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80th Anniversary Services Held at Baptist Church

ELOQUENT ADDRESSES BY REV. GORDON W. HOLMES, A FORMER PASTOR, SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE CHOIR

SUPPER AND CONCERT LARGELY ATTENDED

Georgetown Baptist Church celebrated its 80th anniversary with special services on Sunday, Nov. 14th, when large congregations were present both morning and evening. This was an inspiration to the present members of the congregation to continue the religious activities of the Baptist denomination, after ninety years of increasing labor in the community for the Master.

It was on October 18, 1847, that the first meeting of the Baptist congregation was called in Georgetown, and Michael Dayfoot was appointed church deacon and treasurer, and J. S. Pith, clerk. The first pastor of the church was Rev. John Clark, who continued in the appointment from 1847 to 1855.

The present church building was opened on January 30, 1870, when the special speakers were Rev. Dr. Fyfe, principal of Woodstock College, and Dr. William Stewart, of Toronto. The pipe organ was not installed until 1923. Rev. E. O. Baxter is the present pastor of the church.

The anniversary services on Sunday were conducted by Rev. G. M. Holmes, B.A., B.Th., of Hamilton, a former pastor of the church. It was twenty years ago May 18, that Rev. Mr. Holmes was ordained into the Baptist ministry in the church here when he was introduced by the late R. F. Bessey. After a few introductory remarks, in which Mr. Holmes expressed his happiness at being able to return to Georgetown and preach anniversary services, he chose as his text Psalm 87, verse 3: "Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God." He said in part, viz: "In this generation when people are painting gloomy pictures about the church, and pointing out where it is lacking in many respects, it is not the church that is gloomy but the people themselves, for they fail to see the truth about the church and fail to get the facts. The church is a glorious and glorious thing—for glorious things are spoken of this church—God has promised this. The life of the church is divided into four distinct parts: inauguration, association, operation and consummation. The first church came from the very foot of God, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for the church. The church is great because of the association of God. And when we associate with the true church of God we are great too. All the great men of the times, religious leaders, statesmen, and others have always turned to the church in their time of need. Paul, who was the greatest persecutor of the church has ever known, in the story of the Bible is printed in a thousand tongues; great religious leaders are found in every nation—does it look to us as if the church was failing in her duty. We should not be ashamed of the church or Jesus Christ. He died for our sins. When things seem dull let us call on Christ and serve him better, for glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God."

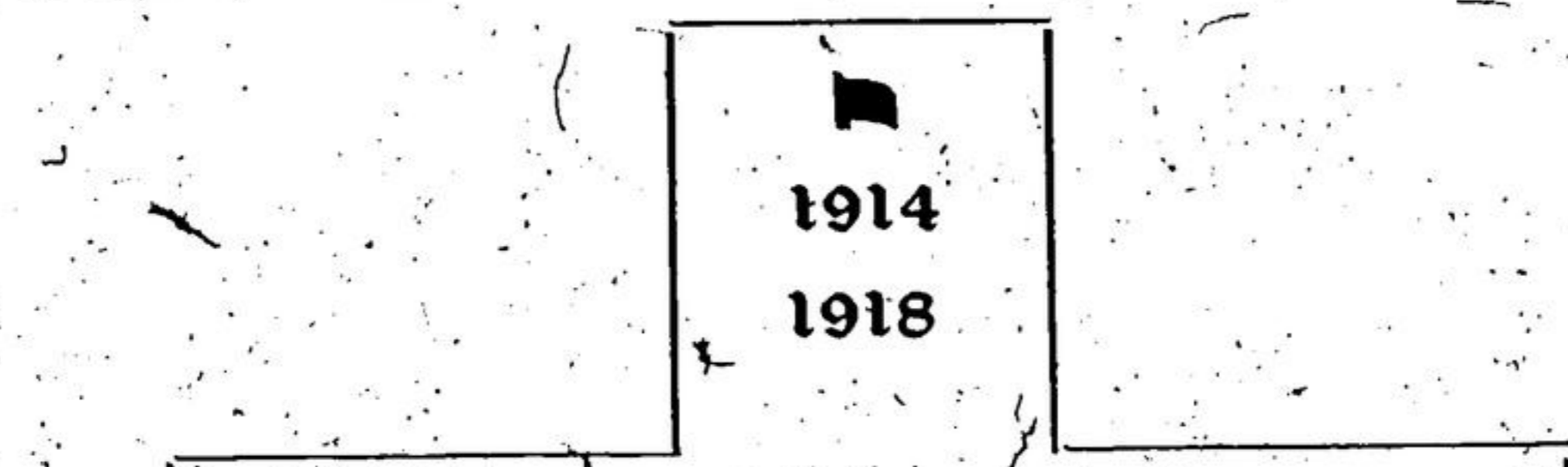
The evening service was greeted by a capacity congregation, when another outstanding address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Holmes. He chose as his text part of the 18th verse of the 14th chapter of John: "Jesus in the midst." "If this world," Mr. Holmes stated, "would recognize Jesus, Christ things would be different all over the world. You would not hear of wars and rumors of wars. What every nation needs is Jesus in the midst. If he were in the midst, hatred and jealousy would find no place and love and helpfulness would prevail the world over. Every problem could be solved if Jesus was taken in the midst. Jesus is in the midst of a lost world; so was he in John's time, as the verse of the text would imply: 'Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.' About those days, so he is ready to help humanity today. Jesus can save a lost world for he has full forgiveness for sinners if they will but take him into themselves. Jesus is in the midst of his church today with the same service and love, but we as Christians must listen when he speaks to our souls. He is still in the midst, let us co-operate with Him."

