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THE METHODIST CHURCH
ACTON

REV. CHAS. HACKETT, Pastor
Parsonage—Willow St.

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "The Evangelism of Jesus."
2.30 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "A Great Assurance."

EVERYBODY WELCOME

PRESBYTERIAN
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Minister—Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A.
Manse—Willow Street

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "The Husk and the Kernel."
3.00 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "The Right Use of the Eyes."

Monday Evening, 26th inst., at 7 o'clock—Men's Banquet.

Strangers leaving address with the ushers will be called upon by the Pastor.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

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A quantity of good Northern Spy Apples. Apply to
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GEO. HARBER, Reeve.

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150 cords of Hardwood, cut in stove lengths, $12.00 per cord, delivered. Orders taken at the house. To be delivered after November 28.
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Johnny Hines' latest comedy-drama. If you appreciate humor and genuine thrills don't miss this picture. Johnny Hines is the screen's most versatile entertainer. Comedy, "Casey Jones, Jr.," with Lige Comely. A fast story of a slow train.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24
"Homeward Bound"

With Thomas Meighan. Here it is—a tale of ships and the men who sail them. With the fullest cargo of thrills and romance that the sea ever knew. Lila Lee heads the big supporting company. Story by Peter B. Kyne, the author of "Cappy Ricks." Comedy, "Two Johns." Matinee at 3 o'clock, 10c and 25c. Evening at 7.30 and 9 p. m., 15c and 35c.

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"The Girl in His Room"

Starring Alice Calhoun. It is a picture you will like; because it has a queer twist and touch of a girl who never saw her parents. Comedy, "Golf," with Larry Semon.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
"Hurricane's Gal"

Starring Allan Halohar and Dorothy Philips. Eight big reels of strife, of storm, of romance, of the things you haven't seen pictured like this before. Comedy, "Fare Enough."

Watch for the new serial, starring Pearl White. Coming soon.

J. A. McCLURE & SON

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Winter Overcoats
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Good news, indeed, to read of such a favorable buying opportunity as this. Coats of exceptionally good tailoring at a pricing that represents open-handed economy.

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This Week Brings also a Special Value in Men's and Young Men's Suits at $19.50

Smart styles for Fall and Winter wear in good serviceable fabrics of neat patterns, medium and dark shades. Single and double breasted models.

Not all sizes in each particular fabric, whence the lowered pricing — but good choosing in all sizes in the special group, from 34 to 42.

Men's Driving Ulsters $11.50

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Week-end Specials

WEEK-END CHOCOLATES

Try a pound of our Famous Assorted Chocolates for a treat for Saturday and Sunday. Regularly 40c and 50c a lb. Week-end Special Price 29c.

PEANUT BRITTLE

Just arrived, a shipment of fresh Peanut Brittle, with an extra supply of peanuts. Regularly 30c lb. Week-end Special 25c lb.

BETTY BROWN CANDY

Have you tried a box of Betty Brown Candy? They are the very choicest of candy. We have lovely soft creamy Caramels, rich Bon Bons and soft and hard centre Chocolates. Try a box for a special treat. We have both half and pound boxes, and they are strictly fresh. Half pound, 30c; One Pound 60c.

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THE PROOF OF THE BOOT IS IN THE WEARING

You can wade thro' difficulties with waterproofs

Say . . .

You had better be looking after your feet these days, a cold now will perhaps stay all winter. Buy good strong sturdy School, Farm or Factory Boots, or a pair of good RUBBERS as a preventative. WE HAVE THEM ALL WEIGHTS and sizes to suit young or old AT LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

Men's and Women's Spats, in the popular shades.

House Slippers in leather, felt and carpet.

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See these. All sizes in the lot, to fit anyone. At $1.95, $2.95, $3.95, $4.75.

H. L. HARRISON, The Shoe Man
Where Quality Counts We Win Deal Here, It Will Pay You

News of Local Import

The Acton Machine Company By-law

The by-law to grant the Acton Machine Company exemption from taxation for ten years in consideration of the erection of a new and larger building, and the employment of additional hands, will be voted on by our ratepayers on Monday, December 3. Mr. Blow has built up a good business in Acton and has expellent prospects, and deserves to be encouraged in his very commendible enterprise.

