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EUGENIA

Next Sunday the subject of Rev. Elliott's address will be "The Shadow of a Rock".

On Sunday evening the large frame barn on Mr. Court Smith's farm was burned to the ground. Mr. Smith was doing his evening chores and had gone to put some hay down, when it is thought the lantern exploded. The mow was soon a mass of flames which spread rapidly. Mr. Smith was fortunate in getting his cattle and horses out. Sixteen pigs (which included 12 small ones) were burned to death. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Smith in their loss.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 22, a very enjoyable program was given by the Shiels family, under the auspices of the Sunday School. Each number was well received. The children ranged in age from 12 to 4 years, all rendering their parts well. Their father accompanied them on the piano accordian. Mrs. Shiels also assisted in one number.

Congratulations to Mrs. Adam Smith, who celebrated her 84th anniversary of her birthday on Sunday, Dec. 4. Mrs. Smith is remarkably active for her years. She attended a quilting on Friday given by the Women's Association, of which she is a member, and put in some neat stitches.

The Y.P.U. met on Wednesday evening, Nov. 30, with the president, Mr. Argyle Martin, presiding. After opening the meeting by a sentence of prayer and a hymn Rev. Elliot led in prayer. Scripture passages were read by Miss Jean Proctor. There were about 40 in attendance. The missionary convenor, Mrs. C. Martin, took charge of the discussion period, which was opened by silent prayer followed by a missionary prayer. She then introduced the new Study Book "The World in Canada", after which she read a beautiful poem entitled, "God in the Nation's Life". Misses Mabel and Edith Betts rendered a duet very sweetly with organ accompaniment. Mrs. Martin then called on Mrs. Annis of Markdale to give a message. Mrs. Annis spoke on her work as a missionary in China, illustrating her address by miniature Chinese articles, such as a pagoda, chairs, tables, idols, costumes, etc. She displayed some beautiful embroidery work, which had been done by the clever and skillful fingers of Chinese women. Her address was very interesting and explained the "Way of Missions" explicitly. Miss Mabel Duckett gave a reading, entitled, "Christ has no hands, but our hands", after which Mrs. Martin read a missionary extract, "A Nickel for the Lord", then asked Rev. Annis to give a missionary prayer. The president then took charge of the remainder of the meeting. He conducted a "bird" contest. A "watch" contest was conducted by Mr. Elward Campbell. Current events were read by Jean Tudor and Dorothy Falconer. Lunch was served. Collection amounted to $1.43. A hearty vote of thanks was given to all who took part in the program, especially to Mrs. Annis for her wonderful address. The Mizpah Benediction and the singing of "The More we get together, the happier we will be" brought the meeting to a close. Mrs. Jos. Porteous acted as organist for the evening.

The Women's Association held a quilting at the home of Mrs. Will Graham on Friday afternoon of last week, when a very enjoyable time was spent. They will quilt another quilt this Wednesday afternoon in the basement of the church.

Mr. Silas Haney of Paisley visited recently with his brother, Mr. Robt. Haney, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Purvis and children of Toronto were week-end visitors with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Purvis.

Miss Ruby Allison of Markdale spent the week-end with her friend, Miss Gladys Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham of Walkerton visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Campbell and other friends.

Mrs. McArthur of Ravenna spent a while with her sister, Mrs. Duncan Williams, who has been ill. We are pleased to know that Mrs. Williams, is progressing favourably and will soon be able to be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Betts and Miss Selena Duckett of Eugenia spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fenwick and family of Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Duckett and family visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duckett and family.

Our teacher and pupils of the public school are practising for a school concert to be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21st.

The Y.P.U. held an executive meeting Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Porteous, when a very pleasant time was spent. Rev. Mr. Elliott conducted the meeting. Much business of the society was dealt with, after which a dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Porteous. The meeting was closed by the Mizpah Benediction. It was decided to hold the next executive meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Campbell.

Communism and Its Action on the Christian Church

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extreme parties; and within a month Lenin became the unquestionable leader of the Party.

