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THE ACTON UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Minister—Rev. R. E. Zimmerman, B. A.
Parsonage—Willow Street

11.00 a.m.—The Minister. Subject: "The Spirit of Christmas."

Sunday School session at 2.30 p. m. "White Gift Service."

7.00 p.m.—Christmas Cantata by Church Choir.

Prayer service on Thursday at 7.30 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

Minister—Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A.
Manse—Willow Street

11.00 a.m.—The Minister. Subject: "The Child Jesus."

3.00 p.m.—Sabbath School and Bible Classes.

7.00 p.m.—The Minister. Subject: "God's Christmas Gift to the World."

Young People's Guild withdrawn.

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

THE BAPTIST CHURCH
ACTON

Pastor—Wm. J. Baxter.

December 26th,

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject: "The Divinity of Christ."

2.00 p.m.—Sunday School.

7.00 p.m.—Evening Service. Subject: "Thou Shalt call His Name Jesus."

Christmas messages morning and evening. Special music. All welcome.

Monday 8.00 p.m.—B. Y. P. U. Speaker, the Pastor.

Thursday, 8.00 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Service.

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AND

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Acton and District

Christmas Sunday—26th of December

In most churches Christmas Sunday, with appropriate services and messages, will be observed next Sunday. In the United Church the choir will render a Christmas cantata at the evening service.

The Rink Opened Friday

The rink was open to the public on Friday evening. Everyone who wished were permitted to skate free of cost. Saturday evening the ice was in splendid condition and a large number assembled to skate to the strains of Acton Citizens' Band.

St. Joseph's Sunday School Concert

A very enjoyable Christmas entertainment was held in St. Joseph's Church on Monday evening. The splendid programme which breathed forth the Christmas spirit, was carried out. There was a large attendance and everybody appeared to be happy.

New Agent at C. N. R. Office

The vacancy caused by the retirement of H. S. Holmes, the veteran agent of the Canadian National Railway at Acton, will be filled by Mr. William Middleton, of Breslau. Mr. Middleton has been agent at Breslau for the past twenty years, and is an experienced railway man.

Knox Church Choir Banquet

The members of the Ladies' Aid of Knox Church entertained the members of the church choir at a banquet in the church on Thursday evening. A full toast list and an excellent programme were carried out. The ladies excelled themselves in the excellent menu provided, and the choir appreciated very fully the compliment thus paid to their services.

Conan Doyle's Great Novel is Screened

The bringing to life of prehistoric dinosaurs marks another milestone in motion history. Years ago Watterson R. Rothacker bought the screen rights to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's novel, "The Lost World," and over seven years ago work on the photoplay version was started. "The Lost World," made jointly by Rothacker and by First National, reached the screen under the supervision of Earl Hudson, who adapted it from the original Conan Doyle story. The thrilling photodrama will be shown at the Wonderland Theatre on Friday evening.

Painfully Injured by Horse's Kick

Last Friday, George Cowie, the proprietor of the Mill Street blacksmith shop, met with an accident which will confine him to his house for some time. He was about to examine a horse for shoeing when the horse struck out viciously with his hind feet, striking Mr. Cowie in the calf of the right leg. Two painful wounds were inflicted, and the flesh badly lacerated. He is confined to bed, but hopes to be around again shortly. Mr. Cowie's son, James, has come home from Toronto to superintend the shop during his father's incapacity.

New Type of Motor Licenses

There will be no difficulty in identifying Ontario motor vehicle license plates during 1927. Both the number and the name of the province and the year stand up prominently in black on a light buff background. The figures designating the license number stretch clear across the new plates, and under them the word "Ontario," and the year are, printed in full, in letters and figures an inch high. The new plates are now being issued, and those buying 1927 licenses will find a $5 reduction in the price. Samples of the new markers are shown in the Free Press window.

