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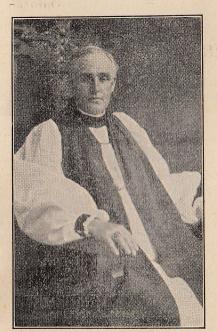
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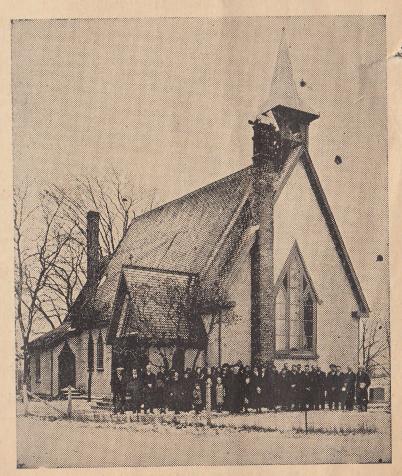
### HISTORICAL SKETCH

# Christ Church

BATTEAU

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### CHRIST CHURCH, BATTEAU

which celebrated in 1935 the 70th anniversary of the first service held at Batteau.

### Christ Church, Batteau

Batteau is situated three miles south-east of Collingwood on Batteau Creek, and derives its name from the name of French flat-bottomed boats called Batteaux. Previous to its designation as Batteau in 1858 the community was called Bear Creek.

The nearest Anglican Church was All Saints', Collingwood, and due to lack of transportation (only a few possessed wagons) the Anglicans in Batteau village, for quite a village numbering around fifty to one hundred people lived around the spot where he church now stands, asked Rev. John Langtry, D.D., Rector of All Saints', Collingwood, who later became very well known as Venerable Archdeacon Langtry, D.D. and author of that interesting book, "Come Home," to conduct occasional services. This Dr. Langtry did and several services were conducted by him in the Batteau District. After his removal in 1865 Rev. Stephen Lett, D.D. carried on the now quite regular services in a log building that still stands opposite the present church.

The first church wardens were Mr. William Bourchier, Rector's warden and Mr. Francis Hewson of Duntroon, people's

warden

On the 22nd day of May, 1867, a meeting was held at the home of Mr. William Bourchier to discuss the advisability of erecting a church on the one-half acre of land offered for the purpose by Mr. J. R. Bourchier.

Those present at the meeting included Rev. Stephen Lett, D.D., Rector, William Bourchier. Joseph Wyant, John Tuke, William Moles, Alfred Monk, Thomas Ross, Samuel English, Thomas Peck, James Redmond, Peter and Andrew Walker and Joseph and Benjamin Lightheart.

At the meeting Dr. Lett, Alfred Monk, Joseph Wyant, Samuel English, Francis Hewson and William Bourchier were appointed a committee to proceed with plans and estimates for the proposed church to lay before a future meeting.

In April, 1868, plans for the new building were submitted by

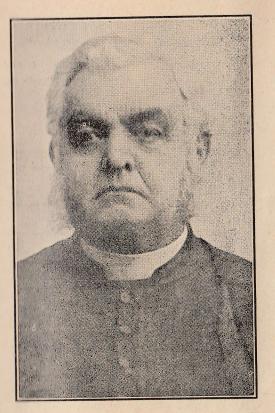
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REV. JOHN LANGTRY, D.D. who conducted the first services held at Batteau in 1865

Mr. Clarence Moberly. Mr. Wm. Bour-John Tuke, chier. Donald Macdonald. Joseph Wyant and Dr. Lett were appointed a committee to superintend the building.

The contract for building was the given to Henry Hocking in 1870 and the church was opened with appropriate services on January 9th, 1871. The collection at that service amounted to \$31.39, "a very successful and inspiring service," as the records put it.

Money for the building fund was sent from England, Ireland, Toronto, Sutton. Bruce Mines and from various places far removed from Batteau. Mr. William Bourchier and Mr. Peter Walker were churchwardens the vear the church was erected.

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The name Christ Church by which the church is designated was chosen by Mr. William Bourchier due to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Bourchier were the guiding spirits behind the whole undertaking.

During the first three years after the building the church was without regular pews. The congregation sat on planks and the services at that time lasted for well up to two hours, sometimes longer. Regular pews were installed in 1874. In 1875 a font was placed in the church and a small spire was erected the same year, which added much to the architecture of the building.

For a number of years the melodian used for the musical part of the service was carried to and from the church each Sunday. The melodian, the only one in the district, was owned by Mrs. William Bourchier and was played by Miss Gillette.

1874 Rev. Dr. Lett found it impossible to continue as Rector of All Saints' Church, Collingwood, and to carry on the work at Batteau, and so in 1874 Rev. L. H. Kirkby was appointed Incumbent. Mr. Kirkby resided at Batteau, the first resident minister of the parish, and in 1874 plans for the erection of a Rectory at Batteau were approved. In 1872 the stipend was to be one hundred dollars per year, payable quarterly.

In due time the Rectory at Batteau was erected and the Rev. L. H. Kirkby and succeeding ministers resided at Batteau until about 1893, when the Rectory was settled at Duntroon.

The Rectory in those early days was the social and cultural centre of the whole community.

In 1874 Batteau was linked with Duntroon and Singhampton although regular services were not held in the last two villages until 1875.

The building just west of Christ Church, now called the Church cottage or Parish Hall, was first built as a residence for the contractor of Christ Church and was later purchased and moved across the road to its present position, where it is used as the meeting place of the church organizations.

Mr. Charles William Wyant, who resides near Stayner, and his brother, Mr. Isaiah Wyant of Collingwood, were the first to be baptized



REV. DR. STEPHEN LETT, D.D. Rector 1865-1874

at Batteau. Both were baptized in the log building still standing opposite the present church by Rev. Dr. Lett in 1867.

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An endowment fund is being built up to provide for the perpetual care of God's acre, where so many of the early members of the church are buried. Each year a memorial service is held in the cemetery to commemorate those into whose labours we have entered. This service is largely attended and tends to remind us of our responsibilities as followers of an heroic group of church men and church women.

In 1879 Rev. L. H. Kirkby left Batteau to become Rector of All Saints' Church, Collingwood, and he was succeeded by the Rev. John Farncomb, during whose ministry the Church of the Redeemer, Duntroon, was erected. He was followed by Rev. T. P. Hodge in 1882, and he in turn by the Rev. J. W. McLeary in 1883.

Rev. McLeary planned the new Rectory at Duntroon and saw its completion. In 1887 Rev. Mr. McLeary was followed by Rev. H. D. Cooper, M.A., D.D., who later became the Very Reverend H. D. Cooper, Archdeacon of the Missionary Diocese of Keewatin. While he was minister, the Church of St. Paul at Singhampton was erected.

A Sunday School was opened at Batteau in its very early days. The first sessions were held in the upstairs of Mrs. Bourchier's home. Mrs. William Bourchier was the first superintendent and continued in that capacity for thirty-one years.

Mrs. Bourchier's life and character was an inspiration to all

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with whom she came in contact and the lives of a great many were influenced for good by her. Among the early teachers were Miss Lucy Gillette and Messrs. Thomas Ross, Joseph Lightheart and George Macdonald, who also acted as Lay Reader.