Rev. Mr. Overend of the United Church assisted at the evening service by reading the scripture lesson and leading in prayer.

The special music of the day was a credit to the choir, and its leader, Mr. Joe Young. In the morning, the anthem "Watch and Pray," with Mrs. Jas. Blair and Mr. Thos. Warnes taking the solo parts, was rendered in a very fine manner, as was the evening anthem "Lift up your Heads." The soloists were Mr. Fred Shortill in the morning, who sang "In Faith I shall Arise," and Miss Willis Price in the evening, singing "A Bird with a Broken Wing." Mr. Wm. Young also favored with a violin solo: "Intermezzo."

The organ prelude and postlude by Miss M. Young, church organist, were also much appreciated.

On Monday evening a most delightful and happy time was spent, when over 300 sat down to nicely decorated tables at the anniversary supper. A delicious menu was provided by the ladies of the church, and after all had partaken to the



"LEST WE FORGET"

The Honour Roll

- Sgt. James Blair
- Flt. Lt. C. Barber
- Pte. J. Campbell
- Pte. J. Cowan
- Pte. H. Francis
- Pte. S. Godfrey
- Sgt. W. C. Grainger
- Pte. L. Green
- Pte. H. Hickey
- Pte. F. King
- Pte. W. King
- Pte. J. E. Kennedy
- Lieut. E. Leslie
- Pte. W. Lead
- Pte. G. Mason
- Sgt. J. Moore
- Lt. Corp. A. S. Mine
- Sgt. H. Neile
- Pte. D. McKenzie
- Pte. W. Phillips
- Pte. G. H. Sleightholme
- Pte. G. H. Spence
- Flt. Lt. C. Sissonville
- Pte. S. Slawicky

The above is the Honor Roll appearing on the Cenotaph as read by Corp. Fred McCartney, Secretary Post 120 Canadian Legion, at the Remembrance Day Service in Georgetown on Sunday last.

GEORGETOWN CHORAL SOCIETY

The Georgetown Community Choral Society opened their fall and winter season with a meeting in the Public Library on Tuesday evening with 40 members present. The following officers were elected: Hon. President—Mr. A. MacLaren, President—Wilfred Leslie, Vice-President—Wm. Young, Secretary—treasurer—Madeleine Erwin, Librarian—Jas. Evans, Committee—Mrs. W. Bessey, Mrs. Vannatter, Mrs. DeVries, Mrs. Norton, Miss Willis Price, Jos. Young, Mr. Gibson. Accompanist—June Frank, Conductor—Mr. E. Capps, A.C.A.M. All old members and those interested in choral work are urged to be at the Public Library, Nov. 23rd at 8 p.m.

NORVAL JUNIORS MEET

The monthly meeting of the Norval Junior Farmers and Junior Institute was held at the home of Claude and Richard McLaughlin, Tuesday evening, November 9th. The boys and girls held separate meetings followed by a joint meeting. At the Institute meeting the motto "The Journey of a Thousand Miles Begins with a Single Step" was given by Helen McMurchy. Mrs. Shipp of Hornby, told of her experiences as a Red Cross Nurse in England during the Great War. Jack Fraser spoke to the boys on "Bang's Disease and Mammitis." The speaker at the joint meeting was Mr. Gordon Graydon, of Brampton. Joe Lyons favoured with a reading and Jack Jenkins and Bill Carhart rendered several musical numbers. Refreshments were served and a social half hour was enjoyed by all. The December meeting is to be held at the home of Janet and George Henderson.

THE YACS

A Boy's Club has recently been organized for the St. George's Sunday School boys. The officers are: Rev. W. G. O. Thompson—Rector, Paul Barber—Director, Ted Stigger—President, Doug Stewart—Treasurer. A name competition was held, all the boys submitting names, the three best ones were picked out, and the club voted by ballot for the winning name. This proved by a large majority to be "Young Anglicans' Club," which are combined into the name "YACS."