Baptist Sunday School Concert

The Baptist Sunday School concert on Monday evening in the church was greatly appreciated by the audience, which completely filled the church. Many entertaining numbers were rendered by the scholars. Earle Cole, Marjorie Reid, Lois Cripps and Annie Martin gave recitations. Crow Drill by five boys and a Star drill by young ladies. Tableau, "Nearer My God to Thee," Miss Lena Buck; Vocal solo, "Abide With Me," Mrs. W. J. Baxter (by Liddle); Organ, "Prayer," Pastor W. J. Baxter. The Christmas tree was an enjoyable feature. The duties of chairman were carried out with skill by Pastor W. J. Baxter.

Left for British Columbia

Mr. Charles Holmes disposed of his effects by auction sale on Saturday. Yesterday the family left for their new home in Vancouver, British Columbia. It is twenty-one years since Mr. and Mrs. Holmes came to Acton from England. They have been industrious citizens, and have reared a family who have made themselves useful. A daughter is married and living in Vancouver, and she will have a warm welcome for her parents and the family. Mr. Holmes has also an aunt residing at Tacoma, Wash., whom he expects to visit shortly. Many Acton citizens unite in wishing the family a safe journey and success in the West. Mr. Ernest Cripps, who sold his farm and bought the property and business of Mr. Holmes, took possession on Saturday.

United Sunday School Christmas Entertainment

The annual entertainment and Christmas tree of the Sunday School of the United Church on Monday evening was a most enjoyable event. The Christmas atmosphere pervaded the evening's programme. It was manifest from the outset that Mr. A. T. Brown, superintendent, and his splendid body of workers had determined to give the scholars a real Christmas good time. The programme was largely given by the little tots, and the younger scholars and the various numbers presented were very creditably rendered. Rev. Mr. Zimmerman, the minister, was here and there and everywhere, seeing that the large company, and especially the little folks were having a good time. The Sunday School Orchestra rendered an especially meritorious programme. The beautifully decorated Christmas tree was an attraction to all, and when Santa Claus arrived to distribute the fruit it bore the pleasure of the little folks was almost boundless. Every scholar, from the cradle roll up, was remembered, and all other children present were also supplied with oranges and candy. The function marked another interesting epoch in the history of the school's Christmas entertainments, from the time of the first Christmas tree in the old church in 1872, when the late Mrs. Secord initiated it to the delight of the children of that Christmastide, fifty-four years ago.

Our Greeting

CHRISTMAS is the season when heart calleth unto heart. "Amidst the general call to happiness, the bustle of the spirits, and stir of the affections, which prevail at this period, what bosom can remain insensible?" said the poet.

It is one day at least when suspicion, hate and gloom find but little space for lodgment in human breasts; when people forget the things that worry and fix their minds upon the many things for which they may be thankful; when the spirit of cheer exists in sufficient bounty to reach us all.

Any unhappiness, any sense of the thorns of life, may be sunk in contemplation of the joy which the day brings to so large a part of the world, especially to the children of our immediate world; for the day was born with a Child and has remained largely a festival of the young, its sanctified ideals strengthened by childish purity, recreating faith, hope and charity in their elders.

Then, let us make this Christmas purposeful; a season of regenerated feeling, of love, peace and good will. Let us hang the holly and the evergreen; let us promote the surge of joy. In this spirit, we wish you all

A Merry Christmas

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Life's Social Side

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dills visited Toronto friends this week.

Miss Mary E. McPherson, of Geneva, N. Y., is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Ada Ostrander returned home on Monday, after spending a week or so with friends in Toronto.

Miss Jessie Denny visited her sister, Mrs. G. Ramshaw, in Toronto this week.

Mr. J. C. Matthews, Postmaster, spent a day or so last week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. G. Matthews in Toronto.

Mr. Angus R. Kennedy has successfully passed his year in the junior examinations at the Ontario College of Pharmacy.

Mr. Alex. Lucas, of Toronto University, is spending a few days at "Hillcrest," the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Martin.

Reeve Mason and Police Magistrate Moore attended the Warden's dinner as guests of Warden Blain at Milton on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Moore announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Lillian to Mr. E. B. Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lane, Grand Valley.

Mr. William Waldie, of Brandon, Man., arrived home this week to spend the holidays with his aged father, Alex. Waldie, Esq., and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Fred Funk, of Binghamton, N.Y., arrived on Monday to spend Christmas holidays at the home of her mother, Mrs. James Moore, Mill Street. Mr. Funk will arrive later in the week.

