?"

The Government was paying two million dollars monthly in separation allowances and was assuming two-thirds of the burden.

In addition it was paying enormous sums for the training, food, and transportation of troops. It could not pay entirely for the support of soldiers' families without borrowing the money, and this would leave a debt to be paid off by the soldiers themselves. The better way was to pay as you go along.

No Discrimination. The patriotic fund discriminated and the Government could not. If the separation allowance were increased, some families that did not need the increase would be necessary to receive it along with the rest.

Ontario was expected to provide 45 per cent of the needs of the Canadian Patriotic Fund—\$200,000 was expected from Toronto; \$4,000,000 from the cities of Ontario; \$1,500,000 from the various county councils of Ontario and \$1,000,000 from the Government, for the unorganized territories.

Middlesex had set the pace last year with nearly a two-mill rate. Other counties were giving one mill. Last year, Middlesex County had granted 2 1/2 mills, Dufferin County 2 1/2 mills, Lambton 1 1/2 mills, Grey 2 1/2 mills, Lennox and Addington 2 mills, Norfolk 4 mills, and Ontario County 4 mills.

The speaker was confident that the generosity and patriotism of Middlesex would not be found wanting this year.

On motion of C. Henry, seconded by R. T. Raycraft, a resolution was passed, thanking Sir Herbert Ames for his excellent address.

Committee Reports. Following the address, reports of committees were submitted and a report of the finance committee recommended that \$172,000 be borrowed on 42 notes of \$4,000 each, to meet the current expenses of the fund.

A motion, introduced by R. T. Raycraft, seconded by C. Henry, was passed, recommending that the salaries of the county officers be \$1,500; engineer, \$2,000; turnkey and janitor, \$600; keeper of house of refuge, \$500; matron of house of refuge, \$500; jailer, \$1,000; first turnkey, \$625; jail surgeon, \$500; high constable, \$200; and each per quarter.

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## IMMIGRATION INSPECTOR TAKES CHARGE OF BODY

Will Accompany Remains of Murdered Detective Jackson to Winnipeg.

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Need a Farmer. As there are about one hundred acres of farm land to be cultivated, an experienced farmer who physically is strong and who understands the care

of livestock, was required. The keeper's wife must also be capable of acting as matron of the house.

The council, which is also the Middlesex Patriotic Association, felt that they are doing as well as any other county for soldiers, and their families, and had a returned man capable of filling the position applied he would undoubtedly have been appointed.

Councillors B. C. Brooks, R. Fitzgerald and Warden Blake were appointed representatives to the Western Fair board, according to the report of the agricultural committee.

Report of the Jail Committee. The third report of the jail committee recommended that David M. Webster be appointed county constable in place of James Glasgow resigned.

The report of the communication from Grey county council, re assessment of telephone companies, be laid over to the June session, that no action be taken.

The report of the communications from the Norfolk and Oxford county councils regarding raising patriotic funds by Government taxation, and the other recommendations of the committee, be a committee to meet the city regarding the building of a hospital for invalided soldiers, if such a committee were needed, were the recommendations in the first report of the petitioning committee.

County Treasurer. The report of County Treasurer T. B. Robson, regarding debentures and sinking fund, was referred to the finance committee.

A new road roller be purchased, and that \$54,000 for construction of roads, and \$16,000 for repairs, as estimated by the engineer, be authorized. Was the report of the board of road directors.

A letter from T. S. Sproule of the jail staff, asking for an increase in the salary of the jailer, was referred to the jail committee.

A resolution of sincere sympathy with the family of the late R. J. Middleton, keeper of the House of Refuge, was introduced by C. C. Henry, seconded by J. Morgan, and carried.

A similar resolution with the family of R. T. Raycraft, clerk of the township of Ridolph, and former reeve, warden and auditor of the county, moved by R. T. Raycraft, and seconded by C. C. Henry, was carried.

Following terms of the great loss occasioned by the death of such valued public servants. Copies will be forwarded to the families concerned.

Adjourn Till June. On motion of John Morgan, it was decided that the council will, at the close of the session, stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on the first Monday of June.