Spiritual Conference at Kitchener

The meeting of representatives from the two districts of Guelph and Galt at Kitchener last Thursday was an occasion of much interest. Plans were formulated for special evangelistic work on all the circuits during the early weeks of the new year. Efforts will be made to quicken the spiritual experiences of the members of the churches, and to lead to decision for Christ those who have not yet given themselves to allegiance to the Lord Jesus.

Good Price for a Luther Farm

The Star and Vidette of Grand Valley gave the interesting news last week of the sale of Mr. Joseph Colbeck's fine farm, across the road from Monticello Church, for $15,000. This property is known as the old Colbeck Homestead, and has been in the family for sixty-five years. It is one of the best equipped farms in that county. Mr. Colbeck, who has purchased David Lawrence's general store at Robb, held a clearing auction sale of his farm effects yesterday. He will take possession of the store on December 3. Mrs. Colbeck is a daughter of Mrs. John Lafferty, and a granddaughter of the late Alex. F. Smith, of Acton.

Acquitted After Fatal Crash

W. F. Cross, of Milton, driver of a truck owned by Morris Micknick, of Hamilton, appeared before His Honor Judge Elliott at Milton on Thursday, charged with criminal negligence as the result of an accident on the Toronto-Hamilton Highway, near Oakville, on September 3 last, when the truck ran into a car owned and driven by A Falarden, of Detroit, and seriously injured the occupants. Witnesses for Cross testified that he was a careful driver, and did everything in his power to avert the accident, which was caused by the brake on the truck snapping in two when Cross attempted to stop the truck to avoid running into Falarden's car. The Judge found Cross not guilty.

A Landmark Removed

A National Railway wrecking crew, with steam derrick and other outfit, were here on Monday taking down the old pumping house in sections. It was removed to Guelph, where it is to be re-erected for a store house. This building was used for half a century for a pumping plant by the Grand Trunk Railway. The late James McLennan was the first engineer. After his death the family removed to Winnipeg. Quite a number of men operated the plant, the last local engineer being Alfred Bauer. The fire a few weeks ago, called attention to the vacant building, which has not been in use since Acton waterworks system was connected with the big 100,000 gallon water tank.

Little Lad Seriously Injured

On Saturday afternoon little Gordon Mann, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mann, Agnes Street, met with an accident which might have had fatal results. Mr. Alvin Fisher, of Erin, was driving to Lindsay's mill on Mill Street with a load of grain, when Gordon and Wilfrid McCutcheon climbed on the load for a ride. When opposite THE FREE PRESS Office the lads were scuffling on the load, when Gordon fell off and the rear wheel of the heavy farm wagon passed over him. Mr. G. A. Dills, of this office, who witnessed the accident, ran out and carried the little fellow into the office and phoned for Dr. McNiven. He arrived in a moment and found that Gordon was more or less seriously injured internally. He was taken to Guelph Hospital on Sunday morning, for treatment, and for a day or so his life was despaired of. He is now, however, making good progress toward recovery.

Had Two Ribs Fractured

Last Friday James Mackie, one of the foremen in Messrs. Beardmore & Co's sole leather tannery, met with a somewhat serious accident in a very peculiar manner. In passing through the tannery, he came to the grindstone and sat on the corner of it for a moment, talking to a workman engaged there. In a moment he felt a tug at his sweater coat behind, and soon realized that the hem of the loose garment had caught in a set screw in the slowly revolving driving shaft. He was soon drawn up to the shaft, and received rather painful injuries. Mr. John Wood, who was standing near, grasped him, or his injuries might have been more serious. Mr. Mackie went home, and while feeling bruised did not realize that his injuries were of much consequence. He returned to work next morning, and while in the act of adjusting a belt to the pulley of the shaft above, felt something give away internally, and was at once overcome. Investigation proved that the two lower ribs had been fractured, and a piece was pressing on his kidneys. Surgical aid was given and he is now making fair progress.