Mrs. A. M. Smith, of Staten Island, N.Y., who has spent several months with friends in town, returned on Saturday. Her cousin, Mrs. (Dr.) Bell, accompanied her, and will spend the holidays in New York.

Mr. D. H. Young left Tuesday morning for Chicago, where he will spend a few days with his brother, Thomas. Then they intend to spend the holiday with Mr. Young's daughter, Mrs. H. E. Meyers, Mendota, Ill.

Mr. Geo. O'Boyle, of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., visited his cousins, Mrs. John Mellon and the Misses Leatham last week. He had spent the summer on the Great Lakes. He was one of the lucky ones who got through the Soo with his steamer before the freeze-up.

The following relatives and friends from a distance attended the funeral of Mrs. H. C. Strasser, of Detroit, on Sunday: Mr. W. H. Strasser and Miss Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Strasser, Mrs. D. P. Marks and Miss Ruth Lucan, Mr. and Mrs. George Strasser, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Statham, Brantford; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Statham, St. Thomas; Miss C. Strasser, Mrs. Frank Petch, Mr. Ralph Petch, of Waterloo; Mr. Wainwright, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. R. McPherson, Mr. R. J. Stewart, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. May, Members of the International Bible Class, of Guelph; Mrs. George Campbell, Messrs. Robt Mark and Jas. Given, Georgetown, and Miss Janie Given and Mr. John Given, Erin.

100th ANNIVERSARY TORONTO UNIVERSITY

To be Celebrated Next October by Graduates, Students and Friends

Deans and dons, members of the Board of Governors, and representative alumni gathered in the Senate Chamber of Toronto University on Monday afternoon as members of the committee formed to prepare an appropriate form of celebration for the university's hundredth birthday next October 6, 7 and 8.

They entered enthusiastically into discussion and analysis of the tentative programme, amended and modified it, heard reports from sub-committees, which have been sketching proposed events and having strained much of the chaff from the entertainment wheat, arranged to have still more detailed reports presented at the next meeting in a month's time.

It will be a great celebration, (graduates from all parts of the world will come home to participate.

HILSON BOYS ON SUSPENDED SENTENCE

On Charge of Robbery from Milton Heights Store on October 31

In the county judge's criminal court at Milton last week the three Hilson boys, Matthew, Isaac and Harry, Jr., all of Nassagaweya Township, pleaded guilty to having on the night of October 31st last burglarized the general store of Tomileo Mascia at Milton Heights and stolen therefrom 31 bottles of whiskey, a sum of money and a quantity of tobacco and cigarettes to the value of $50.

On account of their youth His Honor Judge Elliot released the boys on suspended sentence, with a warning that if they ever appeared in court again on a criminal charge and were convicted, the penalty would be severe.

Each of the boys was required to furnish a bond for two hundred dollars for good behavior for a period of one year, and also to pay $8 each toward the cost of the prosecution.

The three Hilsons at the preliminary trial swore that the 31 bottles of whiskey found in the lost had also been stolen from Mascia. Mascia was afterwards arrested and at the trial before Police Magistrate H. P. Moore, on the evidence of the Hilson boys, was fined $400 and $65 costs for having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling.

THE HIGH SCHOOL AT HOME

A Very Enjoyable Evening at the Town Hall on Tuesday

The annual function of the High School teachers, students and their friends was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening and was one of the most enjoyable and successful in the long list of similar events held by the school.

The literary and musical programme was as follows:

"O Canada."—By the School.
Chairman's Address—Elvin Gamble.
Piano Solo—Miss Marjorie Switzer.
Group of Indian Songs and Dance around the camp fire, with recitation, "Cattle Thief," by Meryl Grindell.
Physical Exercises:
(1) Dumbells—Junior Boys.
(2) Clubs—Junior Girls.
Saxaphone Solo—George Mason.
Dance—John McGeachie.
"High School Eye-Opener." Read by Frank Cook and Meryl Grindell.
Drama—"Economical Boomerang."