Mr. Harry King was the local public school teacher and he too taught in the Sunday School and was warden of the church

for several years.

Patrick Redmond, a former Roman Catholic, joined the church in its very early days and took a very active part in its work. He too was Warden and followed Mrs. Bourchier as Superintendent of the Sunday School. He in turn was followed by William Ross, who is so well known for his sterling character.

Following Mr. Ross, Mr. William Purnell became superintendent, a position he occupied for over thirty years. Mr. Pur-

nell is this year, 1935, the Rector's Warden.

It might be well to say a word about Mr. and Mrs. Bourchier, who were the instigators of the work at Batteau. Mr. Bourchier was the son of a French Army officer and came to Batteau from Sutton in 1860. Mrs. Bourchier was of Welsh descent and closely linked with the church and many prominent church families in England.

It is said that at the Harvest Festival supper held on the Rectory grounds in 1877, a whole lamb was roasted and consumed by the large number of people attending the event.

In 1876 Miss Laurie Kemp followed Miss Lucy Gillette as organist and occupied that position for many years. Joseph Clayton was the first sexton and held that position from 1875 till his removal from the district many years later.

In July, 1889, Rev. J. C. Swallow was appointed Incumbent and was in charge until 1891, when he was succeeded by Rev.

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John Lindsay. He continued his ministrations until 1900, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Herman Caplan of England. Rev. Mr. Caplan is buried in the Church of the Redeemer churchyard. A daughter married Mr. John Hewson of Duntroon, a grandson of the first warden of Batteau. Mrs. Hewson has also passed beyond the veil.

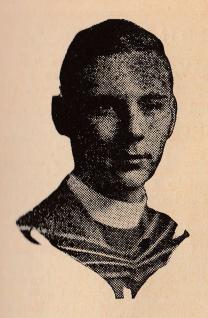
Rev. Mr. Caplan was followed by the Rev. A. M. I. Durnford in 1905. Rev. Mr. Durnford was a Batteau boy and held a good position in the Grand Trunk Railway before taking Holy Orders. Rev. Mr. Durnford was beloved by the whole parish and deep regret was in evidence when he was moved to Scarboro in 1911.

Rev. W. G. Eccleston was next in line, but he only remained for one year and in 1912 Rev. E. A. Slemin was appointed Incumbent. Rev. Slemin was Rector until 1921 during the war years, the longest ministry of any one minister in the parish in its long history.

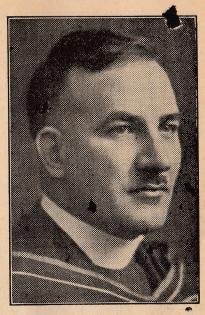
From its earliest days Christ Church has been blessed with loyal parishioners, who have supported the church with their presence, their deeds and their gifts, and these splendid qualities have always been maintained as the records will show.

The interior of Christ Church is very bright, made possible by the splendid lighting of the church, the windows allowing good, natural light to enter by day.

While the church has not yet been wired for electricity, three beautiful chandeliers hold plain oil lamps that shed a mellow and soft light at night, contributing in no small measure to a good spiritual atmosphere. We have some beautiful stained glass windows. The east window is attractive, especially when the morning sun is shining on it. The west window de-



Rev. A. G. Channen Rector 1932-1935



Rev. A. W. Downer Rector 1935

picts the Good Shepherd and was presented by those confirmed in Christ Church in 1916.

Various gifts and memorials enhance the beauty of the Interior. On the Altar is the church's tribute to its founders. Mr. and Mrs. William Bourchier, in the form of an Altar Cross, Altar Rest and two large brass vases.

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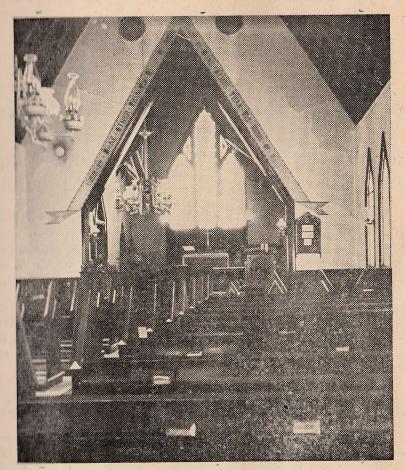
The north and south windows were given by Christ Church Sunday School, Duntroon, Glen Huron and Singhampton missions and others in memory of George Jackson, Patrick Redmond, Alfred Meacham and Joseph and Lucy Purnell. The windows were all put in after the disaster in 1916, when the church was struck and wrecked by a bolt of lightning.

In 1920, Emily Jane Redmond left a legacy of \$200 to the church. The church will benefit for all time from this endowment.

In 1920, William Mather left \$100 to the church and \$50 to the cemetery endowment fund.

The first recorded marriage was that of Robert Patterson, a widower of Creemore and Isabella Brunker. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Dr. Stephen Lett and the wedding took place on August 1st, 1872.

Mr. H. Milton Robinson was elected people's warden of Christ Church, Batteau, in 1914 and held that position until 1928, a difficult period due to the fact that during his period the Great War was on and also because of the damage to the church by lightning in 1916. During the same period Mr. Thomas Purnell was Rector's Warden. Both men carried on during a very difficult period and rendered exceptional service to the church. Mrs. Thomas Purnell is president of the Women's Auxiliary and Mrs. Milton Robinson is president of the Church Workers. Arthur Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Robinson is secretarytreasurer of the Missionary Committee and is most diligent in his work.



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Another warden who rendered service for a long period is Mr. George Spearing, now of Collingwood, who acted in that capacity for eighteen years. Mr. William Ross also has acted for a long period. Miss Marion Ross is a daughter of Mr. Wm. Ross and is organist of the church and has held that position for several years.

During the renovation of Christ Church after the disaster in 1916, the Wardens and Rector were indefatigable in their efforts to restore the church. Rev. E. A. Slemin, now Rector of Long Branch, was then the Incumbent.

The present Wardens of Christ Church are Mr. Gerald Purnell, People's Warden, and Mr. William Purnell, Rector's Warden.

Several other families have been regular worshippers and active members including the Moles family, Hudson family, Playters, Albert Rentner, Geo. Rentner and the Stalker family, also John Seeley and family. We cannot mention all the families or their faithfulness and devotion due to lack of space, but we thank God for all who have served God and praised Him in Christ Church during its long and varied history.

The present members of the Sidesmen's Board are Gordon Hudson, Arthur Robinson, Ross Moles, Russell Stalker, Ronald Moles and George Purnell. Ross and Ronald Moles are sons and grandsons of a family long and intimately connected with the church.

