

Fortieth Anniversary of Christ Church

On Thursday, November 13th, the fortieth anniversary of the opening of Christ Church was fitly commemorated by three inspiring services in the Church, and by a sumptuous anniversary dinner and supper in the basement. The weather was very favorable, being bright in the morning, though cloudy in the afternoon.

A large congregation assembled for the Holy Communion service at 11.00 a.m. The Rev. G. W. Swayne, L.Th., rector of Bath and Ernestown, and a former rector of this parish, was the celebrant. Canon F. D. Woodcock, of Brockville, read the epistle, and the Rev. George Code, M.A., rector of Newbyrne and Lombardy, also a former rector, read the gospel. There were about 70 communicants. The Rev. L. E. Davis, M.A., rector of St. Paul's Church, Brockville, and Rural Dean of Leeds, preached an able and inspiring sermon from Nehemiah 3:28 and 4:6, "For the people had a mind to work", emphasizing unity, faithfulness and perseverance, as being factors in successful work.

The musical part of the service was beautifully rendered by the large surplined choir under the leadership of Mrs. V. O. Boyle. The anthem was entitled "Christian the Morn Breaks Sweetly O'er Thee", the soprano solo being taken by Mrs. Boyle in her clear powerful soprano.

After the service the congregation repaired to the basement where a most appetizing chicken and meat dinner was served, with pies and salads and cakes in abundance.

At three o'clock in the afternoon an informal service was held in the church. The opening hymn was "Blest Be the Tie that Binds", and the prayers were read by the rector, Rev. V. O. Boyle, M.A., B.D., who also presided.

The first speaker was Rev. A. H. Coleman, who was rector of Leeds and Lansdowne Rear from 1872 to 1878. This pioneer clergyman now over four score years, reminisced on olden times and told of the hardships and difficulties and sacrifices of the early days.

Canon F. D. Woodcock spoke next and paid high tribute to the love and devotion of the church people of former days and urged the present generation to carry on the work they so ably began.

The first rector of the parish of Lansdowne Rear and Athens, was the Rev. R. N. Jones, who undertook the task of building the church. The corner stone was laid in June, 1883, and the church was opened on Thursday, November 13th, 1884. The rector read a letter from Mrs. Jones expressing her regret at being unable to be present at the fortieth anniversary, and conveying her good wishes for a successful day. A letter was also read from Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe, Deseronto, in which he paid a glowing tribute to the character and work of the late Rev. R. N. Jones, who had been a personal, as well as a college friend of his.

The second rector of the parish was the Rev. Wm. Wright, who had charge for fifteen years, from 1889 to 1907. A letter was read from his widow expressing her inability to be present, but extended her congratulations and good wishes. His son, the Rev. J. deP. Wright, M.A., B.D., rector of St. Luke's church, Kingston, spoke briefly, expressing his pleasure at being present and noting the many improvements in the church since his boyhood days.

The third rector was the Rev. R. B. Patterson, M.A., now rector of Woodbridge, who was incumbent from 1901 to 1912. Mr. Patterson was present and spoke at length, recalling many pleasant memories of his associations with the parish, and telling something of his peregrinations since.

The fourth rector was the Rev. W. G. Swayne, L.Th., now rector of Bath and Ernestown, who was rector from 1912 to 1918. Mr. Swayne referred to the improvements made during his incumbency. The surplined choir was started, the chancel window raised and beautified, and the church re-decorated in its present color. He expressed the hope that the church people would be as loyal in the future as the past and accomplish great things for the Kingdom of God.

The Rev. George Code, M.A., now rector of Newbyrne and Lombardy, who was rector of this parish from 1918 to 1920, then spoke briefly. He regretted having to resign the parish on account of ill-health and referred to the "flu" epidemic and the Anglican Forward Movement as being two outstanding events during his short ministry.

Mr. A. E. Donovan, who presented the church with a silver communion service forty years ago, and which is still in use to-day, spoke briefly. He recalled being present at the twenty-fifth anniversary in 1909 and compared the old fashioned days with modern times and noted several scientific conveniences to-day, unknown to our forefathers. After several humorous reminiscences he concluded by expressing his good wishes for a prosperous future.

The Rev. H. E. Warren, M.A., B.D., pastor of the Athens Methodist Church, brought greetings from his congregation and reviewed briefly the past hundred years of missionary effort in Canada.

The Rev. G. G. Upham, pastor of the Baptist Church, Athens, extended the hearty congratulations of his congregation and sounded the note of sociability and also of fraternity among the churches to-day, which had not been so closely heard in the past.

Leslie Burnham, baritone, sang a beautiful solo, "A Voice in the Cathedral" (Adams).

