## Historical Sketch of Glen Williams United Church

As a fitting souvenir of the 190th anniversary of Glen Williams United Church, a booklet has been prepared. sketching the history of the church. Inscribed - "An Historical Sketch 100 years of Paith," it pays tribute to Benajah Williams, who deeded land where the church was to erected. In those days, the community was known as Williamsburg, after the Williams family, which built the first mills in the valley.

The church has had a long honourable career since the erection of the original building in 1840. present congregation numbers seventy-one, with R. K. Lemkay, student at Emmanuel College, as minister. Mr Lemkay has been stationed at Glen during the summer months, and while following his university course chis year, will continue to serve as

It is interesting to note that the late Timothy Eaton, founder of the great-T. Eaton Co., was once numbered among its membership. Eaton came to Glen Williams from the Old Country, and served as clerk in the village store now operated by John Wheeler.

Pollowing is the sketch of church, as presented in the booklet:

The Passing Years one naturally thinks of the Credit River, which, in the early days, form- clusion of the last pastoral year, June ed the life-blood of the community 30, 1940, Limehouse United Church and on whose banks over a century the Ballinafad charge and Glen Wilago the first settlers built their homes. We recall the poem learned in public after many years as superintendent. school wherein speaking of the stream, cretary, Robert Futhy; treasurer, John the poet says,

"Men may come and men may

go, but I go on forever." of Jesus Christ and with pride in the K. Lemkny of Victoria College was foresight of our predecessors here we read that three years after the first church, with A. O. W. Foreman, settlers had taken permanent holdings in Georgetown, Benajah Williams deeded a parcel of ground to the fol- cannot but be grateful to those who lowing men, Morris Kennedy, Henry have left us such a worthy heritage. Grass, George Kennedy, Charles and For the present we are thankful for Jacob Williams who were to be known the opportunity of serving Him, as the "Trustees of the Methodist eternal God of all generations; Episcopal Chapel and burying ground the future we are confident that the

in the township of Esquesing." on this day of solemn observance, long as we keep the faith. time could be turned back in its course and we could converse with those pioneers who laid the foundation stone on which succeeding generations have built. But the past discloses no secrets, time rolls on into eternity and we have only the collected memories of the past on which to

look. . The early history of the church is irretrievably lost it seems; men in those days were forcibly more occupied with realities than statistics, but nevertheless we have this romantic bit, "The church was organized shortly after two mills were put into operation on the Credit with the erection in 1840 of a frame building. Massive pillars supported the roof and the pulpit was a huge affair rising six feet from the floor and fifteen fee'. in width (the early ministers must surely have been large men). Logs that were cut into lumber for the hills to the village, skidded into a Mrs. Addy has been connected with the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of church were rolled down the steep pond on the Credit River, where they the musical worship of the church for the Apostles. What rich biographies were cut at a mill owned by the Wil- over eighteen years. Previous musi- Luke had to explore in writing of liams' family, probably somewhere in cal directors include Mr. and Mrs. C. Jesus, Peter and Paul. He found his the vicinity of the present dam." It is J. Cummings and Mr. Thomas Ro- own Christian experience confirmed with regret that we were unable to berts, all of whom are now residents in the lives of other Christians. He obtain a picture of this early land- of Guelph. mark, so familiar to those of earlier

information as to the church, but in pers' Union." It was later known as members of the Christian Church. that year the building was repaired the Ladies' Aid, and when church un- He was so convinced of the truth; of and a stone foundation put in. The ion was brought about, it became offi- the Christian gospel that he became interior was renovated, the large wooden pillars removed and the ceiling renewed. The massive pulpit previously mentioned was also removed at this time.

Thirty-four years passed without record, but the year of 1902 marked an event of great progress in the Glen Williams Methodist Church. In that year with spiritual fervour at a high ebb the congregation under the leadership of Rev. G. Smitherman undertook the construction of what amounted to virtually a new building. Here is the quotation from the Georgetown Herald of November 19, 1902: "Bundsy and Monday were historic

days in connection with the Glen Williams' Methodist Church. Early in the present year the trustees decided that the old building which had done many a years' good service in the past, was not good enough for the advancing future, and so it was decided to make practically a new building of it The workers in connection with the organization fell in with the proposal and all united to make the effort a success. The result is most gratifyg. The building has been trans-

formed inside and out; the old frame chapel is now a handsome brick one; the old uncomfortable seats are replaced by those of latest design; the those who first served as Christ's coal oil lamps are out and electricity ministers here. Early records lead us now does the lighting. It is a thor- to believe that in the beginning. Glen pleased that the change made has ary of the Guelph circuit. At a later been so radical and complete."