# WARDEN'S of CHRIST CHURCH, 1865 -BATTEAU- 1935

### LEGIES LEGIES LEGIES LEGIES

William Bourchier, 17 years George Macdonald, 9 years Patrick Redmond, 12 years Frances Hewson, Sr., 3 years George Spearing, 18 years William Ross, 14 years Hugh Milton Robinson, 15 years Thomas Purnell, 20 years George Careless, 6 years Peter Walker, 2 years Joseph Wyant Thomas Ross, 2 years Henry King, 2 years I. Lewis, 2 years Thomas Boys, 2 years C. MacDonald C. E. F. Lowe Geo. Kitchen J. W. Hudson Gerald Purnell, 2 years Wm. Purnell

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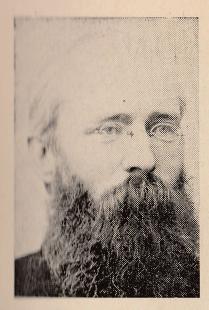
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### Story Of The Church From 1912

In the Spring of 1912, with Mr. T. Purnell, Rector's Warden, and Mr. W. Ross, People's Warden, Rev. Mr. Ecclestone came to be our Incumbent and the following Spring was moved on to Havelock and Rev. E. A. Slemin came from Coldwater to take over the Incumbency of this Parish. At the annual vestry meeting of 1915 Mr. W. Ross retired from the wardenship and Mr. M. Robinson was elected to take his place. These were ordinary uneventful years in the history of Christ Church. Then one hot sultry Sunday evening in June, 1916, the distant rumblings of thunder were heard during the service, which seemed to come nearer as the service closed. Some of the congregation were scarcely home before a terrific crash was heard and Christ Church was almost wrecked. It was only by the quick presence of mind of a near passerby that fire was averted. The utter destruction of a moment is hard to imagine. It is perhaps of interest here to note that a new sill, that had recently been put in by the W. A. under the west window was untouched in its place with not a sliver off it, while above, the window was shattered, and below an opening had been torn through which a team of horses could quite easily be driven. Flooring was torn up, seats were broken, window glass strewn about and plaster crashed down, there was chaos everywhere.

For a few Sundays services were held in the Parish House and then, through the devotion and untiring efforts of the congregation, the church began to take on its old form and services were once more held there, although it wasn't until the fall of that same year that the restoration was completed after a summer of untiring labor and financial strain, which all served a purpose and made us love and appreciate Christ Church even more than before. The beautiful east window was repaired. Members and friends of the congregation generously gave toward the new central panel of the west window with its figure after whom the Church is named, and many of the side windows were replaced as Memorials and donations. It was also necessary to replace the organ and through the efforts of the Church Workers' Society this was made possible.

And so the years roll on bringing with them many inevitable changes in the congregation. Many of the old and familiar forms and those to whom this little church was so dear have passed on, whose memory will ever be cherished by those left behind.



REV. L. H. KIRKBY

Late in 1921 Rev. E. A. Slemin moved to Stayner and our new Incumbent, Rev. A. C. Silverlight came the following spring. It was with sincere regret that the congregation suffered the loss of an untiring and efficient organist, when Mrs. Playter and family moved to Collingwood following the death of her husband, Capt. William Playter. In her early girlhood, when Annie Ross, she played the organ and since, with the exception of some years when her home was elsewhere, she was a familiar figure presiding at the organ. It was here that her sister, Mrs. Moles, undertook these same duties so cap-

Owing to ill health Mr. Silverlight found it necessary to relinquish his duties here in the spring of 1927 and shortly afterwards Mr. Hunt came as a student to take Sunday services.

At the annual Vestry meeting of 1928 Mr. M. Robinson retired from the People's Wardenship and Mr. W. Ross was elected to the vacancy. Early in January of that year our dearly loved Mrs. Bourchier passed away and her body was brought to rest in Christ

thurch cemetery. In the following July a meeting was called of the Vestry that it was the unanimous wish that a suitable memorial be placed in the memory of the dearly loved memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bourchier. Mr. W. Purall and Miss Marion Ross were appointed to be a Memorial Committee, the latter to be secretary-treasurer. The response to this from old members the congregation and Sunday School from both far and near was general indeed, and so we have our Bourchier memorial of Cross, Vases and Allar Dosk, which so suitably perpetuate the memory of those to whom we

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owe so much. An old friend and former Rector, Rev. A. M. I. Durnford was here to conduct the dedication service on Sunday, November 11, 1928.

During the summer of that year the church was repainted both inside and out and in December two beautiful Bishop's chairs were placed in the chancel by the Church Workers in loving memory of Mrs. D. Richardson and Miss Ethel Sidford, who organized the Church Worker's Society. Rev. Mr. Houghton of Stayner conducted the dedication service.

Mr. H. R. Hunt was ordained in June, 1929 and became our Rector, At the vestry meeting of that year Mr. J. W. Hudson was appointed Rector's Warden on the retirement of Mr. T. Purnell. Then in January 1930 the congregation suffered another distinct loss, and one which was keenly felt, in the death of their organist, Mrs. F. G. Moles. At the vestry meeting of that year Capt. F. G. Moles was appointed Rector's Warden, which position he filled until the time of his death in June, 1934.

In September, 1932, Rev. Mr. Hunt left and went to the parish of Schomberg, and on November 1st Rev. A. G. Channen came to take charge of this parish. In January, 1933, Mr. W. Ross retired from the People's Wardenship and was succeeded by Mr. G. Purnell. During the fall of that year, through the generosity of the Church Workers a beautiful new carpet was laid in the chancel, replacing the old one which had grown shabby with the tread of years.

In January, 1935, Mr. W. Purnell was appointed Rector's Warden and in June of that year Rev. A. Gordon Channen moved to Bradford and Rev. A. W. Downer came to be our Rector.

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It was decided to call our little society "Church Workers" and our hymn was to be "O Praise Our God To-day" and the Lord's Prayer and one other, "Prevent Us O Lord In All Our Doings, etc" were used for opening the meetings. Mr. H. M. Sidford, brother of Miss Ethel Sidford, printed them on cards which are still in use.

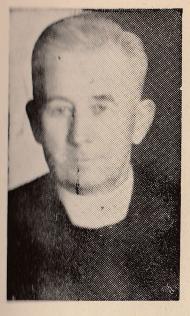
Fourteen joined at the inaugural meeting: -Misses Susie Jackson, Ethel Sidford, Eleanor Redmond, B. Stalker, Mary Spearing, Mary Kitchen, Tena Rentner, May Plant, L. Purnell, K. Allen, Maud Redmond, P. Spearing, M. S. Jackson and Mrs. H. M. Robinson,

A fee of 5 cents a month was charged for membership.

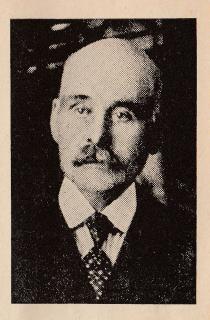
There were also other children attended who could not thread their needles, while all were taught to sew. Later they learned several kinds of fancy work and knitting. One of the members recalls being taught to knit and breaking one of her needles as her knitting was too tight.