Maurice Panton Recovers His Stolen Chevrolet

On Thanksgiving Sunday evening M. F. Panton, manager of the Bank of Toronto, Milton, took his sister, Miss Kathleen, to Grace Church in his new Chevrolet sedan, which he parked in front of the church. It was gone when the service closed. He at once notified Chief Constable Chapman, who telephoned in all directions without result. On Monday it was reported that a car had been left on the roadside a little west of Speyside. It was brought to McDuffe's garage, and proved to be another 1923 sedan, but showed signs of rough usage. Its engine was broken. Its license number plates had been removed. An old coat and a number of Toronto taxi tickets were in it. On Tuesday morning Austin Buck, of Omagh, brought in the license number plates of Mr. Panton's car, which he said he had found beside the roadway, on the third line. Later in the day Provincial Constable Atkins, of Acton, came to town and took hold of the case. He got the serial numbers of the two cars and reported them to headquarters at Toronto, whence news came on Wednesday that Mr. Panton's car had been found abandoned on a city street. Nothing was broken, but the car was dirty and the spare tire and tools were missing. It had been identified by its serial number and in the same way the other car was claimed by its owner, whose name was not given.—Milton Champion.

The Municipal Nominations on November 26th

The Final Session of the Council Previous to the Nominations and Elections

$472.00 IN FINES TURNED INTO COUNCIL

The regular session of the Council on Monday evening had Councillors Hall, Holmes, Harrison and Thetford present. Reeve Harber was sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to preside at this session of the Council.

The Committee on Finance presented their twenty-fourth report, and recommended payment of the following accounts:

General Account

Robt. Wallace, teaming gravel	$229.56
Jas. Ramshaw, gravel and sand	11 50
Geo. R. Agnew, Division Court Clerk	24 00
W. J. Reid, Division Court Bailiff	24 00
G. H. Ritchie, labor	8 40
ACTON FREE PRESS, printing	26 45
Provincial Treasurer, sinking fund	28 30
James, Proctor and Redfern, surveying sidewalk	15 00
Councillors' Salaries	300 00
	$667 15

Waterworks Account

James, Proctor and Redfern	$75 00
W. D. C. Talbot, stove for pump house	44 50
W. J. Reid, coal for pump house	37 80
	$157 30

The report was adopted.

It was decided to have the next regular meeting of the Council on Tuesday evening, December 11. The present session was the last one previous to election.

Mr. J. McClure complained of his assessment on the waterworks assessment, claiming that he was overcharged for frontage tax.

Moved C. H. Harrison, seconded by F. Holmes, that a refund be given to Mr. McClure on his Bower Avenue and Wilbur Street lot, being assessed for double frontage.—Carried.

A statement of the fines payable to the town as collected by H. P. Moore, Police Magistrate, since the last report gave $460.00 for breach of Ontario Temperance Act, and $17.00 for other offences. A cheque covering this amount was forwarded with the statement.

Mrs. J. E. Gamble, on behalf of the Women's Institute, requested a rebate on the rent of the hall on the evening of their concert. The Council agreed to refund half the charge.

This Committee of the Women's Institute also asked the Council if a covering were provided by them for the fountain at the Government Building if the Council would attend to putting it in place. This was agreed to.

The Treasurer presented the financial statement for the year ending November 15.

Moved by F. Holmes, seconded by E. T. Thetford, that the financial statement, prepared by the Treasurer, be accepted, and published.—Carried.

G. A. Dills requested free use of the town hall for the Acton Citizens' Band to put on a series of free concerts during the winter. The Council were unanimous in granting this request.

A by-law providing for the annual municipal election was given the required number of readings, by the Council and passed.

Another by-law, prohibiting the driving on boulevards and letting of cattle run over boulevards and lawns was given the required number of readings and passed. This by-law also provides for the collecting of damages from property so injured, and allows for the damage to sidewalks from driving over them where no crossings are provided.

Council adjourned at 9.35 p. m.

Annual Ball and Supper

The Acton Fire Brigade will hold their twenty-third annual ball and supper on Friday evening, November 30, in the town hall. Music will be furnished by Mason's orchestra.

Strawberries in November

W. A. Emory, fruit grower, of Burlington, picked the last of his strawberries on Monday afternoon, which were the second crop. This breaks the record for late strawberries in this part of old Ontario. Mr. Emory is one of the leading fruit growers of this county and Ontario.

The Recent Election in Alberta

Rev. T. Albert Moore, D. D., who was in Alberta during the campaign and vote on prohibition there, has just written to the editor respecting his experiences. He says: "Prohibition was not defeated because the Moderationists have a better cause, but they have a perfect organization, whereas the temperance forces had very little. They were able to make half truths appear to be whole truths. Their appeal to the cupidity, materialism and false ideas of liberty, temperance and citizenship were the most cunning and crafty that I have ever known in the fifty years or more since I began to talk temperance and prohibition as a Cadet of Temperance, in the old Temperance Hall at home. And the gullability of the people was amazing."