had as its speaker the late Rev. G. Georgetown and Rev. Davie was, it Richardson, of Toronto, and his ser- seems, the last of the men from that mon was based on an appropriate text town to serve the Glen. From 1900 Isaiah 28: 16: "Behold I lay in Zion to 1925 the Church was part of the for a foundation a stone, a tried Norval-Terra Cotta circuit and the stone, a precious corner stone, a sure ministers in order of service so far as foundation; he that believeth shall not can be ascertained were as follows: make haste." . . . What an inspiration Rev. A. J. Irwin; Rev. G. Smitherman it is on this one hundredth anniver- (1902). Rev. McArthur, Rev. Quinn. sary to hear such words coming from Rev. Woltz, Rev. Zimmerman, Rev. the men and women who in all truth Daynard, Rev. Trueblood (1917), Rev.

Nows: Wm. McGregor, Thos. Whitham Aiken, Rev. R. R. Hare, Rev. H. Caldand W. Tost. Contractors: stone well. Pollowing Union in the year work, Jos. Marchment (still an active 1925, Glen Williams became part of attender); brick work, Mr. Adams, of the pastoral charge formed by Lime-Brampton; painting and decorating, house, Churchill and the Gien and P. Vollmer, Brampton; lighting, the ministers under the newly formed Georgetown Electric, Light and Power church were: Company, of Glen Williams; furnace, W. P. Moore, Georgetown; seating, Rev. G. I. Stephenson, 1937-39 Rev. O. Valley City Seating Co. The cost of J. P. Jolliffe, 1930-40 Rev. W. H. the improvements totalled approxi- Barttlett, 1940, R. K. Lemkay (stu-

eight years we; the present congregation cannot but say. "Our fathers

builded well." The years from 1902 to 1925 passed with steady progress, a renovation of the interior taking place in 1917 under the direction of Rev. Trueblood at which time the present floor carpet was laid. In 1925 the Glen Williams' Methodis: Church in company with all sister Methodist churches throughout the Dominion became part of a greater and wider union of churches known as the United Church of Canada. This new communion compris-

ed in addition to he Methodist Church, a proportion of the Prosbyterian Church in Canada and the Congregational Church in Canada. Unity! How much the world stands in need of it. As members of United Church of Canada we well be proud that we belong to the interdominational churches in the world. Caldwell was the minister at the time of Union and is remember with respect by all who knew him. His widow

now resides at Acton. Throughout its history the church here has been part of various charges Paul's life, as the "we" passages innotably that of the Norval-Terra dicate, and wrote about Peter and till the present year, Glen Williams Paul in the "Acts of the Apostles." was closed; the picturesque little His own life had been enriched by With the mention of Glen Williams, church at Churchill became part of faith in Christ and he saw the way house-Churchill charge. At the con- | in which the gospel transformed peoliams was left to be supplied. After United Church was part of the Lime-Cook; librarian, Charles Williams. discussions with the Pastoral Rela-No less true is this of the church tions Committee of the Presbytery, R. appointed student-minister of the

> Ballinafad, supervising minister. For the past, we, the congregation, God who is the same yesterday, to-

Sunday School

Sunday School, which was organized in 1843. One feature, which has been Jesus: his birth, baptism, temptation, called unique in Canadian church history, was a fee payment for membership. A fee of one shilling and three pence for the first year, and seven and a half pence for each subsequent year, constituted a member- ten." ship of the association, and the payment of ten shillings in one year constituted a life membership.

were: President, Jacob Williams; se-R. K. Lemkay; assistant, Mrs. J. Luke wrote for Greeks, wherever they

Mrs. Cecil Barth. The Choir choir leader assisted by Mrs. C. Barth. | took two books to cover the record.

The W.A. cially the Women's Association.