The object of the society was to assist the wardens in meeting the minor expenses in connection with the church, which they did for the first four years, later giving some to missions. A list of the achievements of the Society follows and shows what has been accomplished:-

In	1901	The C. W. Society assisted in paying for the Parish Cottage.
In	1902	Five dollars was sent to Rev. H. J. Hamilton of Japan, who
		later became Bishop of Mid-Japan. Sending same amount
		for several years.
In	1905-06	Ninety dollars was spent renovating the cemetery.
In	1908	Assisted in installing organ.
In	1910	Donation to church shingling, \$48.00. They also held a picnic
		at Victoria Park and had an enjoyable time.
In	1911	Donation to Duntroon rectory furnace, \$28.00.
In	1912	Assisted in repairing Duntroon Rectory, \$26.00.
In	1913	Improvements to church, \$195.00, for painting church in-
		terior and exterior.
In	1914	Ordinary work carried on. Picnic to Nottawasaga River. En-
		joyable time.
In	1915	Picnic to river. Two buses were hired, the heach being



REV. EDWARD A. SLEMIN Rector 1912-1921



C. W. WYANT

heavy they had to stop and rest their horses several times. Good time was enjoyed by all. Ordinary work was carried on during year.

Ordinary work, also Red Cross work. in 1916-17-18

Installed furnace in church. In 1919 Ordinary work was carried on. In 1020-24

Hymn books, repairs on Rectory, ordinary work. In 1925

In 1926 Plastered church, porch and covered doors. Helping with

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in 1927 Ordinary work.

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In 1928	Redecorating church, \$100.00 and new Hymn Book, \$19.80.
	The two chairs in the Chancel were installed by early mem-
	bers of the society and friends in memory of the two organ-
	izers, the late Mrs. D. H. Richardson and Miss Ethel Sidford.
In 1929	Repairs on Rectory and telephone.
In 1930	Repairs on church and ordinary work,
In 1931-32	Ordinary work.
In 1933	Carpet in Chancel of church and carpenter work.
In 1934	Ordinary work and taxes. Insurance and hydro on Rectory.

Miss Susie Jackson and Miss Ethel Sidford were officers in charge from 1897 to 1900. Mrs. H. D. Richardson was president from 1901 to 1908 and was followed by Miss Gordon in 1909,

Mrs. D. Richardson was again president from 1918 to 1924 and was followed by Miss Mae Rentner in 1925, who occupied that post until she was followed by Mrs. R. Hewson in 1927, who was president until 1930. In 1930 Mrs. H. Milton Robinson was elected president and has been president from that time till the present, 1935.

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contributions to the church have been magnificent. By their efforts many of the beautiful things of our church have been made possible.

Their work during the years will be a lasting tribute to them. They have been untiring in their efforts to assist the church and it is only by their consistent labours, year after year, that such great accomplishments

Great credit is due the Church Workers and the following passage of Scripture seems specially fitted to use in connection with any mention of the name of the "Church Workers"—"Always abounding in the work of the Lord."

# The History of Christ Church W. A.

In January, 1895 Rev. Mr. Lindsay and Mrs. Lindsay came to call on a new member of their congregation at the Batteau, Mrs. William Ross, who had just previously been superintendent of the Girls' W. A. in Creemore. Mrs. Ross made a remark of regret that there was no W. A. at Batteau. Mrs. Lindsay immediately suggested that a meeting be called to organize a branch, and this was done the following week. However, it was found necessary to call a second meeting before enough interest and enthusiasm was aroused to organize a branch.

Organization was accomplished in February with Mrs. Lindsay as the first president, Mrs. A. Meacham, vice-president and Mrs. Patrick Redmond, treasurer. There were six members at the beginning and the first meeting was at the home of Mrs. John Playter. The making of a quilt was their first work. So this small, courageous band of women set forth to do their share in the great work of the W. A.

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The first year's work was to make and send a bale to W. A. headquarters, valued at \$10.50. The first work for their home church was to supply lamps and a stove, and to pay the rent of a shed for horses.

appointed to take her place. During that year the W. A. paid for the church rough-casted and also paid for the use of a shed. The ward the ward the ward the expense of painting the outside of thurch and to the Wardens for Rector's stipend and organist. In 1899 and for varmishing the interior of the church and repairing the organ, the bought the land for the building of a shed for which they paid in these early days an annual donation was given toward the Sunday and the Collingwood Hospital. In 1901 they gave the church wardened to building of a shed. This was together with their annual colligations and bale, which were always sent. The church wardens always helped with their regular current expenses. In 1900 there were members. As the years pass along the present church cottage was the by the branch and moved to its present location.

with Mrs. Meacham's removal to Collingwood, Mrs. Fred Rentner was appointed president. After a few years Mrs. F. Plant resumed that office the about time. Then came Mrs. Albert Rentner in our line of presidents. The proof of the church under the mode. In 1918 Mrs. T. Purnell was appointed to the presidency. In 1920 of our charter members, Mrs. Redmond was called to higher sermont in 1921 Mrs. Stalker was honoured with a Life Membership by her mandefuldren and friends.

No as the years roll on the W. A. is still doing its bit, helping on difformat occasions with repairs to the Rectory and annually giving towards war Warden's expenses and the sexton work, never failing in their pledges and a generous bale sent to Diocesan headquarters. Mrs. Purnell was made I Member by Mrs. Meacham in 1927 and in that same year the W. A. have the money to have the outside of the church painted. In October, 1929 Meacham passed away. Always an active part is taken by the memhere in the Annual Deanery Meeting and some always try to attend the Annual Diocesan Meetings. These are an inspiration. During 1930 Mrs. thorge Rentner made a very capable president. In February, 1932, another our charter members, Mrs. W. Ross was called to higher service. She had been treasurer for the branch for many years prior to her retirement In July, 1935 Mrs. Fred Rentner passed away. And so the years have brought many changes, of the six members at the beginning there is me left, Mrs. G. B. Westcott of Collingwood. New members come and each turn is doing her share in this wonderful missionary work of our church. We pray that God's blessing may be upon us and that we may be enabled by His grace to carry on this work so courageously begun forty years ago. The Love of Christ Constraineth Us.

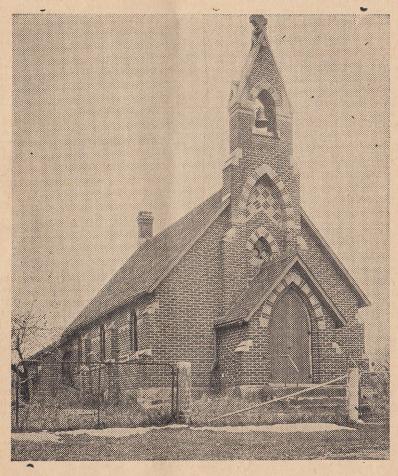
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The first settlers of Duntroon arrived in 1834 and due to the number of Bootch among them the first name of the village was Scotch Corners. tator the village was called Bowmore. Bowmore was a prosperous village and one of the oldest centres in the district. Later the name of the village was changed again to that of Duntroon, after a place in old Scotland. Among the first Anglican settlers, perhaps the very first, was Lieutenant William Leach, who was a soldier in the British Army during the Manufecture Wars and who boasted many medals for conspicuous service. 1834 he was granted 700 acres of land at Scotch Corners by the Govern-

After a period spent in the United States, William Leach and his family moved to Scotch Corners or Duntroon as we now know it. A daughmarried Donald MacDonald of Batteau, one of the earliest members of Church and two sons, James and George were among the founders of the Church of the Redeemer, Duntroon in 1875.

The first Church of England services were held in the Town Hall, Dunfrom in 1875. Later the Orange Hall, which was located just north of the meant church building, was used. Services were conducted by Rev. L. H.