Another of the great leaders was Leon Trotsky, a Jew by birth, who having taken the university work like all the other revolutionists, took his post graduate course in exile, during his exile, he joined Lenin and became a great contributor to "The Spark".

Between the first and Second Revolutions, Trotsky spent much of his time in Western Europe, actively engaged in literary revolutionary activity. And the Great War found him in Paris, but France being an ally of Russia, Trotsky was expelled, and fled to Spain, and later to America and in 1917 when the Czarist Regime fell, Trotsky made arrangements for his departure, but was held by the Canadian authorities as a dangerous revolutionary, but was released a month later.

He at once joined up with Lenin and made his greatest contribution to the success of the Revolution in organizing the Red Army.

The Third Person who aided in the shaping of the Soviet Union, though his contribution came later, was Joseph Stalin, who as a young lad won a stipend which enabled him to go to the Theological School and prepare for the Orthodox Priesthood. It was at this institution he became a convert to Marxism and at 18 was discovered reading revolutionary pamphlets and was expelled.

This hasty action made him a lifelong revolutionary. He, like all the rest, took the customary path of jail terms and exile. It is stated that he had learned Marx' Capital, almost by heart, and he also knew Lenin's writings thoroughly.

When the March Revolution enabled Stalin to return to Russia, he was among the first Bolshevik leaders to reach Petrograd.

These three, and many other leaders, were now in Russia and they sought to overthrow the present government under the leadership of Kerensky and at last succeeded by winning over the governmental body guards.

The first period of the Soviet regime extended from 1917-21. The dominant policies of this so-called "War Communism" period, proved so destructive that in the end, having brought the country to the brink of ruin, they had to be modified.

Lenin then sought peace with Germany at all cost. But the respite from war purchased at such a staggering price, did not last long. The Czech armies that had fought for the Czarist regime was to be transferred to France. The Soviets offered them free passage if they would surrender most of their guns. But as a result of a fight on the Siberian Railway between some Hungarian prisoners. Trotsky commanded that the Soviets disarm the Czech troops and shoot every armed Czech.

The Czechs resented this and resorted to fighting and the collapse of the Russian military power was so great that the Czechs proved victorious. And as a result of this defeat, the Soviets found it necessary to organize a "Red" army within the shortest possible time.

The economic plight of the Russian people during this period was indescribably desperate. They had lost the Ukrainian and Siberian wheat producing regions and the Soviet territory became much like a mediaeval manor.

Along with the famine there were no less than 108 peasant revolts in three months. Lenin almost lost his life and it is estimated that fifty thousand persons lost their lives.

The Communist economy, imposed upon the country, greatly helped to contribute to the almost complete collapse of economic life. The first act of this new government in seizing power was abolition of all landed property and the prohibition of its sale or purchase. This meant all land was confiscated - for communism was opposed to private property on principle. All debts, foreign and domestic, were repudiated. All banks nationalized and all industrial production was gradually placed under the "workers" control.

In the end, not only was all production under state control, and all private initiative utterly stamped out but the state undertook to become the sole distributor of manufactured commodities and food. This resulted in all but complete breakdown of the industrial system. Many joined the army where they were certain not to die of starvation - One third of the people went back to the soil and the communist economic system favoured the barter system, but this soon became very troublesome, for the town folk had nothing to exchange and the country folk only grew what they really required. Then drought came unexpectedly, which in 1920 destroyed the minimum of grain sown. Hunger stared the population in the face. Sufficient food could not be shipped in to prevent the famine of people in the stricken areas. And as a result some 22 million people were affected and some five million people actually died of starvation.

Confronted with peasant revolts and a mutiny of the sailors, Lenin at last conceded the failure of the communists economy. And he reinstated to a degree the bourgeois system of private trading. Thus the period from '21 - 28 forms a distinct stage of development of the Soviet Union.

But the most important event in this period, was the death of Lenin in 1924 and the seizure of supreme power by Joseph Stalin and the banishment of Trotsky.

Now let us turn our attention to the situation in which the Russian Orthodox Church and other religious bodies found themselves after the Bolshevik upheaval of 1917.