A social hour followed with promenades, etc., for which music was provided by Misses Hazel and Lottie Mason. Dainty refreshments were served.

GENEROUS GIFT TO HOME CHURCH

A Former Member Donates a Pipe Organ to Trinity Uuited Church Huntsville

The Huntsville Forester says:

Announcement made by Mr. W. E. Hutcheson, recording steward, at the last Sunday service at Trinity Church last Sunday morning, of the donation of a pipe organ to the church, by a former member, now living at some distance from Huntsville, has caused a good deal of excited interest among the members.

In making the announcement, Mr. Hutcheson kept his promise not to reveal the name of the donor, and this information will not leak out until the organ is dedicated, probably sometime in March.

The donation, a handsome one for any individual to make, not only includes the full cost of the instrument itself, but the cost of installation as well.

POLICE COURT NEWS

Ernest Thomas and George Beobyn, of Acton, were taken into custody on Pearl Street late Sunday night on a charge of being intoxicated. On their appearance before Magistrate Watt Monday morning, both pleaded guilty to being drunk, and were each fined $10 and costs. Beobyn claimed that he obtained his jag on half a ounce bottle of liquor secured with a prescription at Acton. His Worship disbelieved the story and sent the offender back to the cells to think the matter over.—Guelph Mercury.

Ordination to the Priesthood

The Bishop of Niagara Performs Impressive Rites at St. Alban's Church

Rarely, if ever before, in the history of St. Alban's Church, Acton, has the impressive ceremony of the ordination of a candidate for the priesthood taken place. On Tuesday forenoon, St. Thomas' Day, however, Rev. Philip A. Sawyer, L. Th., who has been Deacon in charge of St. Alban's Church, Acton, and St. John's Church, Rockwood, was advanced to the priesthood, the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Niagara, Dr. Owen, being the celebrant.

The Bishop was assisted in the ceremony by the venerable Archdeacon Scovil, Rector of St. George's Church, Guelph.

Archdeacon Scovil preached an able sermon, based upon the story of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist, in which the ceremony of the day was aptly typified. He showed that John the Baptist was in the background of the entering of Jesus Christ upon His ministry, and finally came through his commission. "He who sent me," he said during his work of baptising believers in the river Jordan. John's exhortation there "Repent ye," was a call to the Children of Israel to get ready to accept the Messiah. At this time Jesus sought John there and He presented Himself for baptism. To John there then came the sense of his commission. Probably by the leading of the Holy Spirit he suspected it was Jesus. There is great comfort in the fact that Jesus was ready, though sinless, to submit to John's baptism. It signified Jesus' kinship with humanity. The descent of the Holy Spirit was proof most assuring to John that Jesus was the Messiah. "This is My Beloved Son."

We need the Divine grace for cleansing, for restoration, for development. It was because of Divine grace that there came human development. We all need the Divine grace. Through the Church of God we are led to realize this need, and that is why the church ordains its ministers to preach the gospel.

The address of the Bishop was very solemn and significant. As the candidate was presented for his ordination instruction and vows, by the Archdeacon, he said:

"Take heed that the person whom ye present unto us be apt and meet for his learning and godly conversation, to exercise his ministry duly, to the honor of God, and the edifying of His Church."

Addressing the priest-elect the Bishop said: "You have heard my brother, as well in your private examination, as in the exhortation which has now been made to you, and in the holy lesson taken out of the gospel and the writings of the Apostles of what dignity, and of how great importance this office is, whereunto you are called. And now again we exhort you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that you have in remembrance, unto how high a dignity, and to how weighty an office and charge ye are called; that is to say: to be a messenger, a watchman, a steward of the Lord; to teach and to premonish, to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for His children who are in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ forever."

The solemn ordination vows were then taken by the candidate, after which the Bishop concluded: "Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and the work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands, and be thou a faithful dispenser of the word of God, of His Holy sacraments, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Take thou authority to preach the word of God, and to minister the holy sacraments in the congregation."