The building of the Church of the Redeemer was evidently sponsored Irancis Hewson, Sr., James Leach, James Little, George Leach, William I Ovens, James Moore, Thomas Boyes and John Davis and was completed 1881, at which time Rev. John Farncomb, M.A. was the Incumbent.

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From the vestry minute books we quote, "The first Easter vestry meeting of this church after the opening was held here April 20th, 1882, the chairman being Rev. T. P. Hodge in the chair.

Francis Hewson, Sr. and J. C. Little were appointed wardens at this

At the vestry meeting held on April 13th, 1883 the accounts of the building committee were finally closed. The cost of the building being fully paid. When the Rectory was completed in 1883 four hundred dollars was outstanding. However, four men of the congregation met in Watson's Hotel, Duntroon, viz. Francis Hewson, Sr., James Leach, George Leach and John Davis and determined that there should be no incumbrance on the parish and each agreed to put the equal share of the amount lacking so that the parish might be free of debt.

In 1883 the Rectory just north of Duntroon was erected, during the incumbency of the Rev. J. W. McLeary. However, due to the fact that the clergy were bachelors the new Rectory was not used as a Rectory until the arrival of the Rev. John Lindsay. The wardens in 1884 were Mr. James Leach and Mr. J. C. Little and in 1885 Mr. Alfred Lee and Mr. J.

C. Little.

In 1886 Rev. H. A. Bowden succeeded Rev. J. W. McLeary and he in turn remained but a very short time to be followed by the Rev. H. D. Cooper, M.A., D.D., who moved from this parish to Stayner in 1890. In 1887 William J. Ovens and Alfred Lee were Wardens.

A Sunday School was opened in the very early days of the church and the first superintendent was Mr. J. C. Little, who was succeeded by Mr. William Leach, who took a very active part in all the work of the church.

The first organist of the church was Miss Nellie Hewson, now Mrs. MacGregor of Barrie, who was followed by Miss Phoebe Kerr and then Miss Mary Leach, who is the organist at the present time, 1935.

Miss Leach was succeeded by Miss Margaret Little and Miss Little by Mrs. Jack Hewson, who remained in that post until her removal to Collingwood in 1925. That year Miss Mary Leach again took over the work of organist, and is still giving her services in that capacity to the church.

A cemetery surrounds the beautiful house of God at Duntroon and the first interment was that of Mrs. Francis Hewson, Sr., in 1885. Here many of the pioneer members are interred, close to the church they loved so well.

Rev. H. D. Cooper was followed by the Rev. J. C. Swallow in 1890, and Rev. John Lindsay came to the parish in 1891. During his incumbency the Women's Auxiliary was formed in connection with the Church of the

In 1899 Mr. Lindsay resigned and the Rev. H. Caplan was appointed.

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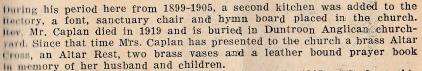
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Rev. A. M. I. Durnford followed Mr. Caplan in 1905, and about this time Rev. Mr. Durnford conducted the first services in the Orange Hall, Hen Huron. Services are still conducted in the Orange Hall, Glen Huron in 1935 on alternate Sundays with Duntroon. A Sunday School was organized In Glen Huron and very efficiently conducted for many years by Mrs. J. II Weir, who was followed by Mr. J. C. Hamilton, present Warden of the Church of the Redeemer.

One of Glen Huron's boys, A. T. Weir later became Warden of the church, then studied for the sacred ministry of the church. A. T. Weir is mow the Rev. A. T. Weir, L.Th., Rector of Omemee, Ontario.

In 1908 a bell was erected and now calls the faithful to prayer and praise. The bell is a memorial to the pioneers of the church and has the following names inscribed on it: John Davis, James Little, Francis Howson, George Leach, Thomas Boyes, James Hamilton and James Leach. Mrs. James Leach rang the bell for the first time in 1908.

The first marriage in the Church of the Redeemer was that of Minnie Porter and William Acres in 1886. Rev. H. D. Cooper was the officiating

elergyman.

The pews in the Church of the Redeemer are of massive oak, made and cut especially for the church by the builder and not a single nail mars their beauty. The pews today are worth a considerable sum of money and couldn't possibly be duplicated.

A word now about the early families connected with the church might

Mention has been made of the Leach family. James Leach and George Leach, sons of the original settler, William Leach, were very prominent workers in the church for many years and both were Wardens for a numher of years. At the death of James Leach in 1893, the vestry of the church passed the following resolution:

"The members of the vestry of the Church of the Redeemer, Duntroon, desire to place on record their sense of the almost irreparable loss the congregation has sustained in the death of their much beloved fellow churchman, James Leach, who from the very initiation took the deepest

# **Duntroon Congregation**



interest in our church and without whose aid it would have been almost impossible to carry on the work. We bow in submission to the chastening hand of our God upon us, knowing that He doth not afflict willingly and that the influence of our departed brother will be abiding with us."

George Leach, brother of James, who also was a pioneer member and active worker, died in 1926. Mrs. James Leach passed to her rest in

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The entire family of Mr. and Mrs. James Leach have taken an active Interest in the church. William, who was reeve of Nottawasaga for several years, was superintendent of the Sunday School and Warden for a number of years. Alfred Leach is still an active worker in the church. He has been Warden and is Lay delegate to the Synod this year. Alfred J. Leach has been clerk of the Twp. of Nottawasaga for a number of years. A sister, Miss Mary Leach has been organist and an active worker for many years. Another daughter, Ada, now Mrs. Wm. MacGillivray, is an active worker and constant worshipper of the Church of the Redeemer.

Three other members of the family, George, Charles and Lillian took an active interest in the church until their removal to Western Canada at the beginning of this century.

A son of William Leach, James Leach was Warden in 1934,

A sister of the late James Leach, Mrs. Jane Campbell, later Mrs. Stephens and her family were active workers and regular worshippers at the Church of the Redeemer.

Francis Hewson, Sr., came from Ennesmore, Ireland. He lived at Big Bay Point for a short time, then moved to Scotch Corners. He was one of the earliest settlers in the township and conducted the first post office, and often teamed from Collingwood to York, now Toronto. Mr. Francis Hewson was an educated man and did most of the business for the early settlers, such as drawing up wills, etc. Mr. Hewson took a great interest in the church, was first Warden of Christ Church, Batteau and one of the founders of the Church of the Redeemer, holding the office of Warden many times. For fifty-two years he was treasurer of the township. His

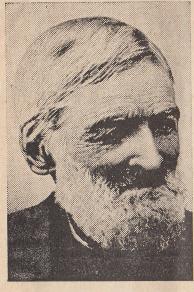
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son, Francis Hewson was also a regular worshipper and assessor of the township for seven years. A grandson of Francis Hewson, Sr., Jack Hewson, pioneer member, now living in Collingwood was Warden for many years, and township collector for three years.