Rev. A. H. Coleman pronounced the benediction and after the singing of the hymn, "Watch and Pray", a very inspiring meeting came to a close.

A delicious supper was then served in the basement to about 200 people.

The church was filled to overflowing for the evening service, which began at 7.30, the choir and the clergy proceeding up the aisle singing the hymn "Rejoice, the Lord is King".

The service was in charge of past rector, T. Rev. R. B. Patterson read the service and prayers, the Rev. George Code read the first lesson, the Rev. W. G. Swayne read the second lesson, and the Rev. J. deP. Wright, the son of a former rector, preached an eloquent sermon on the duty of thanksgiving, using as his text Psalm 91, "I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord with my whole heart".

A choir of 25 voices, assisted by an orchestra of three pieces, provided a musical treat. The anthem, "Lift up Your Voice", was exceptionally well rendered, the quartette part being taken by Miss Kathleen Taylor, Miss Victoria Lee, Geoffrey Goodbody and Rev. V. O. Boyle. The orchestra selection was "Now the Day is Over", the solo part being played on the cornet by Lawrence Taylor, accompanied by Mrs. Boyle on the organ, Wesley Morris, clarinet, and Raymond Taylor, saxophone. The duet, "Consider and Hear Me, O Lord My God", was most acceptably rendered by Rev. V. O. and Mrs. Boyle.

Other clergymen present were Rev. A. H. Coleman, Rev. S. E. Morton, M.A., Lyndhurst; Rev. Thomas F. Dowdell, M.A., B.D., Lyn. The Rev. Rural Dean Davis closed a most impressive and inspiring service with the benediction.

The anniversary services extended to Sunday, November 16th. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. and evening service at 7.00 p.m. The special preacher was the Rev. W. G. Swayne, who preached in his usual eloquent manner from the text, "That which remaineth is glorious", I Corinthians, 3:11.

The choir again rendered delightful music. Miss Kathleen Taylor and Miss Victoria Lee sang beautifully the duet, "The Sabbath Bell", (Shelley).

The anthem, "Abide With Me", showed careful shading and splendid music. The solo parts being taken by Misses Taylor and Lee and Rev. V. O. Boyle. The orchestra played a selection from the cantata "The Star", which was most artistically rendered, the cornet solo being taken by Lawrence Taylor, accompanied by the organ, clarinet and saxophone.

The fortieth anniversary will long be remembered as one of the most helpful and inspiring events in our parish history, linking the prosperous present with the noble past, and creating a good hope for the future.

The proceeds from the dinner and supper were \$147 and the collections amounted to \$54.

Notes.
The flowers in the altar were in memory of the late Rev. Wm. Wright, rector of the parish from 1889 to 1904, presented by his widow and daughters in Ottawa.

Regrets at being unable to attend and good wishes for the future were received from Canon W. F. Fitzgerald, M.A., Venerable Archdeacon O. G. Dobbs, M.A., and Very Rev. Dean G. L.throp Starr, M.A., D.D., of Kingston; Rev. Arthur and Mrs. Struthers, Madoc; Rev. G. Oliver Davies, Frankville; Rev. F. Louis Barber, L.E., Ganouque.

H. R. Knowlton & Son Purchase Brockville Business

H. R. Knowlton and son this week became possessors of the jewellery business of Wm. Coates and Son of Brockville.

The firm of H. R. Knowlton and Son was established in 1889 by H. R. Knowlton who is a jeweller and watchmaker of long experience. His son, C. L. Knowlton is an optometrist of considerable reputation and experience. It is the intention of the Messrs. Knowlton to close the business here we understand after Christmas.

Interscholastic Rugby

On account of the Fulford Athletic Grounds, Brockville, being in use on Saturday last by the Brockville-Montreal Rugby game, Athens High School was unable to play the Brockville Collegiate and the game was postponed.

Perth has won the Championship of the Interscholastic League, making it five games straight by defeating Smiths Falls 8-0 on Saturday. The last scheduled games will be played this Saturday, 22nd inst., when Perth plays at Athens.

OBITUARY

John Freeman

The death occurred at New Dublin on November 14, of John Freeman in the 79th year of his age, at the home of his relatives Mr. and Mrs. John E. Johnston, with whom he had resided for five years following the death of his wife at their home in Athens in 1919. During his failing years he was kindly ministered to by Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and their home provided him with all the care and comfort which was possible.

He was born at Plim Hollow and spent his whole life in this country. For many years he lived in Athens, where he was much respected for his honesty and integrity. He was a great lover of horses and in his younger days was an expert in the care and management of them.