The club meets in St. George's basement each Wednesday at seven o'clock. Its activities will be sport and craftsmanship, and the members will be expected to be regular and punctual at Sunday School and Church.

TOWN COUNCIL

CHECK LINE TO BE GRAVELLED ONLY MOTION PASSED
Town Council met on Monday evening, at 8 p.m., with Mayor Gibson, Reeve Davis and Councillors Cripps, Cleave, Hall, Costigan and Lyons present. The matter of gravelling the Check Line from the Dominion Seed House, to the 9th Line was discussed at some length, after which the following motion was passed: Moved by Davis, seconded by Lyons, that the Check Line from the Dominion Seed House to the 9th Line, be gravelled at an estimated cost of \$150.00.—Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following from Mr. A. E. Dobbie, Manager and Editor of the Smith Falls, Record-News is much appreciated:—
Smith Falls, Ontario
November 8, 1937
My dear J. M.:
Congratulations! I was more than delighted when I received last week's issue of the Herald to note that you had branched out into an 8-page, 6-column paper.

POPPY DAY A FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Post 120 Canadian Legion are indebted to the public spirited citizens of the Town of Georgetown for their generous gifts toward their Poppy Fund on November 6th. They wish to thank those who helped in buying poppies and wreaths, and especially the following, who made such generous donations: Loyal True Blues, I.O.O.F., Dayfoot Bros., Dominion Seed House, Jos. Beaumont, Bank of Montreal, Bank of Commerce, Georgetown Council, Georgetown Clay Products, Exquisite Township Council, Alliance Paper Mills, Smith & Stone, Ladies Auxiliary Canadian Legion, R. Linder, Glen Williams, Local Council of Women, Mrs. A. W. Nixon, High School Staff, Mr. Hugh Davidson, Georgetown Lions Club, Public School Board, Canadian Legion, Credit Lodge, A.P. & A.M.

The proceeds of the tag day on Saturday, November 6th, for poppies alone, was \$106.85.

Thanks is also due the girls who sold poppies and anyone who helped in anyway to make this important fund a financial success.

CARD OF THANKS

To friends and neighbors we hereby convey our very sincere thanks for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy in our sudden and sad bereavement by the death of our beloved husband and father.—Mrs. J. W. Bessey and Family.

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Mrs. George Ford and Family hereby convey to friends and neighbors their very sincere thanks for the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy tendered to them in their sad bereavement by the death of their beloved husband and father.

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Daughter looking up from her novel—Papa, in time of trial, what do you suppose brings the most comfort to a man? Papa (who is a newly appointed magistrate)—An acquittal, I should think.

19th Armistice Anniversary Service Held on Sunday

Members of Canadian Legion and Citizens Join in Service to Commemorate Lives of Departed Heroes — Parade Headed by Acton Citizens' Band

There was a large attendance at the 19th Armistice Anniversary Service held on Sunday last in the United Church, the weather being unfavorable for the usual service at the Cenotaph.

The members of the Georgetown Branch, Canadian Legion and visiting Veterans from Acton, under command of Lt.-Col. G. O. Brown, headed by Acton Citizens' Band, paraded to the Cenotaph where a number of wreaths were placed by H. Davidson, Esq., Hon. President Post 120, Canadian Legion.

The service in the church was opened by Mayor Gibbons, who paid tribute to the brave boys who had given their lives for home and country and who now sleep in Flanders' Field.

Then followed the hymn "O God our help in ages past":
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!
Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten as a dream,
Dies at the opening day.
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home! Amen.

The scripture lesson was read by Rev. G. W. Holmes, a former pastor of Georgetown Baptist Church, from 1 Cor. 15: 20 - 28, 51 - 58, followed by prayer by Rev. F. C. Overend.

The following Remembrance Day Hymn was then sung:
O Valiant Hearts, who to your glory
Through dust of conflict and through
battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue
proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land
you loved.
O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our
Dead,
Whose Cross has bought them, and
whose staff has led;
In glorious hope their proud and
sorrowing land
Commits her children to Thy gracious
hand.
Amen.

Rev. W. G. O. Thompson led in prayer, after which the Honor Roll as published on this page was read by Corp. Fred McCartney, Secretary Post 120 Canadian Legion.

A brief but very appropriate Armistice address was given by Rev. D. D. Davidson.

The Last Post, by Bandsman C. Byrne; two minutes' silence; Revellie; the benediction by Rev. F. C. Overend, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the beautiful service to a close. The singing was accompanied by Acton Citizens' Band.