Another pioneer family was that of James Hamilton, who came from Lake Beauport in 1856, settling in Singhampton and conducting a general store there. In 1873 the family moved to Glen Huron and conducted the post office, store, flour mill and saw mill there. Mr. James Hamilton was a councillor and deputy-reeve of Nottawasaga for many years. A son, J. C. Hamilton still carries on the business at Glen Huron and has been Warden of the Church of the Redeemer for nearly twenty years. Another son, W. H. Hamilton of Fort Qu'appelle, Sask., was reeve of Nottawasaga Tp. and Warden of the County of Simcoe in 1900. Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton became

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members of the church at its beginning and worshipped in the Town Hall. Mr. Hamilton gave the land for the Orange Hall at the Glen. At his death in 1895 the vestry passed the following resolution: "We, the members of the vestry of the Church of the Redeemer, Duntroon, desire to express the deep sense of our loss in the death of our highly esteemed fellow churchman, James Hamilton, who for many years was an influential member and constant worshipper at the Church of the Redeemer."

Mr. W. H. Hamilton, now in the West, was also a Warden of the church for a number of years and a faithful member of the church.

A daughter of James Hamilton, Clara, now Mrs. Wm. Leach, has been very active in the church. For thirty-four years she has been treasurer of the W. A.

Mr. and Mrs. David Smith and family of Smithdale have been active workers in the church throughout its entire history. David Smith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith who were among the earliest settlers in the township, coming here in 1837. They attended St. Luke's, Creemore, but after the building of Duntroon church Mr. and Mrs. David Smith worshipped here. David Smith has been Warden on several occasions, and a son, C. B. Smith of Creemore, also held that position. Mr. and Mrs. Smith still

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live at Smithdale and take an active interest in church affairs. C. B. Smith is proprietor and editor of the Creemore Star, and is this year, 1935 Warden of St. Luke's Church, Creemore. Miss Dorothy Smith, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, has been organist at Glen Huron for the past few

Another family closely connected with the church was that of Mr. and Mrs. James Little. Mr. Little and Mrs. Little were regular worshippers and active workers in the church. Mr. Little was the first superintendent of Duntroon Sunday School and was for many years a Warden of the church.

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Miss Margaret Little, now Mrs. C. P. Lloyd of Barrie, a daughter, was for many years active in the W. A. and was for a time organist of the church. Another daughter, now Mrs. Robert Seeley, was also active in the work of the church.

William Ovens was Warden for a number of years and he was always an enthusiastic member of the church.

John Davis and family, who lived on the Sixth Line, then on the four acre plot just north of the Rectory, was also a loyal and devoted member of the church and acted as Warden for several years.

Alfred Lee was another active worker, Warden for several years and a devoted worker in the Sunday School.

Thomas Boyes and family who lived on the Tenth Line were regular worshippers at the Church of the Redeemer and were most interested in all the activities of the church. Thomas Boyes was among the first members and a Warden for some time. Mrs. Archibald McColeman, wife of the present Rector's Warden, is a daughter, and Jack Boyes, still on the homestead are members of the church.



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ALF. LEACH

James Brethet, who resides on the Sixth Line, came from Bondhead and has been a regular supporter and worshipper for many years. For several years he has been a member of the building committee. His family, Mrs. J. E. Bockus and Mrs. Nelson Weir and



WM. LEACH

William at home, are devoted members of the church. Mrs. James Brethet passed away several years ago.

Among others of the early and faithful members we mention Irwin (Daddy) Winter, a son of Old Erin; James Moore and the Sullivan and Chapman families. Also Mr. and Mrs. Sprott and family, Mrs. David Henman and Jack Kerr, who kept a store in Duntroon for several years.

Another family connected with the church was that of John Kerr. The Kerr family came from Ireland in the early days of the township. A son, Benjamin Kerr was Warden for several years and the family was active in church work at Duntroon until their removal to Stayner in 1925.

Dr. Bolster, a medical doctor in Duntroon, was also active in the church, especially the Sunday School, and was for a number of years lay delegate

Miss Eliza Dallas, nurse, daughter of an early settler, is also an active worshipper.

Among more recent members we mention Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen. Mr. Allen was Warden for some time. Also Mrs. Joyce and family of Glen Huron. Mrs. Joyce is this year president of the W. A. Mr. and Mrs. Jardine and Mr. and Mrs. W. Brooks.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. MacGillivray take an active interest in the church. Mrs. MacGillivray is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Leach, and has been for some time secretary of the W. A.

The church is deeply grateful to Mr. Matthew Ewing, and especially to Mr. Beverley McKee for many kindnesses shown during the past few

In 1931 the Church of the Redeemer marked the fiftieth anniversary of the erection of the church by extensive renovations. Special services were held to commemorate the Golden Jubilee under the direction of Rev. H. R. Hunt, M.A., B.D., the incumbent. Rev. Hunt is now Rector of St. John's Church, West Toronto. We quote an interesting item from a local paper on

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In 1932 Rev. Gordon Channen succeeded Rev. H. R. Hunt and in June, 1935 he became Rector of Trinity Church, Bradford. Both Mr. Channen and Mr. Hunt did good work in the parish and they are remembered by a host of friends.

In October, 1935 the Diamond Jubilee of the parish was celebrated. Sixty years ago the first services were held. Today we remember with grateful hearts those who have laboured and into whose labours we have entered. Rev. A. W. Downer, the present Incumbent conducted the Diamond Jubilee services.

### The Women's Auxiliary

In the spring of 1894, through the efforts of Mrs. Lindsay, wife of the Rector, the Women's Auxiliary was organized at the home of Mrs. M. Gaviller, Collingwood, with a membership of fourteen. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lindsay; Vice-President, Mrs. James Leach; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Nellie Hewson; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie Little; Treasurer, Miss Clara Hamilton. Meetings were held on Thursdays of each week with a business and devotional meeting once a

Since that time this organization has been very active and has been successful in keeping up its alloted mission pledges. Each year it has sent a valuable bale of quilts and clothing to be distributed from the Diocesan House to where most needed.

The Auxiliary has always contributed to the upkeep of the church and rectory, having decorated the church, and in 1931 redecorated it and purchased new hangings, linens and a hardwood floor for the chancel. The hangings and linens were beautifully embroidered by Mrs. Joseph Jardine.

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On April 17th, 1916, the twenty-second anniversary of this organization was observed in the church with a celebration of the Holy Communion, attended by seventeen members and nine from the Batteau. After the ser-

vice all had dinner with Rev. and Mrs. Slemin at the Rectory.

In 1922 Mrs. James Leach, being the oldest member and Honorary President, was made a life member. In 1925 Mrs. B. F. Kerr, who had been President for seven years, was made a life member as a parting token on her removal from this parish. Miss Algeo of Toronto, who had at one time been a member, in 1928, became a life member.

In 1934 the Deanery of West Simcoe held a very successful meeting here. Mrs. A. H. McColeman, who held the position of Deanery Officer and who was also president of this branch for the past ten years, presided at

the meeting.

The past forty-one years have brought about many changes. Five of the original members are carrying on the noble work in various parts. Eight have been called by the Master to higher service. Only one remains in the district and still holds office.

The officers for 1935 are as follows: Life Member, Miss Algeo, Toronto; Honorary President, Mrs. A. H. McColeman; President, Mrs. Charles Joyce; Vice-President, Mrs. Channen: Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Macgillivray; Treasurer, Mrs. W. Leach; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Brooks; Assistant Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Bockus: Organist, Miss M. Leach.