A Prominent Newspaper Man Gone

The death of Robert Elliott, former publisher of the Ingersoll Chronicle and the Wingham Times, occurred on Tuesday at his home at Ingersoll. He was 76 years of age and very widely known throughout Ontario. He had taken an active part in community work. There having served as a member of the Council and of the Board of Education. For many years he also was a very active member of the Methodist Church. In 1905 he disposed of his business to his son, the late W. J. Elliott, and removed to Brantford, where he remained until 1919. He was born in the township of Beverly, Wentworth county, and at an early age went to Listowel, where he learned the printing trade in the office of the Banner. He followed newspaper work in Guelph and Listowel, and in 1889, acquired the Wingham Times. He went to Ingersoll in 1896. Mr. Elliott was very prominently known in connection with the Canadian Order of Foresters. He was a High Court office holder from 1879 to 1919, and in that period missed but one High Court meeting. He was High Chief Ranger from 1884 to 1889, and again from 1898 to 1902; High Treasurer from 1905 to 1916; and High Secretary from 1916 to 1919. He is survived by the following sons and daughters: Mayor H. H. Elliott, Wingham; Mrs. F. H. Walley, St. Thomas; Mrs. J. H. Hartley, Brantford; Mrs. J. B. Fairbairn, Ikamsville; Mrs. R. E. Saunders, Detroit; Mrs. C. O. Duncan, Vineland Station, and Frank E., of Jordan.

OBITUARY

MRS. J. SHARPE, Norval

Mrs. John Sharpe, formerly Eliza McLeah, died at her home, Norval, on Saturday, after an illness of four days, from pneumonia, in her 77th year. She was born in Scotland, but came to the Cheltenham district as a girl, and had spent the rest of her life on the west side of Peel, she and her husband retiring to Norval 11 years ago. Her husband, five sons and six daughters survive.

OLIVER G. ANDERSON

The following with reference to Oliver G. Anderson was contributed to the Calgary Herald of November 7: "The passing of Mr. O. G. Anderson, on October 28, removes from the industrial world of Canada an outstanding and well respected member. From 1885 until his retirement in Calgary in 1912, he was actively engaged in the manufacture of furniture in Eastern Canada and England. For a number of years he owned and operated the largest furniture manufacturing plant in the Dominion, with headquarters at Woodstock, Ontario, now under the control of the Canada Furniture Manufacturers, Limited. He was an exemplary employer and the hundreds of men from the length and breadth of this vast country who learned from him the value and dignity of artisanship and are now successful and valued craftsmen will remember him with gratitude and sympathy, sincerely with his bereaved family. With the earlier manufacturers and the trade generally he will also be remembered with profound respect." Oliver G. Anderson was born in Acton eighty years ago. He was the son of Simeon Anderson, and his birthplace was in the old log tavern which stood on the site of the Ryder & Mowat Clove Factory on Main Street, before Robert Agnew built the Dominion Hotel. Oliver spent his boyhood in Acton, attended the old school, under Mr. Little; was a clerk under Postmaster Matthews, when Acton post office was in the premises now occupied by A. T. Brown, druggist. He left town in his young manhood, and engaged in the manufacture of furniture, which became his life occupation. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. James A. Wilson, of Winnipeg, and Mrs. F. J. Capell, of Elora, Ontario; three sons, Marshall St. G., of Calgary; Col. F. W. G., of Vancouver, and A. Mackenzie of Winnipeg. Mrs. William Snyder, of Elora, was his sister.