Present officers are: President, Mrs. pen. F. Norton; vice-president, Mrs. W. J. Hill; secretary, Mrs. S. Beam; treasurer. Mrs. J. McMenemy; planist, sician." The two men may have met

Mrs. J. Addy. The W.A. has always been active in sick and needed medical attention. decorating and furnishing the church Luke became a companion of Paul in interior. This year they have in- order to keep him in good health for stalled new lighting for the auditor- his work. Doubtless this called for

Some of the presidents in past that a good doctor had a lucrative years include the late Mrs. Theo Nor- practice and became wealthy. Luke ton, Mrs. Joseph Allen, Mrs. James uses medical terms such as "bound up Bell, Mrs. John Wheeler, Mrs. Robert his wounds" and "poured in oil." He Blyth, and Mrs. F. L. White, of Mil- also records Christ's ministry of heal-

Ladies' Bible Class connected with the Sunday School, is utmost sympathy with sufferers and an extremely active organization. he has given us "a universal gospel" This year the class financed new rising above the barriers of race and lighting for the church basement and class. The example of Luke has had

replaced the piano. -An event of interest in the class missions. When Norman Duncan is the annual bazaar which takes wished to tell the story of the services place towards Christmas. Monthly of Wilfred Grenfell, he entitled his "showers" are held in the form of a story, "Dr. Luke of the Labrador." social night, by which means everything from rubber balloons to tableware is collected for the sale.

The Ministry Time has shrouded the names of transformation, and all are Williams was on the preaching itinerperiod just prior to the turn of the The reopening service at that date century, the Glen was coupled with laid here in 1902, a precious corner H. Cotton, Rev. W. L. Brailey (supplying for Rev. Cotton, overseas); Rev. The building committee was as fol- W. Hunt Rev. Douglas, Rev. J. M.

1926-33 Rev. H. Oaldwell, 1936-37

## International Unitorm Sunday School Lesson LUKE AND HIS GOSPEL

GOLDEN TEXT: It seemed good to me also ... to write ... That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed." Luke 1:3,4.

LESSON PASSAGE: Luke 1: 1-4; Collossiana 4: 14; 2 Timothy 4: 11a. But the Thousandth Man will stand by your side To the gallows-foot and after.

Luke, the Writer

Great writing depends on right living. It grows out of deep experiences. The author of the third gospel did not write theory or fiction: his own life experience provided the materials for his pen. He was a Greek living in the Roman Empire. He had studied medicine and practiced his profession. He met Paul and travelled widely. Through Paul and others he learned many facts concerning the life of Christ. He collected sayings and incidents and wrote his gospel He lived through the heroic events of The two longest books in the New Testament are from the pen of Luke. It is beyond the power of calculation to estimate the Christian influence of these two books by Luke.

Luke, The Historian 3, 4 Luke was a master literary craftsman, who attained his skill by painstaking toil. Pully half of his gospel This Trillium in my hand - white is independent, containing materials Embodiment of colournot to be found in either Matthew or Dazzling splendid white. Mark. Out of thirty-three parables, pure white: eighteen are given by Luke alone. But with the scarlet of the maple for his recording we should not have And the crimson of the rose; the story of the Good Samaritan, the with the purple shades of evening Prodigal Son, the Pharisee and Pub- when the sturdy thistle blows; lican. Luke alone gives the infancy with the emerald of the shamrock stories of John the Baptist and Jesus. And the gold of fleur-de-lis. the He alone tells the brief stories of Zac- And the dusty blue of twilight; chaeus, of Mary and Martha, of the It is this, and more, to me. walk to Emmaus. Luke has collected It has turquoise of the heaven, the five hymns, the Ave Marla, the It has yellow of the sun. What an inspiration it would be if day and forever, will not fail us so Magnificat, the Benedictus, the Glory in Excelsis and the Nunc Dimittle. Among the four Evangelists, Luke is The church maintains an active the only one who records all of the seven greatest events in the life of transfiguration, death, resurrection, ascension. Luke sought to "set forth in order" the facts in the Christian narrative. His book has been called "the most beautiful book ever writ-

Luke, The Christian, 1

Luke wrote from the heart. He had found spiritual certainty and The first officers of the school wrote to help Theophilus to find assurance also. Matthew wrote pri-Mr. Robert Blyth recently resigned marily for the Christians in Jerusa-Present officers are: Superintendent, lem. Mark for Christians in Rome, but Addy; secretary, Miss K. Hill; trea- might be. Theophilus was a Gentile. surer, Mr. Cecil Barth; librarian, either a Roman or a Greek, perhaps chiv a beginner in the Christian faith. Luke wrote to tell him "all that Jesus Mrs. Jack Addy is organist and began both to do and teach." ' It

heard stories of the healing ministry of Christ from eye-witnesses. He The W.A. first began its career un- was able to set forth clearly the con-Not until 1868 have we any definite der the name of the "Willing Hel- sensus of opinion held by the first