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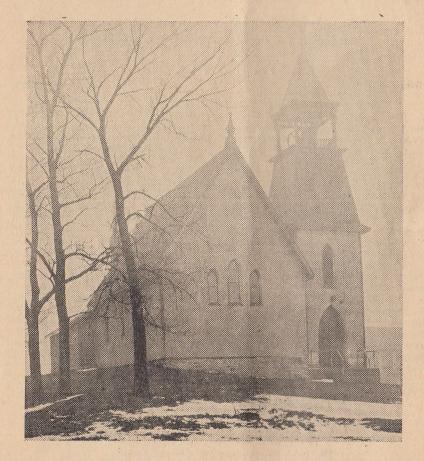
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Church of England services were first conducted regularly in the village of Singhampton in 1875 although occasional services were held previous to that year. However, in 1875 Rev. L. H. Kirkby, Incumbent of Batteau, came to Singhampton and the first regular services were held in the old stone school, now unused but still standing. Later services were held in the Orange Hall. Singhampton has long been noted as a stronghold of Orangeism, Among the earliest members of the Anglican Church were Edward Gosnell, Joseph Taylor, Hugh Robertson, Willam Barber, Alexander Murphy and Thomas Neill. The first Wardens were Joseph Taylor and Edward Gosnell.

Services were held in the school and Orange Hall until 1887, when the congregation undertook to erect a proper church building. Rev. H. D. Cooper, M.A., D.D., was rector when the church was built. The commanding site upon which the church is built, overlooking the whole of the village was donated by Mr. C. R. Sing. The work of building the church began in the spring of 1887. Joseph Taylor, Sr. and Edward Gosnell were Wardens.

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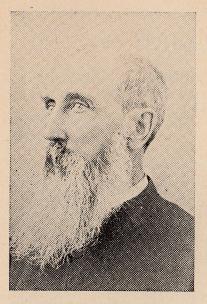
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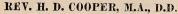
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Late in the fall, December, the church was opened with appropriate ceremonies and with a deep spirit of thankfulness to Almighty God for His many blessings to the congregation.

Among the organists we mention but a few, Miss Gosnell, Mrs. W. L. Taylor, Miss Flossie Ewing, Miss Etta Lougheed, Miss Beatrice Storey, and the present organist, Mrs. D. S. Zeggil.

The earliest members, Joseph Taylor and Hugh Robertson came from Quebec, leaving that old province because of the difficulties of securing their rights among the French Canadians. Later Mr. G. G. Ewing and Daniel Robertson came to Singhampton from the same province. Alexander and William Murphy were natives of Ireland.

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The church made little progress from the time of its erection until after the appointment of Rev. A. M. I. Durnford in 1905. Then, due to the number of new families coming in and to the work of the new minister, the church began its forward march. According to old members the church in 1900 was in a bad way. Attendance at the services was very small and only a few families were really interested in the work of the church. There were occasions when the total expenses of the church as to upkeep, oil, etc., for a whole year was as low as 25 cents.

In 1905 extensive renovations were carried out, a tower was added and the church re-decorated and a beautiful bell hung in the belfry, which still thunders out its call to morning and evening prayer, as the case may be.

At that time G. G. Ewing and Hugh Robertson were Wardens.

The active members at that time were W. L. Taylor, Wm. Hammill, A. J. Sprott, J. R. Hamilton, William Robertson, J. A. Taylor, Daniel Robertson William Murphy, Alex. Murphy, J. Stinson and James Lougheed.

Three women deserve credit for making the renovations possible and for buying the bell, namely, Miss Jennie Aljo, Miss Annie Murphy, now Mrs. Charles Pomphrey of Collingwood, and Miss Lizzie Robertson, later Mrs. W. L. Taylor, who this year passed to higher service.

Mr. William Hammill superintended the whole affair and he is still an active worker and regular worshipper at St. Paul's.

The special preacher at both services at the re-opening was the Rev. Canon Dixon of Toronto, a noted Orange preacher.

The choir of Christ Church, Batteau was in charge of the music at the morning service and the Singhampton choir, with the assistance of Miss

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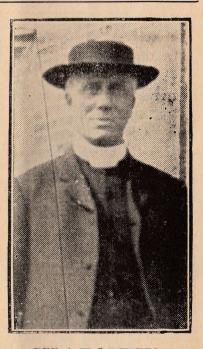
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Pomphrey, soloist of Collingwood, at the evening service. The church was crowded to capacity at both services.

Messrs. W. L. Taylor, John Hamilton and William Hammill were very active in all the activities surrounding the building of the belfry and the installation of the bell in 1905.

Mrs. Daniel Robertson took a very real part in the work of the church and was the first president of the Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's Church, contributing largely to its success by her interest and enthusiasm. Mrs. James Lougheed and Mrs. William Hammill have always been devoted members and regular worshippers at St. Paul's, both have occupied the position of president of the Ladies' Guild. Mrs. James Lougheed and Mrs. Hammill are the only two who remember the first service, still living in Singhampton and worshipping at St. Paul's Church.

The renovations and improvements made in 1905 added much to the interior and exterior of the church and marked the change from a weak and struggling congregation to the point where the church became conscious of its latent strength and power as a force for good in the community. From 1905 on the church made great strides.

The full cost of the renovations was paid off before the re-opening. At that time St. Paul's reached its highest peak in attendance, interest and enthusiasim in its history. Rev. A. M. I. Durnford, in 1906, presented 25 candidates for the rite of Confirmation on the 22nd of June to the Rt. Rev. Arthur Sweatman, D.D. D.C.L., Lord Bishop of Toronto. On that day, June 22nd, 1906 St. Paul's was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

The first wedding in St. Paul's Church was that of Alfred Cecil

Branch and Emily Dafforn, in 1908. Rev. Mr. Durnford officiated.

In 1907. William Barber left five hundred dollars as an endowment to St. Paul's Church. Then in 1917 Alexander Murphy endowed the church to the extent of another five hundred dollars. To these two men the church owes a great debt of gratitude, since by their gifts its future is in some ways made secure. Later Mr. Thomas Stephens, a non-Anglican, left thirty dollars to each church in Singhampton. This amount was deposited to the credit of the church long before his death, but was not to be used till his death. Consequently it accumulated into a considerable sum and in 1931 the church was able to install electric lights, a decided improvement on the old oil lamps. The electric lights were installed during the Incumbency of Rev. H. R. Hunt.

In 1935 the church was re-decorated and new carpet for the aisle and kneeling cushions for the communicants were secured by the Rev. Gordon Channen, Incumbent.

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In June, 1935, Rev. A. G. Channen accepted the parish of Bradford and the present minister, Rev. A. W. Downer was appointed to succeed him in the parish.

In October, 1935 the Diamond Jubilee of the church was celebrated and the church is once more beginning to take on new life.

The present minister is padre of the York Rangers Regiment and was, previous to coming to this parish. Incumbent of Scarboro Junction and formerly minister of All Saints' Church, Erin, in the Diocese of Niagara.

The present Wardens of St. Paul's Church are Mr. W. L. Taylor, Rec-

tor's Warden and Mr. Frank Hammill, People's Warden.