For a long time before and especially since 1905, there were movements within the church demanding a democratic reform of the ecclesiastical government.

With the abdication of the Czar, the Church lost its temporal head and it became imperative to set up a new form of Church government. A council convened in Moscow and the office of Patriarch was again restored, which had been allowed to lapse by Peter the Great, after the death of Adrian, 1700. This Council urged that one-man rule be best in the interest of the Church owing to the difficult period through which Russia was passing.

But shortly after this Council was convened the Bolshevik party seized supreme power and the whole nation as far as religious, political and economic things were concerned, was radically changed.

The Soviet legislation regarding religion made its appearance very quickly, since the fundamental lines of policy had been worked out long ago—First of all the Church like all other property owners was deprived of all possessions, land, church buildings, schools and theological academies. Over 16 million acres of land and 8 billion roubles (that would be about 4 billion dollars) in cash and about 2½ hundred million dollars annually from these vast possessions.

In Jan. 1918, an edict was issued upon the Russian Church —complete separation from the state and the annual subsidy of 1½ million dollars cancelled. This made the Church a private affair, depriving it of the rights of a juristic person, and bringing it to the status of a mere club. Never the less, it permitted freedom of conscience and public propaganda of religions of any proper sort, or of religion of any sort. Later many of the clergy became distranchised on the ground that they were social parasites. This made it impossible for them to obtain their livelihood in any other way than by voluntary support from their congregations as all compulsory dues were forbidden. The decree also stipulated that every vestige of religious symbolism and ceremonial must be removed from all public places and deprived the priesthood of all civil duties, e.g. births and marriages.

The second main part of the decree dealt with the separation of school from church—All schools were secularized and religious instruction was forbidden; and this later amplified to the effect that youth under 18 could not receive religious instruction anywhere, except privately and then only two at a time.

It is, therefore, nothing strange that the Patriarch Tikhon denounced the Bolshevik act as "the spoliation and persecution of the Church, excommunicated their authors, hurled his anathema against the government and called upon the faithful not to co-operate with these monsters of the human race". Moreover, since the Church drew into her ranks some of the chief opponents of the new regime, she became regarded as the counter-revolutionary force. Thus the Bolshevik party resolved to retain its power at all costs, enjoined upon it the ruthless use of force for the extermination of its class enemies. The struggles which ensued was grim and violent, and many of the clergy were executed and others exiled.

The ultimate and primary aim of the governmental policy was the destruction of all religious organizations in the country and for this reason the government promoted schismatic movements within the church and gave them its support.

Another means of working toward these objectives was the systematic ridicule and caricature of all things religious. Bishops and priests classed with idiots and other non-productive groups of society depicted as alcoholics, immoral debauchees, avaricious bloodsuckers, obscurantist re-actionaries and ignoramuses. Spies were also planted within the church.

All monks, priests and ministers of all religions were denied their franchise and also denied employment unless they renounced their clerical profession. Their support was also hedged about with various restrictions and their children, excluded from schools, hospitals, sanatoriums and other institutions open to the workers. Education of the clergy was made impossible, so that new recruits could not be found.

In 1920, owing to a severe famine in the Volga region, the Soviet Gov't used this disaster to further its anti-ecclesiastical policy. It charged that the church failed to co-operate with the state in relieving the starving masses Thus the Gov't, issued an order to remove all the superfluous church treasures and sell them for the aid of the famine; and the seizure of them resulted in the execution and exile of many thousands.

And from this time on, there were constant schisms within the church until at last the Church began to crumble and in 1929 when the abrupt changes in religious policy of the Gov't. was brought about, the Church began to survive. Thousands had been converted to the communistic type of religion. For they have doubled and trebled their strength at the expense of the Orthodox church, but now under the altered conditions, Christianity was compelled to live

In brief, Communism set out at first for its goal, the establishment of basic production to the point of rendering the country self-sufficient of the outside world. Secondly, a plan that comprised the conversion of individual farming into communes and the establishment of large state farms. A time in which the peasantry suffered untold agony, death and exile.

