

### MISSION'S INSPIRATION, FELLOWSHIP APPRAISED BY MINISTERIAL ASS'N.

Unprecedented fellowship and co-operation were manifest in Acton during the week long preaching mission, which was climaxed on Sunday, November 15, in Knox Presbyterian church with over 500 attending. The Ministerial Association, which planned carefully for the mission, recently organized a house-to-house church survey throughout the town and immediate district.

Special speaker at the week of services was Rev. Stanley Vance of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Hamilton, whose stirring messages will long be remembered by those of all congregations.

The mission was under the direction of Rev. R. H. Armstrong, pastor Ray Costerus, Rev. E. A. Currey and Rev. Ralph Price. Much regret was expressed that Rev. Price, who had devoted much time to the planning of the mission, was unable to attend. Services were

held in the Baptist, Presbyterian and United churches.

Following is the full text of an appraisal of the preaching mission, issued by the Ministerial Association.

**Appraisal of the Preaching Mission**  
Now that the church survey and the preaching mission have been completed, we are attempting to evaluate it. It has been called a venture of faith. It is impossible to measure the things of the faith in the precise way that a business can take stock.

The impact of the preaching mission may well be felt in many lives long after the mission itself is forgotten. But there are some things that we can say have happened and others that we can reasonably expect to happen.

1. The four congregations have taken on a bigger undertaking than they have attempted in many years and have carried it through to a successful completion. It required careful, long-range planning and the willing support of the

membership of the churches. The satisfaction of doing a difficult job well has opened the eyes of all of us to what the churches can do when they set themselves to it.

2. The preaching of Rev. Stanley Vance has done two important things. It has further instructed our minds in the faith and it has stirred our hearts to a warm response to the claims of the Gospel. When mind and heart are both stirred, the will responds in better obedience to our Lord and His church.

We were struck with the responsive chord that was stirred in the people who heard him preach. In his final sermon, Mr. Vance compared worship to a ship in the locks of a canal. The water rushes in, raises the ship to a higher level and it continues its way. We have every reason to believe that as a result of this experience in which so many participated, the church life in the community will continue its way at a higher level.

3. The four churches in Acton have always worked well together. But never in the memory of the present ministers has there been such close fellowship and comradeship and that in itself is an important achievement.

4. The point is sometimes raised that most of those attending such a mission are already faithful church members. That is true but it should not be a criticism. Always in the past when there has been a quickening of religious life, it has begun in the church and then spread. It need only be a criticism if we think of the preaching mission as an end already achieved, rather than the beginning of something better in church life.

5. Actually, the survey and preaching mission have done something that goes beyond the four participating congregations. Those who, for one reason or another, are not church people, know what has been going on. Some have thought of the church as a static institution concerned only with its own internal piety. They can see that the Protestant constituency in Acton believes that the church has an important function in the life of the community and that it is ready to actively undertake its responsibilities.

—Acton Ministerial Association

### Presentation Part Of Commencement

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Parker, Mrs. G. W. McKenzie and Mrs. Ada Matthews. Richard Mason presented the prize.

Others in the cast were Joe Jany, Pauline Papillon, Wayne Currie, Bob Armstrong and Fay Garner. Dennis Papillon was stage manager and R. R. Parker was in charge of make-up. Miss M. Snyder, who directed the play, was presented with a bouquet of flowers Friday evening by Linda Mann while Elizabeth Jany thanked her.

Applause and laughter indicated the play was a good choice, and the parts well cast.

The athletic display was popular as usual, with club swinging a new feature this year. Grade X girls were instructed in this routine by Dick Schnull, who has trained similar groups in Holland.

Tumbling and pyramids by boys directed by Mr. Heron displayed agility and skill, and a dance by Mrs. Heas's Grade XI girls grace and rhythm.

With Donna McMillan and Sheila Paul providing the music, a rotating square dance completed the athletic display.

A dance followed the commencement on Friday evening.

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REV. R. H. ARMSTRONG  
Knox Presbyterian Church



Our next big issue at school will be the Christmas exams. Also we are constantly contending with term tests.

Our commencement was a success and all truly enjoyed practicing for it and presenting it. In fact, I'm sure we rather miss Glee Club, play practice and our PT periods devoted to athletic displays.

The student council held their regular meeting on Monday, after school at which various details of the commencement were cleared up. It was agreed that the student council would have student cards printed for those students who wished to purchase them.

An assembly was planned for Friday, November 27 at which the student council would stage a regular meeting.

Mr. Heron has been away Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs. Buchanan has been able taking his place.

Out of each dollar of sales last year Canadian manufacturers paid nearly 23 cents for wages and employee benefits, nearly nine cents for taxes and five cents went to net profit.



PASTOR RAY COSTERUS  
Acton Baptist Church



MINISTER OF St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Hamilton, Rev. Stanley W. Vance, B.A. was guest speaker recently during the preaching mission, sponsored by the United church, Knox Presbyterian church, the Baptist church and St. Alban's Anglican church.



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