WILLIAM CUSICK, Moffat

The death occurred last Friday, November 16, at the family residence, lot 15, concession 1, Nassagaweya, near Moffat, of William Cusick, in his eighty-fifth year. Mr. Cusick was born at Moffat in 1837, and lived on his father's homestead. He has been a life-long residence of that community, excepting for a few years spent in Nelson township, when first married. Mr. Cusick had been confined to his bed through the weakness of old age, for the past eight months. About a month ago the family realized the end was drawing near, and on Friday morning he passed peacefully away. He was a member of the Moffat Methodist Church, and was known for his sterling character and kindly manner. He had a good word for every one, and will be missed by all who knew him. Mr. Cusick was married in 1877 to Miss Amelia Carton, of Caledon township. From this union he leaves to mourn the loss, besides a sorrowing widow, six sons and one daughter: Charles W., of Edmonton, Alta.; Albert E., of Vancouver, B. C.; George C., of Mercury staff, Guelph; Henry W., of New Westminster, B. C.; Norman V., of Port Hardy, B. C.; Mrs. W. J. Reid, of Acton, and John J., at home. His was the first death in the family. The funeral on Sunday was largely attended by a wide circle of friends, showing the high esteem in which the deceased was held. Relatives who attended from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. T. G. McWhirter, Mrs. Digby, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. George Gollop, Norval; Mr. and Mrs. Edward McWhirter, Georgetown; Mrs. Egan, of Bolton; Mr. Richard Hoy, Walton; Mr. and Mrs. Mercer and Mrs. White, of Galt; Mrs. Hinkley, of Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. L. Lorree, Eden Mills; Mrs. Breeze, Mr. and Mrs. E. Carton, Rockwood; Mrs. Rice and Miss Gladys, of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Carton; Isabelle, Myrtle and Lloyd, Mrs. Ford, of Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davidson and Shorley, of Clappison's Corners; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cusick, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reid, Acton. The pallbearers were Messrs. George Cusick, John Cusick, W. J. Reid, George Gollop, Emerson Carton and Wm. Carton. Interment was made in Moffat Cemetery.

Abbie DeForest Got His Deer

Among the hunters who went deer-hunting the beginning of the month was our venerable citizen, A. O. DeForest. Full of the hunting spirit, he went alone up to the Haliburton district. He returned home on Saturday with a fine young deer. Abbie is 72 years of age, and got about the bush as lively as any of the young hunters.

Burglaries at Oakville

While Rev. Dr. Dougall, pastor of the Methodist Church, was conducting the opening services of Lask Hall, Oakville on Sunday night, and while Thomas Harker and his family were attending the service, a burglar broke into their residences. Jewellery, medals and other valuables are missing from the Parsonage, and jewels from the Harker home.

Men's Banquet in Knox Church

A men's banquet will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church on Monday evening next, 26th inst., in the school room of the church. All men of the church are cordially invited to attend. Any strangers in town who are Presbyterians, are invited to come. Supper served at 7 o'clock. Admission free. No offering. Rev. A. M. Dallas, of Toronto, an expert in boys' and men's work, will deliver an address.

The new "Gregory" at Oakville

The "Gregory," the fine new motion picture house just being completed by Mr. H. L. Gregory at Oakville, is to be formally opened with appropriate ceremony next Monday. George Hillmer, M. P. P., Mayor Forster, ex-Mayor Davis, and the architect, Mr. H. Kingston, will deliver addresses. The Oakville Band will also attend. Oakville people are highly pleased that Mr. Gregory has given the town such a fine new public institution.

Special Cars on Toronto Suburban

During the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto, special cars will be run on the Toronto Suburban Railway. On November 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27, a westbound car will leave West Toronto at 11 p. m., passing through Acton at 12.30 and arriving in Guelph at 1.05 a. m. An eastbound car, leaving Guelph on November 22, 23, 24, 27 and 28 at 9 a. m., will pass through Acton at 9.38 a. m., and will arrive at West Toronto at 11.15 a. m.

Able Sermons by Rev. C. D. Draper at Anniversary

The Seventy-Eighth Anniversary Services in Methodist Church Gratifyingly Successful

REV. C. D. DRAPER, OF NIAGARA FALLS, PRESIDENT OF THE HAMILTON CONFERENCE, IN HIS FORMER PULPIT

The seventy-eighth anniversary of the Methodist Church, which was observed last Sunday, was a happy and helpful event in the church's history. The conditions surrounding the anniversary were in all respects gratifying. Rev. C. D. Draper, the President of Hamilton Conference, now of Niagara Falls, who was for four years the esteemed pastor of the church here, and whose pastorate was a very successful one, was the preacher. He was accorded a most cordial welcome, and was greeted by large congregations.

In the morning the Baptist congregation worshipped there, and in the evening Knox Church returned the compliment of their Methodist fellow-Christians for their attendance at the recent anniversary and re-opening of their church.