The council then adjourned until 10 o'clock today, when it is expected the work of the session will be completed, and the councillors will depart for their homes. It is expected that the business of the session will be finished up sufficiently early to allow the members to leave on the evening trains, in order to avoid the necessity of their remaining in the city over Sunday.

## ST. ANDREW'S YOUNG FOLKS GIVE EXCELLENT PROGRAM

Pretty Sketch and Amusing Play by Marion Keith Club Delight Large Audience.

A large audience was delightfully entertained last evening by the Marion Keith Club and Senior Boys of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The first part of the program was an exceedingly pretty sketch, entitled "The Olden Days," under the direction of Mrs. Donald McLean. The characters, Britannia, Canada, and the various provinces and territories, were suitably and artistically costumed, and when grouped in the final tableau, the picture was a most impressive one.

A musical program then intervened. Sergeant Hayes, tenor, sang two songs by Noel Johnson, and W. A. V. sang two of his comic selections. The "Ladies' Quartet" was very popular, singing "Little Jack Horner" and "Lucky Jim." A violin solo by Miss Grace Brennan, a concert solo by Miss Ward, completed the musical part of the evening.

The chief feature of the program was a play, "A Perishing Question," given under the supervision of George. The play was a very popular one, and the audience was very much amused.

The whole play centred around the opinion, so often held by men, that the women, Mrs. Middleton and daughters, are in the midst of an enormous conversation about fashions when Mr. Middleton enters and offers to give them each \$75 if they refrain from talking with any of the men.

The amusing part of the play begins when all endeavor to express their thoughts in words. Miss Jean Ward, who was the only woman in the play, and Arnold Wheeler, who was the only man, were the only ones who could understand each other.

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## BRITISHERS ARE DARING

Losses Trifling as Compared With the Useful Work Accomplished.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Jan. 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The announcement that "improved weather conditions permitted increased aerial activity along the entire front," is the laconic and prosaic way in which the official communication dismisses some of the most spectacular episodes of the war.

To those who have once witnessed this "increased aerial activity," such an announcement conjures up at once a picture of countless aeroplanes in the air—scouting, fighting, diving, spinning, hovering over enemy targets and calmly sending wireless signals to the ground. It is a sight which is wholly bewildering to the onlooker, but typifying in supreme degree the indispensable part aviation is playing in the war.

With a candor often uncommon in times of strife, the British communication states that one or two, or three, or four of our machines have not returned. This means they have either been hit and forced to land in the enemy's lines, or have been shot down to a fate more certain. It is no child's play to circle above a German battery, observing for half an hour or more, tortured by exploding shells and black shrapnel puffballs coming nearer and nearer like the extending finger tips of some hand of death. But they are little more than children in the eyes of the aviators, who are bringing the lustre of everlasting fame to the British aviation service. Some are scarce eighteen. It is rare to find a flying man over twenty-five.

Losses Comparatively Light. In the aggregate, however, the losses in the Flying Corps are as nothing compared with the useful and vital work the "wings" accomplish. Without them the big guns would have no far-seeing eyes to direct their fire. Without them the hundreds of photographs they daily take, the map-makers could not trace each detail of the trench positions. Without them, no one knows just what is going on by day or night behind the enemy lines. Without them modern war would lose its most fascinating phase.

The "good flying" of a single day on the British front alone may represent a day of a hundred fights. In four or five aeroplanes in wing-to-wing combat—a day of a thousand personal incidents and deeds of daring in the once strange strata of high, thin air. It might tell, for instance, of how Lieut. A. in a fast-flying scout machine encountered a squadron of twelve German Rolandas.

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Battling Against Odds. After seeing his particular enemy "crash," Lieut. A. drew off to a safe distance. He was somewhat amazed to see still more hostile machines coming up in formation. But he dashed at the leader of the new formation and sent him in a spiral nose dive to a "crash." This led to still more complications and the intrepid little pilot soon found himself engaged with three machines. His fight with these was indecisive.

"For," says the official record, "having expended all his ammunition, Lieut. A. got off for a short time. A few days later, it is related, he took a running dive into a formation of twenty hostile machines, with all the self-assurance and dash of a hero. Before he was through he had sent three adversaries "crashing."