He was a devout member of the Methodist church and a faithful attendant at its services and Sunday School.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. David Dowsley and Miss Dehlia Freeman, of Frankville, and one brother Elizabeth Freeman, of Mortlach, Sask. Charles Freeman of Jellyby, is a nephew and Mrs. Richard Hill, of Addison, a niece of the deceased.

The funeral took place at the Methodist church, New Dublin, on Sunday, November 16, in charge of the pastor, Rev. D. D. Elliott. Interment was made at Glen Elbe cemetery. The pallbearers were Ed. Healey, F. E. Healey, D. L. Flood, A. A. Orr, F. A. Bowen and T. A. Walker.

Mrs. Thomas Dixie

Mrs. Thomas Dixie passed away early Saturday morning last at her home in Dobbs Settlement after a long illness, aged 74 years.

Her maiden name was Sarah Dobbs, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dobbs. She was born in the same home where she passed away.

The funeral service was held on Sunday morning Rev. V. O. Boyle, officiating. Interment took place in New Dublin Cemetery.

The pall bearers were W. J. Cavanaugh, A. Cavanaugh, M. Earl, and B. Hayes.

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When buying a newspaper the same rule should apply as when buying goods. You want the best for your money. There is one "best" in Canada and it should be in every home. You should have your own local paper without doubt, but you should also have the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal. It is undoubtedly the greatest family and farm paper on the continent and at the low price of Two Dollars it is a wonderful bargain. This year the Family Herald is giving to each subscriber a chance to win as much as Five Thousand Dollars cash, and each subscriber receives a large calendar with a fascinating picture that would adorn any home. For those who secure new subscribers there are some very handsome rewards, which are described in a catalogue obtainable free.

A World at Peace

Rev. H. E. Warren, M.A., B.D., gave a splendid post-armistice day address in the Methodist Church on Sabbath evening, using as text, Matt. 26:52. Though Christ believed in force when imperative, as instanced on the occasion of His cleansing the temple, yet the passage selected indicated His attitude toward war, even a war of defence. Offensive warfare is barbarous, hellish, inexcusable.

The Great War was precipitated, not because royalty was slain—but because of boundaries, economic rivalry and international jealousy. Think of the stupendous cost of the war in human sorrow and suffering! It has taken years to compile statistics, but it is estimated that thirteen millions were slain, twenty millions were disabled, nine millions were made orphans, and five millions were made widows. The stricken ones were not the old and decrepit but the flower of youth and middle age. What a financial loss the war entailed! Three hundred billions of dollars were wasted! At least two nations gankrupt, and others trembling on the verge. Then, on the moral side, the juggling of facts and figures, intended to mislead each other, engendered deceit among the nations and produced a lack of confidence which is lamentable. But there is a revulsion of feeling against war, not only among the entente powers, but among the central powers as well; the world is feeling that war must go. There are various solutions offered as to how the problem of the abolition of war is to be met. Some say by moral suasion. This is good as far as it goes, but like a short life-line, it does not go far enough. Some say "prepare peace by preparing for war". There is a preparedness which produces peace and there is a preparedness which fosters war, as exemplified by Germany in the years gone by. Then there are the pacifists who cry "peace at any cost". These were characterized as foolish for the safety of the Empire, and the world depended on Great Britain entering the war unprepared though she was for so sudden an outbreak of hostilities.

The Parliament of Nations, in some fifty countries participated in the League of Nations, and all are working together, instead of constructing armaments, it is vastly preferable to erect universities. But the real solution of the question of a worldless war can only be found in living individuals and peoples to know Christ as a personal Saviour, Christ, the Prince of Peace, who, reigning in the hearts and lives of all, will usher in an era of good-will, and then will be realized the dream of the ages, a world at peace.

As the delegate to the annual district convention to give her report, it was voted that the November meeting of the W.M.S. would take the form of an open evening session, which was accordingly held at 7.30 p.m. on the 11th inst. in the vestry of the Methodist church, with a large company in attendance. The programme for the month was in charge of Mrs. G. F. Gainford, who spared no pains to make everything the success which it proved to be.

Helpful mottoes in gold lettering on white cloth were placed about the room, and with the boughs of pressed maple leaves in autumn colorings and the evergreen branches, made at attractive setting for the evening function.

Special mention might be made of the comprehensive report of the district convention at Prescott, given by the delegate-elect, Mrs. (Rev.) C. J. Curtis, also the interesting items gleaned from the centenary celebration of missions the previous week, by Mrs. (Rev.) H. E. Warren. A solo, "God is Love", was effectively rendered by Miss Pearl Burnham, and was much enjoyed.