Luke, The Doctor, 14

Paul called Luke "the beloved phyin the first instance because Paul was financial sacrifice, as Pliny tells us ing with interest and detail. Luke has more to say about the part of women The Ladies' Bible Class which is in the Christian story. He showed the a profound impression upon medical

Luke, The Friend, 11a

Doubtiese Paul thought of Luke as a friend rather than as a physician. Luke had been with Paul at Troas. had gone with him to Philippi and other cities and finally had stayed with Paul when the great apostle was a prisoner at Rome. Demas had played safe, but Luke stayed till the end. Luke had learned of friendship from the life of Christ, the friend of sinners. He had also seen friendship at its highest in Paul, who had a gift for friendship. It may be that Paul, either before or after he wrote it, talked over with Luke his hymn of love which we know as the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. Luke was a doctor, an educated man, a friend of "the Honourable Theophilus," a literary artist of the first order, a great traveller and an earnest Christian, but perhaps we get the quality of the man best from these five words: "Only Luke is with

Questions for Discussion Why did Lake write his gospel? Why is biography profitable read-

How did Luke become a mission-ALY! Robert Louis Stevenson described physicians as "the flower of humanity." Do you agree?

5. Am I meeting the demands of

friendship?

ACTON STUDENT GETS HONOURABLE MENTION

IN POSTRY CONTEST

Rena Braida, student at Acton Continuation School was among those receiving honourable mention in a poetry contest sponsored by the Ontario Horticultural Association. The contest was for an original poem of not more than twenty-four lines on Ontario's floral emblem, the. White

Trillium. Mileana Matuska, of Patterson Collegiate Institute, Windsor, was awarded the gold medal, while second and third prizes went to Mary Vallentyne, of Brantford Collegiate, and Louise Miller, of Collingwood.

Here are the prize-winning poems:

THE WHITE TRILLIUM

By Mileana Matuska Trillium graceful, Trillium white. Star of the woodland. Lady of fight-Lo, how she proudly Stands in the glade, Thi-sceptred sovereign, Queen of the shade. Stately she rises, Slender-stemmed, tall, Gracious response to Spring's early 'call, Lifting three leaf-arms High from the sod. Gazing with pure face Up to her God.

ONTARIO'S EMBLEM By Mary Vallentyne

(It is a scientific fact that white is a composite of all colours and can be broken up to produce a rainbow effect, as light is broken up by a prism.)

"It has orange of the dawning When the day is first begun. There are greys of misty mornings As the flaherman sets out; There is sparkled flash of silver At the leaping of the trout; Browns and blacks of towing forest And the sapphire of a lake; Ah, the multi-coloured fancy That this simple white can make,

> WHITE TRILLIUM By Louise Miller

What gem is this, heer treasured in the depth Of woodland's secret, dryad-guarded

O masterpiece of nature's peerless ar

This flower . . . perfect, flawless . void of fault-Its chalice, white and cool as morn-Has in it captured pure sweet golden

That bursts with rapturous melody from the tops trees which guard the dark retreats;

The leafy fans with gentle rhythm breathe. And just as gently sways the wavering stalk:

A hint of tragrance hovers like

THE WHITE TRILLIUM

By Rena Braida

When April leaves with all its grace. And May steps in to take its place The whole world starts to live once And proudly opens summer's door.

And with this Nature's glad event The budding maples, tall, unbent, Quite seem as though they swell with pride

To have the trillium by their side. This flower in its velvet hood, Fills meadow green and somber wood. Or on the banks of rivers grow. Where all day long calm breezes blow.

A whirl of silvery quivering leaves Among each snowy petal weaves; And in the shaded woods afar

Distinctive charm and grace it lends. To landscapes 'till its pure life ends. No more to feel the loving kiss. Of soft winds and contented bliss.

May it e'er rise from leafy cot, Not crush or pluck with little thought. It represents our country free, What does it mean to you or mer

ROBIN HOOD FLOUR PLANS FOR ENLISTED EMPLOYEES

Canadian companies are giving generous support to the struggle against Hitlerism by assisting employees who wish to enlist. Generous plans have been formed to care for the dependents of men who enlist in any Branch of the services.

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