In addition His Lordship the Bishop, and the Venerable G. F. Scovil, Archdeacon, the following clergymen were also present and took part: Rev. J. A. M. Bell, of St. George's Church and Rev. T. F. W. DePencier, of St. Patrick's Church, Guelph; Rev. Canon Naftel, Milton and Rev. F. H. Wase, of Georgetown.

Rev. A. C. Stewart, M.A., of Knox Church and Pastor Baxter, of the Baptist Church, also attended the service.

Mrs. Sawyer and Mr. Sawyer's sister, Mrs. Dunbar, of Embro, entertained the visiting clergymen at St. Alban's Rectory after the ordination service.

THE POST OFFICES OF CANADA

Postal Revenues, Expenditures, Mail Carried, Savings Bank Deposits

The report of the Postmaster-General of Canada for the past fiscal year was issued last week. It has much information of interest to Canadians generally.

Canada has 12,439 Post Offices, an increase of 63 during the year.

The net revenue for the year was $31,024,464.22, and the expenditures were $524,778.48 less. $30,166,763.12 of the above revenue was received for postage stamps and post cards.

During the year 6,821,370 postal notes, amounting to $15,340,056.11 were paid. The revenue from postal notes was $182,684.15.

We have in Canada 5,706 money order offices. 14,784,230 money orders were issued for $177,840,231.30.

There are 79,178 depositors in our Post Office Savings Bank, with deposits of $24,035,668.99.

The sum of $2,170,535.56 was paid to railway mail clerks during the year.

It is estimated that 1,400,000,000 letters, postcards, parcels and circulars were carried through Canada's mail last year. Of these 1,831,228 reached the Dead Letter Office. These dead letters contained $19,451.07 in cash. Of this sum the owners were found by the Dead Letter Office, for $17,701.22 and $1,749.85 was deposited to the credit of the Receiver General.

The revenues in the accounting offices in Halton County and the vicinity for the year were as follows:

ACTON	$8,960 11
Ballinafad	155 76
Bronte	1,431 75
Burlington	9,843 04
Campbellville	1,377 50
Elora	6,262 13
Erin	3,128 01
Fergus	14,031 34
Freeman	3,014 09
Georgetown	10,053 95
Glenwilliams	711 13
Hornby	596 55
Milton	10,253 46
Moffat	459 45
Norval	1,117 94
Orangeville	11,022 19
Oakville	15,365 82
Palermo	421 11
Port Nelson	1,066 33
Rockwood	2,099 17
Streetsville	2,426 77
Waterdown	2,151 06

Acton and District

School Buildings to be Lighted

At a conference of the Municipal Council, the Public School Board and members of the Hydro Commission this week, plans were entered into for the installation of a complete electric lighting system throughout the High and Public Schools. Only the basement and entrance have been lighted until now.

Bad Fire in Guelph from Cigarette

The Wyndham Inn, Guelph, was discovered to be on fire on Sunday morning, following a dance on Saturday night. The firemen are of the opinion that it was caused by a cigarette end being left on a chair. A good deal of damage was done to the furniture and furnishings, curtains and hardwood flooring. The firemen's prompt arrival kept the fire confined.

Dr. Belfry Kelly Takes Position in Toronto

Among a number of appointments made by the Board of Governors to the staff of the University of Toronto was that of Dr. C. Belfry Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kelly, Guelph, who was appointed demonstrator in pathology. Dr. Kelly spent twelve years in China in medical missionary work for the Methodist Church.

How They Do It at Markdale

The trustees of the Gospel Workers Church have levied a charge of $2.00 a year for the accommodation of horses in their shed. Ticket for the year may be obtained from George Morwood, of Markdale. When service is being held in the church, shed accommodation is free for the horses of all attending the service.—Markdale Standard.

They Want Chicken Thieves Lashed

A deputation of farmers appeared before the Wentworth County Council on Tuesday, and urged that when any chicken thieves are caught and convicted, they should be given the lash. Farmers in the counties adjoining Hamilton have lost considerable fowl through thieves, and it is thought the lash might tend to lessen crime of this character.