Rev. Mr. Draper expressed his appreciation of the privilege of again worshipping in the Old Home Church. Your church, here, he said, has a distinct place in my thoughts, and the thoughts of my family. The fact that Hamilton Conference has honored me with the highest position in its power to bestow, I appreciate; but at the same time I feel that this Old Home Church, and other churches I have served, have had much to do in my experiences leading up to this position. I am glad for the fellowship of this day; for the memories that hover around, and for the mellowing bitter-sweet influences which tend to make life tremendously sweet. Our dear ones who have gone to their reward know about us now, and I like to believe they are with us on this occasion. May our services to-day be full of blessing and inspiration to us all.

Both sermons were rich in thought and inspiration. Both were calculated to impart a sane scriptural view of gospel truth, as taught by Jesus Christ, and to enforce careful logical thought and meditation upon the themes presented. Rev. Mr. Draper has a characteristically personal method of treating any subject he undertakes to analyze and amplify, and he has the happy faculty of emphasizing the salient points so that they stand forth in bold relief and convincing power. This was markedly true in respect to his discourses on this occasion. In the evening, at the close of the day's services, a member of the congregation was heard to remark: "Mr. Draper prepares and delivers his sermons in his own way; they are different to those of any other preacher, but they are invariably interesting and helpful, and impress the vital truths in an unforgettable manner."

In the morning a study of the life of Judas, "The man who walked with the Master," was given, in a rather unique and convincing fashion. The preacher showed that Judas was chosen by Christ; that he was once full of noble aspiration and pious thoughts, that he had lived Jesus for the sake of the man, but more for the sake of the message, and that he became a man full of high resolves. We are apt to judge after one act of a person, and with a hypocritical judgment. He was not at first a traitor, but his act of the betrayal of Jesus was the consummation of certain evil desires. But here, as in the parable of the woman brought before Jesus, it might be well for us to take to heart Jesus' suggestion: "Let him that is without guilt cast the first stone." Some ask: "Why did Jesus choose Judas?" For what he was and what he might become. Because of his possibilities, that he might give him character and new capacity and greater life and larger opportunities. Let us remember Jesus did not take from him his power of will. Jesus never made mistakes. As we see Judas in the later life, his was the dying spirit of what was once a noble aspiration. He was caught by evil influences. The Church of God is open for the meek and the noble, the weakling who has a transient view of piety. Shouldn't we receive such and do our best to hold them for the right. Two motives actuated Judas—an inordinate desire for money, and his partially spiritual mind. How much has this worldliness gotten us? How much does the dollar hold us? Are we all pure-bred Christians? Has your life at some time been peculiarly experiencing the power of Jesus? To-day is your life just a little deteriorating? There was never a happy wrongdoer. Sin is a cumulative force.

In the evening a highly interesting character study of the prodigal's brother was given. Mr. Draper concluded that too often in portraying the return of the prodigal he is made the central figure of the parable, whereas the father, as representing God's love and forgiveness, should always be pre-eminent. He contrasted in very vivid colors the two brothers. The prodigal, who had no filial love for his father, no regard for the good name of the family, no concern for the weeping of his mother, no respect for the purity of his sweet sister. He was a scamp who trampled it all into the mire. He wasted his father's property, and disgraced the good name he bore. The elder brother, who stayed at home, was his father's support, and he uplifted the name of the family. His father said to him: "Son, thou art ever with me; all that I have is thine," a commendation never spoken to any other man. In view of this we must withhold our criticism of the elder brother, and stand on the testimony of the father when passing judgment upon him. The able exposition culminated in the thought that, while God always has a welcome for the returning sinner, He always reserves His best love and blessings for those who never leave Him, but are always with the Father. The ideal Jesus sets up is not the prodigal, but the boy who stayed at home and always lived for God. The elder brother class is Jesus' ideal class. God will save the prodigal when he comes to Him, but he wants the boys and girls who love the Lord in their simple ways. You can go to the membership of any Christian Church and you will always find the backbone of that church to be those who united with the church, and were loyal to it, through their love for God from their youth up. God never lauds a sinner for repentance. He saves him. But he does laud the other class, and says: "All that I have is thine."

Rev. Mr. Howard assisted at the opening services in the morning; owing to a call to Guelph Hospital in the evening Rev. Mr. Stewart was unable to be present.

The praise service was led with unusual ability by the church choir. Their anthems were rendered with a harmony and faithful interpretation which rendered them fully in accord with the spirit of worship. The solo parts taken by Miss Hertie Smith, Miss Hazel Mason, Mr. Amos Mason, leader of the choir, and Major Kennedy, were excellently taken. The choir's share in the services contributed no small share to the success of the day's festivities.