OBITUARY

GEORGE FORD

After a short illness, George Ford, beloved husband of Harriett T. Blough, passed away at his home here on Tuesday, Nov. 9th in his 63rd year. Deceased was born in Port Perry in August, 1875, and came to Georgetown thirty-five years ago, where he had since resided. He was a painter and decorator by trade and an expert in his line. George Ford was an honorable man, esteemed by all who knew him and his death is a distinct loss to the community, and especially to Credit Lodge, No. 219, A.P. & A.M., of which he was the very capable and courteous secretary for a number of years. He was Master of Credit Lodge in 1918, and last January had the unique pleasure of installing his son, Wakefield C. Ford, the present Master of Credit Lodge. He was a member of Grand Lodge and was District Secretary for the late Rt. Wor. Bro. E. Y. Barracough, when he was D.D.G.M. of Wellington District. Few Masons are as well versed in Masonic ritual as was the late V. W. Bro. George Ford. A good Mason, a good citizen and neighbor, and a lover of his family and home has gone to his reward. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Wilfrid B. and Wakefield C., both of Georgetown; also a brother in California and a sister in Vancouver. The funeral which was Masonic took place on Thursday afternoon when the service at the home was conducted by Rev. F. C. Overend, Rev. W. G. O. Thompson, Acting Master of Credit Lodge, W. Bro. D. P. Crichton and Past D.D.G.M. Bro. T. Wardley of Elora. At the grave the Masonic service was conducted by R. W. Bro. J. F. Carmichael, D.D.G.M., Kitchener, and R. W. Bro. Dr. E. Plath, P.D.D.G.M., Toronto. The pallbearers were R.W. Bro. S. Kirk, W. Bro. E. A. Wilson and Bro. W. F. Bradley. There were many beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends. The remains were interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

There were about one hundred and twenty-five Masons present at the funeral, including R. W. Bro. J. F. Carmichael, D.D.G.M., Kitchener; R. W. Bro. Dr. E. Plath, P.D.D.G.M., Toronto; R. W. Bro. C. O. Hemphill, P. D.D.G.M., Waterloo; R. W. Bro. Geo. DeKleinman, P.D.D.G.M., Kitchener; R. W. Bro. A. R. McFadden, P.D.D.G. M., Galt; R. W. Bro. T. Wardley, P. D.D.G.M., Elora; R. W. Bro. Hugh Freestone, P.G.S.W., Kitchener; R. W. Bro. S. Kirk, P.G.J.W., Toronto; V. W. Bro. C. R. Kaitling, G.S., Galt; V. W. Bro. George Reynolds, P.S.G., Fergus; V. W. Bro. J. Worden, P.S.G., Elora; V. W. Bro. R. E. Mills, P.G.S., Elora; V. W. Bro. R. M. McDonald, P.G.S., Acton. Masters, Past Masters and members of Galt, Kitchener, Waterloo, Guelph, Elora, Fergus, Acton, Milton, Streetsville, Toronto, Mt. Dennis were also present.

JOHN W. BESSEY

Death came suddenly to John W. Bessey, a well-known and highly respected farmer of Esquema, when he was stricken with a heart attack while working in his barn near Georgetown, on Monday, Nov. 8th. Mr. Bessey was a son of the late John Smith Bessey and was in his 78th year. He was born and had lived practically all his life on the farm on which he died. He is survived by his wife, who was formerly, Miss Annie Taylor, four sons, Roy of Toronto; Wilfred C., Harry and Wray, Georgetown; and three daughters, Mrs. E. Morris, Toronto; Mrs. Carl Smith, Kitchener, and Pearl at home. One brother and three sisters also survive, Herbert R. Bessey, Georgetown; Mrs. A. McKinley, Miss Annie Bessey and Miss Clara Bessey, Toronto. Deceased was a Liberal in politics and a member of the Baptist Church. The funeral took place from his late home on Wednesday last when the service was conducted by Rev. G. W. Baxter. The pallbearers were four sons and two sons-in-law: Wilfred, Harry Wray, Georgetown; Roy, Toronto; Dr. Smith, Kitchener; Herwyn Morris, Toronto. Honorary pallbearers, John Devereaux, Harry Devereaux, Norman Devereaux, Jimmie McBride, Walter Evans, G. Applebe, Herbert Bessey, H. Matthews. Friends from out-of-town who attended the funeral were: Mr. John Matthews, Brandon, Man.; Mr. Peter Matthews, Toronto; Mr. Will Matthews, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. H. Matthews, Erin; Mr. Larry Good, Bowmanville; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Clark, Mrs. E. Carter, Mrs. A. Morris, Mr. R. D. Warren, Mr. Ernest Warren, Mr. Carey Warren, Miss Annie Bessey, Mr. Peter Bessey, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Milburn, Miss L. Slavin, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Miller, Nashville; Rev. Dr. Hinds, Kitchener; Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence, Toronto; Mr. R. Gairbairn, Mr. Clarence Turner, Milton.

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Mr. Albert Carey and family wish to thank their many friends for their kindness and sympathy extended to them during their recent sad bereavement.