The Third goal was that which the communist loved to call "the cultural front". By that they mean a concentrated effort to indoctrinate the inhabitants with their communist gospel, propagandize the population and increase the numbers of sympathizers as well as out and out converts, until the communist philosophy of life would be safely established in the country. The school system was transformed into a vast instrument of propaganda, and the teaching staff had to be 100% atheistic.

All the children and youth were organized into groups, e.g.: The Young Pioneers and Comsomols. The press is censored and also the radio, and one can follow a speech without stopping to listen.

But Communism found that their doctrinaire assumption that religion would disappear as soon as its "social root", capitalism, was pulled, proved mistaken. The sectarians and Evangelical Church increased in number and secured new converts among the workers.

From a religious point of view, materialistic atheism of the communist type must be rejected. For the trouble with atheistic materialism is, not that it is too "realistic" but that it is not realistic, if it were, it could not ignore and deny the validity of the spiritual world and its values.

Human conduct guided by principles of materialism cannot logically rise above hedonism. Christianity has always understood although it has not always lived up to its insight that no permanent or effective improvement of society is ever possible, except by a complete change of motivation of the conduct of men. The doctrine of Christ was that good and evil proceed from the heart. But this idea is flatly opposed to the ideas of Rousseau and Marx.

The action of Communism only spells disaster, for no system as such can bring about a lasting reform of society. History demonstrates the sad experience of human kind that all systems, no matter how excellent they may be in themselves, are liable to subversion into even the worst forms of injustice and exploitation if controlled and manipulated by unscrupulous but predatory individuals or groups.

Thus Christianity is faced with the task which every age must face and concern itself with, if culture is to survive, that of winning men from their merely selfish pursuits, to the spiritual ideals of the Kingdom of God.

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On Monday the cattle market was active and steady for cattle of choice quality, including weighty steers, while those of medium quality sold at lower prices in comparison. Reports from American markets were not good and this had some effect on causing a slow trade towards the close of the day.

Choice weighty steers brought from 6.75 to 7.00; fair to good from 6.00 to 6.75; common to medium 5.00 to 5.75. In the butcher section, choice steers and heifers sold at from 5.50 to 6.00; fair to good from 5.00 to 5.50; common to medium 4.25 to 4.75; choice baby beeves brought from 8.00 to 9.00, with those of medium quality slow of sale from 5.50 to 7.00. Choice butcher cows brought from 3.75 to 4.00; fair to good from 3.25 to 3.75; common to medium 2.75 to 3.00; canners and cutters 2.25 to 2.65. Choice butcher bulls brought from 4.00 to 4.50; heavy bolognas and common light kind 3.25 to 3.50.

The lamb trade was strong, choice lambs selling from 8.75 to 9.00. Choice butcher sheep from 4.00 to 4.50. The calf market was easier, top sales being made at from 10.00 to 10.50 for those of choice quality; fair to good from 8.50 to 10.00; common to medium 5.50 to 7.00; grass calves 4.00.

Hogs featured the market, advancing sharply to 8.75 for truck deliveries, due to a good demand from a number of small buyers. In view of the fact that hogs usually work lower at this season of the year, it is considered to be exceptional that an advance has taken place. Rail deliveries brought 11.90.

STRATHAVON

(Intended for last week.)

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ceasar and Douglas of Massie visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Art Torrie.

Rev. A. Mildon made a few pastoral calls on Saturday.

Mrs. Norman Long and children spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Renfie of Walters Falls.

The Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. will meet at the home of Mrs. Norman Dizon on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Miss McGregor and pupils are busy practising for their Christmas entertainment.

Mrs. Art Torrie and son, Clayton, spent a week with Messrs. Dave and Jos. Boyd at Riverdale.

A robin was seen just recently. No wonder, for we are having Florida weather in the Valley.

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DORNOCH

A number from here attended the funerals of Mr. Jas. Craig and Mr. Morris Park last week.

Miss K. Bolen spent the week-end at her home in Kenilworth.