The congregation was represented by the Trustee Board to contribute a free will offering of $600. This objective was passed by about $35.00.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bristow visited over the holiday at the Rectory.

Mrs. Milne, of Fergus, is visiting at the home of Mr. D. C. Russell.

Miss Florence Holmes was home from Toronto over the week-end.

Miss Annie Crawford, of Guelph, visited friends in town on Sunday.

Miss Mary McPherson, of Collingwood, is visiting at her home here.

Miss May Wildgust, of London, visited friends in town during the week.

Miss Lily Alderson, of Guelph, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown.

Mr. Russell Hawkins, of Guelph, visited friends in town over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leavens, of Rockwood, spent Sunday with Acton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Speight, of Toronto, spent the week-end with Acton relatives.

Mrs. James Blackwell, of London, visited at Mr. Hugh McCutcheon's last week.

Mr. Joseph Kennedy spent the week-end with friends in Richmond Hill and Toronto.

Miss Ada Clarke, of Port Credit, was a guest at Mr. Peter Smith's during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rumley, of Toronto, visited at the parental home over the week-end.

Mrs. John Kenney visited at the home of her son, Mr. Linton Kenney, at Kitchener, last week.

Miss Lottie E. Speight, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is now gradually improving.

Messrs. Percy and William Cleave, of Georgetown, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Watson.

Mrs. G. W. Masales and babe have returned after spending two weeks' holidays with relatives in Bracebridge.

Miss Currie, principal of the Bronte Public School, visited with her mother in Acton, over Thanksgiving.—Oakville Record.

Mrs. Robert Sprowl, Mrs. W. Plant and Mrs. E. S. Rice visited at the home of Mrs. Andrew Dobbie, Dolly Varden, a day or so this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bessey and Doris, of Georgetown, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. H. S. Wilson.

Reeve Harber is now convalescing nicely from his recent illness. He was able to attend the meeting of the Council on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Martin have moved from their residence on Church Street to the home at their orchard and garden on Victoria Avenue.

Dr. Farmer and Mr. Harold N. Farmer, Town Clerk, were at Ancaster yesterday attending the funeral of Miss Milne, a life-long friend of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Corney and babe, Miss Hattie Moore and Miss Mary Howie, of Toronto, spent Sunday with their friend, Mrs. Maud McBain.

Rev. Charles D. Draper, President of Hamilton Conference, of Niagara Falls, was the guest of Mrs. C. C. Speight and Miss Speight during his stay in town.

The Hon. Mr. Willson and Mrs. Willson and babe arrived last week from Budapest, Hungary. They are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Farmer at Preston Springs.

Last week Rev. and Mrs. Baugh motored to Arthur and Palmerston, returning home Thursday, accompanied by Mrs. W. S. Buselin and Mrs. J. M. Small of Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McKinnon and Miss McKinnon and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell motored from Toronto and spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wesley Masales.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Carnochan announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Eliza Mae, to Mr. Frederick Arnold Bell, son of Mrs. Willis Bell, of Goderich, the wedding to take place the latter part of December.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smith, of Hill Hall, celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary last Wednesday very happily. THE FREE PRESS joins their many friends in extending best wishes for many additional years of happiness together.

Canada Well Represented

A Western Editor States Premier King Made Good Impression at the Imperial Conference

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—"The Imperial conference just ended was a real conference," said John W. Dafoe, editor of the Manitoba Free Press, this morning, upon his arrival from London. "It was valuable because it was a conference of Governments, and not as has been the case formerly, something in the nature of a super-Cabinet of the Empire. While they sidestepped the question of the formal definition of the the status of the Dominions," said Mr. Dafoe, "they did what really amounted to the definition of status when they formally affirmed and recognized the right of the Dominions to make their own treaties."

Canada was adequately represented at the conference, Mr. Dafoe said. Prime Minister King made a very good impression, both at his public meetings and at the sessions themselves.

Dundas Street Provincial Highway

This new highway has now been completed from Toronto to Clapperson's Corners. The road is a splendid one, said to be better than the Toronto-Hamilton Highway, and four feet wider. It will take a good deal of travel from the Toronto-Hamilton Highway, which has been overcrowded. Motorists from this district, who have been going to Toronto by way of the second and seventh lines and the old lake-shore highway, will now turn on to the new Dundas Street Highway at Palermo or Trafalgar.