Mr. G. G. Ewing, who came to Singhampton from Quebec in 1901, became people's warden in 1903 and held that position till 1923, a period of twenty years, during which time he was scarcely ever absent from the services and he often carried the wood from his own home to light the fires.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing has always been an open house to the clergy and they will all remember the kindly and sympathetic warden of

St. Pauls'

In 1911 Rev. A. M. I. Durnford was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Eccleston, who remained but a year, then by Rev. E. A. Slemin, who worked in this parish for many years until his removal to Stayner in 1921. He was followed by the Rev. A. C. Silverlight, who is now residing in England. Mr. Silverlight was succeeded by Rev. H. R. Hunt, who has been mentioned before.

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ing in these days or in the days to come if the mission of the church is properly understood. Much could be written of the Spiritual good accomplished by the Sunday School of any church, of the asset it is to the community from a moral standpoint, but no greater or more inspiring message can be given to those engaged in Sunday School work than our Sav-

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iour's own words, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Descendants of the early families still worship at St. Paul's and take an active interest in all its undertakings. Of the Murphy family George, Moses and Andrew Murphy still are connected with the church. The Lougheed family is represented by Herman, Joseph and Russell Lougheed. Newell Robertson, son of Daniel Robertson, still takes an active interest in all the affairs of the church and is this year, 1935, on the building committee with H. E. Hammill. A son of Joseph Taylor, Sr., W. L. Taylor, is this year a warden, and Joseph Taylor who passed away a few years back was for many years a warden and a regular worshipper at St. Paul's.

The Hammill family are regular in their attendance and it is a pleasure to see Mr. and Mrs. William Hammill with their soms and daughters at practically all the services of the church. Roy Hammill, Lawrence Hammill, John Hammill, sons of Wm. Hammill, have all been Wardens of St. Paul's and this year another son, Frank, the youngest, is the people's warden.

Mr. James Lougheed was for several years a Warden and the Lougheed name is well known at St. Paul's Church.

The late Joseph T. Taylor, son of the founder, who passed away in 1931, was for many years a very active worker in the church and he was Warden of the church for several years.

A son of W. L. Taylor and grandson of the first Warden of St. Paul's, Aldred Taylor has been Warden and is now president of the young people's club in the church.

Several more recent members are contributing in no small measure to the church's development, namely Harry Dickenson, Clarence Ferguson, Johnson Bowins, Walter Little and George Day.

In November, 1935, on a Sunday evening just before evening prayer, when the first worshippers arrived they discovered the church was full of smoke and that fire had eaten through the floor from the basement in two places. However, the fire was put out before a great deal of damage was done to the fabric of the church. And this little incident only served as an incentive to greater things by the loyal and devoted congregation now worshipping at St. Paul's.

During 1935 the first commemoration service was held in Singhampton Union cemetery and it is hoped such a service will be held annually.

St. Paul's has long been noted for its successful and large garden par-

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ties and this year (1935) the congregation held a most successful fowl supper as well, which we hope will be an annual event.

During the fall of this year (1935) a furnace was installed in the basement, making the church much more comfortable and inviting.

John Lockhart, Reeve of Osprey, is a member of this congregation and W. L. Taylor, Rector's Warden, was for many years Reeve of Osprey Twp. and in 1934 was Warden of Grey County.

Pages and pages could be written in this story of the faithfulness, devotion and service of individuals and families, but space will not permit. Each and everyone has contributed his or her best to the church and its organizations and each is making a very real contribution to the church's welfare. The potential possibilities of St. Paul's Church in the realm of service is tremendous. It is essentially a young people's church and to the young people we look for continued service, following those who in days gone by rendered such outstanding service to Christ and His church. In this day and age, 1935, our mandate is clear as it was to those who founded the church sixty years ago. "Go with My Gospel and extend it throughout the world and I will always be with you." It is only as we actively obey that we have a right to expect His supporting and abiding presence with us.

"Great things attempt for God. Great things expect from Him."



### The Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's Church

The Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's Church was instituted and organized by the Rev. Herman Caplan in 1902, with Mrs. Daniel Robertson as the first president. Mrs. G. G. Ewing succeeded her and held that high office for a great many years. Mrs. William Hammill followed Mrs. Ewing but on her removal to Duntroon Mrs. G. G. Ewing again assumed the office of president and remained head of the organization until 1929, when Mrs. James Lougheed became president. Mrs. Frank Hammill is the present

The officers of 1935 are president, Mrs. Frank Hammill; vice-president, Mrs. H. E. Hammill; secretary, Miss Ethel Hammill; treasurer, Mrs. Lawrence Hammill.

The Ladies' Guild has, for a great many years, been the main support of the church.

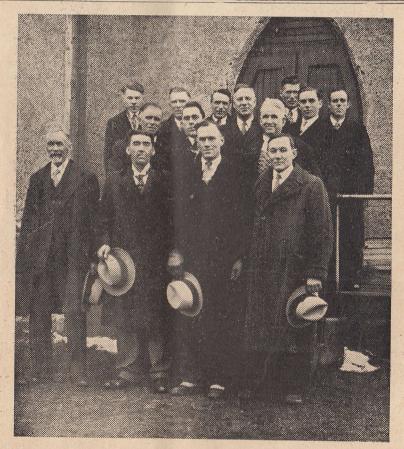
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The Guild has assisted the Wardens in meeting their liabilities, contributed to relief work in the district and has assumed the hydro charges of the church and Singhampton's share of the taxes on the Rectory.

Without the Guild the church would have been closed long ago, but thanks to this faithful and loyal group of women the church has been able to carry on, and with their aid and ready and willing assistance will even yet do greater things in this part of God's vineyard.

In 1905, the Guild was largely responsible for decorating the church and just thirty years later, 1935, the church interior was entirely renovated through their efforts.

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ly, we pay a tribute to one who was a member from the earliest days of the organization and who, because of illness, was unable for many years to attend the meetings. Yet her courage, enthusiasm and interest stirred and inspired the whole church. We refer to Mrs. W. L. Taylor, who passed to a higher service in 1935.

For several years in succession the Guild has made generous donations to the Wardens, making it possible for the church to meet in full the Synod allotments. In this way they have shown that while their primary object is to help the work of the church in Singhampton, they are not unmindful of the needs of others.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SPEARING AND FAMILY

Mr. Spearing was Warden of Christ Church for many years. Mrs. Spearing was active in the Women's organizations, and the whole family attended Sunday School at Christ Church.

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It was impossible to secure some of the photos of the founders of the churches, and others prominent in the churches' history, otherwise the record is complete.

In celebrating our anniversary it was thought appropriate to make suitable reference to its history and that some account should be given of past achievements. The information given in the preceding pages, it is hoped, will be of interest to those who are still living and remember the early days, and as well be a source of information to the parishioners in time to come.

This history has been compiled by Rev. A. W. Downer, Rector, 1935, Mr. Charles William Wyant, Mrs. Wm. Leach, Mr. J. C. Hamilton, Mrs. H. M. Robinson, Mrs. T. Purnell, Miss Marion Ross, Mr. J. Stinson and Mrs. G. G. Ewing contributed much information and wrote much of the material.

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