Of Course You're Enjoying it

Buying Christmas gifts is one of the most delightful experiences of the whole year. What could be pleasanter than to sally forth to the gaily-decked, treasure-laden shops and choose an acceptable gift for each of your friends? We start out full of excitement and hope. If we return tired and dispirited, with nerves on edge, and head aching it is our own fault. The secret of success in Christmas shopping lies in carefully planning beforehand. But it is a real pleasure after all, both in expectation and realization. Christmas is a happy time after all—and the before and after experiences are well worth while.

The Short Courses at Milton

The School in Agriculture and Home Economics will re-open on January 3rd, with the undermentioned lecturers: J. Horace Shaw, gas engines, tractors and radios; Harry Sirrett, B. S. A., Horticulture, Vegetable Growing, Grafting, Transplanting, etc.; G. O. Hand, B. S. A., Farm Dairying; R. R. Fleming and A. G. Ireton, Feeds and Feeding and Live Stock Judging. These are very practical subjects and the farm boys of Halton County should not miss the opportunity of such a splendid course. In Home Economics there will be the following lecturers: Miss M. McDiarmid and Mrs. James Allen; and Domestic Science, Miss Evelyn Shortreed.

The Warden's Dinner

The Warden's Dinner at the Mitchell Inn at Milton, on Tuesday evening, was an unusually enjoyable affair. Warden Blain, of Milton, proved himself a most hospital host. Ex-Warden Little acted as toastmaster. The speeches were of a very high order, loyal to country and to county, brief and pointed. The principal speakers were Dr. Anderson, M.P., George Hillmer, M.P.P., W. J. L. Hampshire, Warden Riddell of Peel, and Squire Crawford, of Brampton; Judge Elliot, Dr. Gowland, ex-Warden McIntyre, ex-Warden Morden, LeRoy Dale, Reeve Nicolson, of Burlington. Many complimentary things were spoken of Warden Blain for his careful and able administration of county affairs during the year.

Organizing a Glee Club

A gathering of musically inclined citizens was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Reeve Mason for all those interested in forming a glee club, and judging from the number present, the interest was great. The object of the club will be to get all those who are interested in male choir and chorus work together, and start preparation for some entertainments to be given throughout the winter months, the proceeds of the first one to go to the Park Improvement Committee, to help carry on the good work they have already started. The election of officers of the club were chosen as follows: President—Reeve Mason; Treasurer, C. E. Knapp; Secretary, H. McComb; Committee: J. Lewis; H. Hinton, F. Coles, N. Gibbons and G. Masales; Librarian, A. Jack. The appointment of a musical leader was left in the hands of the committee. The first practice of the Glee Club was called for the following Wednesday evening at the home of Reeve Mason, when work will commence to prepare for the first of the series of concerts which is being arranged by Mr. Salt and Mr. Lewis, will be held about the 19th of January, the exact date of which will be advertised later.

Acton True Blue Officers Elected

The regular meeting of Maple Leaf Loyal Orange True Blue Lodge No. 390 was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Thursday evening. The W.M., Mrs. E. Gamble, presided, assisted by Mrs. M. Smith, D.M. Reports from the convenor of the committee of the concert, showing a satisfactory sum realized for carrying on the good work by the lodge in helping in the True Blue and Orange Home at Richmond Hill, were read. This money will be used in sending Christmas cheer to the 148 children there and contributing toward the general expenses and upkeep of the home. The election of officers, under the direction of our D.D.G.M., Mr. E. McCreight, and Mr. Lewis, of Georgetown, resulted as follows: Worshipful Mistress, Mrs. E. Gamble; Deputy Mistress, Mrs. E. Lappin; Recording Secretary, Miss Thelma Gamble; Financial Secretary, Mrs. R. Hall; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Tyler; Chaplain, Mrs. E. F. Collier; Director of Ceremonies, Mrs. E. Dunbar; Conductor, Miss Minnie Blair; Inside Tyler, Mrs. J. Wilds; Outside Tyler, Mrs. E. Turner; Standing Committee, Mrs. S. Catnahan, Mrs. M. Footitt, Mrs. J. Babcock, Mrs. S. Hall, Miss A. Simpson; Auditors, Mrs. E. F. Collier and Mrs. M. Smith.