Over thirty members of the Pansy Mission Band, of which Mrs. Gainford is president, staged an attractive harvest-time pageant, full of helpful lessons for the days to come. The Harvest Queen and her herald and attendants, the boys with their sheaves, the girls with their various leaves, many wearing their badges in gold lettering, made indeed a pretty picture, while the splendid singing of the children added much to the enjoyment of the pageant.

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FRANKVILLE

Frankville, Nov. 13.—Owing to the high wind last Friday night the marble tablet was blown from the Methodist church and broken.

Mrs. (Rev.) Comerford and daughter, Nurse Iva, of Carleton Place, spent Thanksgiving with Dr. W. H. Bournes and Mrs. Bournes. Iva returned home Wednesday while Mrs. Comerford remained.

The Ladies' Aid met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Harry Dunham.

Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Hillis and daughter, of Montreal, also Mrs. Dixon and daughter, Doris, of Brockville, and Sidney Crummy, of Row's Corners, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Crummy.

Mr. Jos. Carr has purchased from Mrs. Pepper her small farm in the village of Toledo and will take possession next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eaton have returned from the U.S. and are visiting at the latter's old home at Seeley's Bay.

Mrs. Addie Hanton has returned from spending a week in Ottawa. She was accompanied home by her niece, Mrs. Stanley Livingston, and son and daughter.

Miss Fanny Lyons, of Newbyrne, is assisting to care for her cousin, Dr. W. H. Bournes, and Mrs. Edgers, who are ill.

W. C. Dowsley, I.P.S., of Brockville, is making his semi-yearly visits to the various schools and spending his evenings with his brother, Roland, and sister, Mrs. W. Livingston, in his old home.

Mrs. E. T. Richards has returned from spending a week with Brockville friends.

Mrs. E. Coad spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. J. Mitchell.

Mrs. Martin, Seeley's Bay, is visiting her daughters, Mrs. W. and Edgar Bryant.

We are pleased to state that Harold Bryant is recovering from his serious illness.

Two motor car loads attended the S.S. convention at Philippsville on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnston, of Athens, visited their cousin, Mrs. B. Coad recently.

Mrs. Wesley Brown is quite ill. Nurse Niblock, of Athens, is in attendance.

Oak Leaf

A number from here attended the anniversary of Christ Church at Athens.

The members of Trinity Church enjoyed a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Webster in honor of the past rector.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Green attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Thomas Dixie.

Mrs. W. Warren, Lansdowne, has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. F. Warren, for the past week.

CHARLESTON

Charleston, Nov. 17.—Mrs. Latimer is able to be around again after her illness.

Mrs. Halliday is visiting in Toronto.

Mrs. R. Foster spent a few days last week at Soperston with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ward.

A number from here attended the dance at Athens on Monday evening last, and also one at Elgin on Friday evening.

Mrs. W. R. Green received the painful news on Saturday that her sister, Mrs. Dixie, had passed away on Friday evening at her home in the Dobbs Settlement after a long illness. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Green and Mrs. Mulvanna attended the funeral at New Dublin on Sunday morning.

On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Webster entertained the former rector of Christ Church, Athens, who were present on Thursday at the 40th anniversary of the opening of that church for public worship. Members from Trinity Church, Oak Leaf, and Christ Church, Athens, numbering 55 were also present and an evening long to be remembered was spent.

Sheldon's Corners

Mrs. Dr. Grant and baby, Billie, spent the week-end with Mrs. Fred Hollingsworth.

Mrs. John Judge is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Vance Foley.

Mr. Henry Marshall has purchased the Darling farm. He intends moving there some time this winter and he also expects to make some improvements on the place.

Mrs. Mary Hollingsworth is on the sick list. Dr. Kelly is attending her. Mr. and Mrs. Leach and little granddaughter, of Bad Axe, Mich., were visiting at Mrs. John Topping's on Friday.

HARD ISLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wood visited at David Young's Sunday.

Mr. Ed. Wright, of Ottawa, who has been spending the fall here, has returned home.

Miss Anneliza Livingston is nursing at David Thompson's, Angus.

Mr. Alex. Besley had the misfortune of getting his eye cut while playing football.

Our teacher, Mrs. Trickey, was called away by illness of a friend. Isaac Alguire taught school in her absence.

Mr. R. Gardiner, who has been very sick, is able to be out again.

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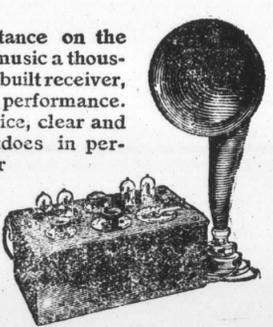
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