Mrs. Jas. Murphy and daughter, Miss Helen, of Tranexton visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Vasey.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Goldsmith were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Goldsmith of Massie.

Mrs. R. J. Corlett of Owen Sound is visiting with her son, Mr. John Corlett and Mrs. Corlett.

The Ladies' Aid of Dornoch Presbyterian Church held a bazaar in the church basement and a good crowd was in attendance. The proceeds amounted to $23. A programme was held and a dainty lunch was served by the ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Corlett spent an evening recently with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lisier.

Visitors with Mr. Nicholas Meloth on Sunday were: Misses Rita and Ivy Meloth, Mr. and Mrs. M. Casey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Colin McArthur and family, all of Owen Sound.

CEYLON

Wednesday evening, Nov. 30, the Ceylon Young People held their regular meeting with 28 in attendance. The Christian Fellowship convenor, Isaac Snell, had charge of the programme. This Wednesday evening, Dec. 7, the meeting will be held in the church, a joint meeting for both young and old, in charge of the Missionary convenor, Wallace McDermid. The main part of the programme will be lantern slides, "India on the March". A silver collection will be taken.

The Ladies' Aid held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 30th, at the home of Mrs. Knox, with the president, Mrs. Snell, in the chair. The meeting opened in form, roll call being answered by a Christmas gift suggestion. The programme was in charge of Mrs. T. Stewart and Mrs. Smellie. It was decided to hold the December meeting over on the 14th, instead of the 28th, and each member was asked to bring a prepared booklet to help the programme committee in speeding up their work. There will be the usual exchange of Christmas gifts at this meeting. The social committee served lunch at the close of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Stewart and family visited the latter's brother at Portlaw on Sunday.

Miss Mildred Rick was in Kimbercley for the week-end.

Mr. Bert Wright of Ventry was a caller on his sister, Mrs. P. Hemphill, on Friday.

Misses Alice and Marion Muir visited Owen Sound friends last week.

Mrs. (Rev.) Howey, Owen Sound, spent a few days last week with Miss Agnes McPhail, M.P.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Genoe and Mr. Eddie Genoe attended the funeral of Mrs. Genoe's cousin, Mrs. Sara McKinney, at Heathcote on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Wyville of Proton visited Mr. and Mrs. A. McMullen the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Carman Hostrawser and babe left Friday to join her husband at Burwash, where the latter has received the appointment of guard. Mr. Norman Hostrawser motored them as far as Allliston.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McLeod were in Owen Sound Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Foster and friend and Goldwin and Jimmie Patterson visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patterson.

Mr. Sangster Hemphill and Miss Maud visited Feversham friends the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stewart Feted

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Mr. George Cairns returned on Thursday after serving on the jury in Owen Sound throughout the session.

Mr. Walter Hemphill of Regina was a recent visitor at Mr. Sangster Hemphill's.

Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., addressed the U.F.O. convention in Toronto last week and also spoke at the Civil Liberty Union. Miss Macphail was re-elected to the Directorate of the U.F.O.

Mrs. Chas. Stafford and children are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stafford. The community sympathize with them in their severe loss due to the fire last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Magee were callers at T. Genoe's last week.

Mrs. A. S. Muir, Mrs. J. F. Collins and Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., were guests of Mrs. T. Genoe and Mr. Eddie Genoe attended the funeral of Mrs. Genoe's cousin, Mrs. Sara McKinney, at Heathcote on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Wyville of Proton visited Mr. and Mrs. A. McMullen the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Carman Hostrawser and babe left Friday to join her husband at Burwash, where the latter has received the appointment of guard. Mr. Norman Hostrawser motored them as far as Allliston.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McLeod were in Owen Sound Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Foster and friend and Goldwin and Jimmie Patterson visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patterson.

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IRISH LAKE

Mr., Garfield Teeter of Priceville has been helping Mr. Walter Eagles to cut wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Partridge and family of Rock Mills visited last Sunday with Mrs. T. L. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Eagles visited recently with relatives in Meaford.