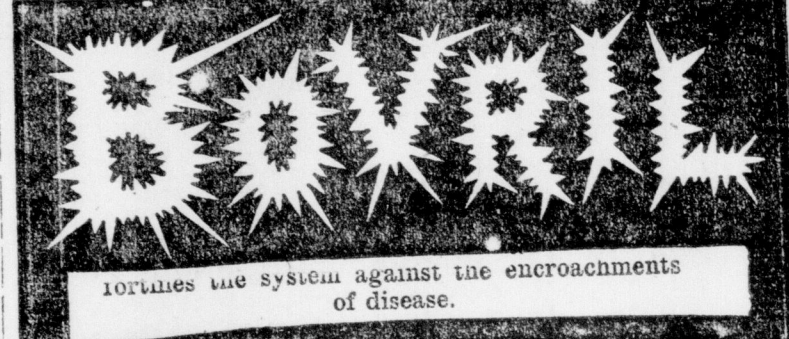
"This time," says the record, "he returned to one of our aeroplanes for more ammunition, and returned to the scene of battle, where he engaged and dispersed such enemy machines as remained in the vicinity. One was seen to crash upon a house-top."

This same Lieut. A. seems to persist in the record of German aviation. One day he was crossing the enemy lines at 15,000 feet when he found himself directly above a German kite balloon, sent up for artillery observation. Pretending to be in trouble and avoiding fire from the anti-aircraft guns, he fell in side-stalls to 1,500 feet, suddenly righted himself and dived at the balloon. He opened and continued firing until he almost touched the big gas bag. Just as he passed over it the thing burst into flames and was destroyed in a few seconds.

The Germans lately have adopted the use of "stallings" and shamming a fall out of control. It is a thrilling, but not uncommon thing to see a German machine when closely pressed turn its tail straight up in the air and dive toward the earth for a distance of two or three thousand feet, and just as the upturned onlooker would expect a "crash" it flattens out and starts pell-mell for its own lines. One does not always get away with this bit of strategy, however, as is shown by the record of Capt. B. After attacking three hostile machines, he saw one of them going down in a spinning nose-dive. He suspected the honesty of that dive and decided to do a little "dive" on his own. His dramatic downward duel continued for five thousand feet, until the German was driven into a spin "and seen to crash."

Pere Marquette Cancel Passenger Trains. In order to economize on fuel coal, and to aid in relieving freight congestion, the Pere Marquette on Thursday last made a temporary reduction in passenger service by cancelling, as follows: Train from west, arriving at St. Thomas at 12 o'clock noon, connecting with L. and P. S. R. for London; also train from St. Thomas at 4 p.m., taking L. and P. S. R. connection from London, for points west to Walkerville and north to Sarnia.

100,000 CHURCH DESTROYED. QUEBEC, Jan. 26. Fire broke out this afternoon destroying the 100,000 parish church at St. Louis de Courville, situated about five miles from the city in Montmorency County. The fire is believed to have been caused by an explosion of the furnace. It is understood that the sum of \$75,000 insurance is carried on the church. This is the third parish church in this district that has been destroyed by fire within the past twelve months.



## UTILITIES BOARD IS HELPING RETURNED MEN

Pte. Brompton, a soldier who was invalided home after being wounded in the head, has been given a position by the utilities commissioners helping repair motors. Two other returned men are now employed as meter readers. Several others were given work in connection with the tree trimming that is now being done throughout the city, but as the men were not fitted for this kind of work they did not remain. The board is giving returned men every consideration.



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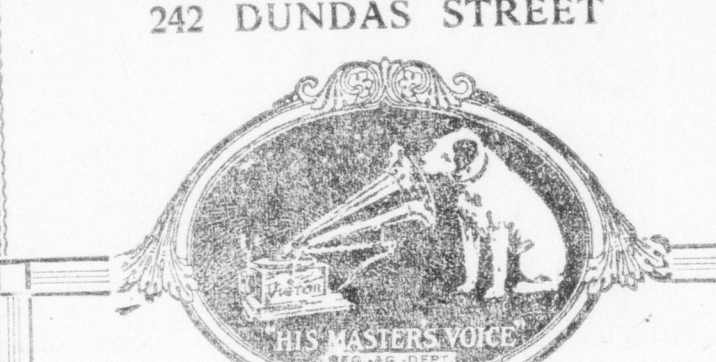
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