A number from here attended the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs George Campbell of Clarksburg are visiting the former's son, Mr. J. D. Campbell.

The Sullivan family and Miss M. Moore visited on Sunday with Dornoch friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Black spent a day recently with Mr. and Mrs. P. Sweeney.

Mrs. T. L. Hughes and son, J.D., visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Henry of Holstein.

Messrs. Walter Eagles and J. D. Hughes held a very successful buzz bee last week.

TRAVERSTON

It looks this Tuesday morning as if Christmasy snow was coming. 'Tis falling in the mud.

Zion's brick Church passed its 50th anniversary on Sunday and in that time we have never heard a more powerful and stirring sermon than that delivered by Rev. W. H. Smith.

Warm congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Greenwood on the birth last week of a fine baby boy in Markdale hospital.

Zion's young people are busily engaged preparing two plays for the annual Christmas tree concert to be held on Friday evening, Dec. 23rd.

Mr. O. Bye of Elora, a prominent farmer of that district, was around this district last week picking up stocker steers.

Miss Blanche Gomm of Bunessan is a bright assistant to our better half at present.

Mr. Thos. Harrison, sawmill man at Priceville, bought a poplar grove from Mr. J. H. Robson recently and has had a gang of men cutting and skidding them out. His truck is busy conveying them to his mill. He has orders for 100,000 feet.

Messrs. Basil Davis and J. C. Cook paid a business trip to Owen Sound last week in connection with the sawlog trade.

Miss Clara Jack of Ayton spent the week-end at the parental home and Miss Elva Horn of No. 5 at her home at Bervie.

Mr. J. H. Robson and Sons have erected a neat wire fence in front of their upper farm. It won't be so easy for the boys and girls of No. 5 to slide over it to the old haw trees as it was fifty or more years ago.

Mr. Sandy McArthur of the 4th con. is in Durham hospital in a very serious condition as peritonitis had set in after an operation for appendicitis. He is a brother of our neighbour over the line fence.

Whooping cough is going the rounds of the neighbourhood but is not of a very serious type.

The "new scheme" of the Educational Dept. for "wider or township areas" is being pushed forward most strenuously in South Grey in direct opposition to the will and wishes of fully 95 per cent. of the ratepayers. Some of the arguments used are most fallacious and misleading. The ire of rural people is being thoroughly aroused.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Renny and Jean of Southampton were Sunday visitors with Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P.

Mrs. Jas. Sinclair and children accompanied Miss Margaret Sinclair of Dundalk to Owen Sound on Saturday.

Mr. Jas. Sinclair has completed the pelting of his mink for this season. We understand Jim disposed of 180 pelts which netted him in the neighbourhood of three thousand dollars.

As part of their project work in the new course of studies the pupils of Ceylon school have erected a very smart log cabin on the school play grounds. We understand the logs were donated by Mr. Dave Adams.

Meet Santa Claus in Markdale on Saturday next.

ROCKLYN

The W.M.S. held their December meeting last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Mary Cook, with a large number of ladies present. The meeting opened by singing the Doxology, followed by repeating the Lord's prayer and the watchword in unison. The president, Mrs. Wes. Thompson, was in charge of the meeting. It was decided to patch a mock tie quilt. Mrs. Gordon offering to cut the blocks. Christmas readings were given by Mesdames Jenner, John Yeadell, Clarence Reid and H. McKenzie and Misses Barbara Curry and Ruth Hopkins. Christmas carols were also sung during the afternoon. Mr. Jenner closed the meeting with the Benediction, after which a social half-hour was spent. Tea was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Dunard Cook and Mrs. Thompson.

Little Miss Alice Foy of Temple Hill spent a few days recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Gilray.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. McClain, Florence and Dell, of Owen Sound spent Sunday at the home of the former's brother, Mr. C. E. McClean, and family.

Church services are now being held in Victoria church at the hour of 1.30 for the winter months, to enable the minister to conduct the Knox, St. Vincent, services during the same afternoon.

The Agricultural Society sponsored a dance in the Township Hall last Friday evening, at which a large crow