

**Familiar Gospel Hymns
Sung at St. John's**

J. D. G.
On Sunday morning at St. John's United Church, the Rev. John M. Smith's subject was "Christ calls today" and he used as his text, part of Matthew 11, verses 28 and 29: "Come unto Me . . . and learn of Me."

During the hungry thirties, a small group of men and women were singing Gospel hymns on a street corner and during a little lull, a man on the outside of those listening, called in a loud, coarse, vindictive voice "Can Jesus fill a man's belly?" It was crude language for the man was well known as being rough; but worse he was indignant, ignorant, allergic to work of any kind, and could be found waiting on his wife's payday to get what he could to waste on himself. One felt sorry for the group; it seemed to discourage them; they were sincere ordinary people who would be quite ready to do and to give as well as sing; if there could have been any encouragement in their giving. One felt sorry for the man too, because Jesus had the answer to his problem, probably through these same people, only he would not listen to the invitation of Jesus to come and learn. He preferred to be smart as he thought; taunt those who were trying and had answered Jesus' call. It needed some soul searching and almost surgery to change him; he did not want to give up his indolence and selfishness even to get food; nor to give Jesus a chance to feed him in a way that would do him any good.

Mr. Smith used as his Scripture lesson the two incidents in Matthew's Gospel, of Jesus calling the fishermen to "Come, follow me," and who responded without question and in great faith; and then that young ruler, well brought up, certainly not hungry, who had nearly everything, yet lacking the very thing Jesus could give him and which he was seeking. But no, when Jesus called him, invited him to come and learn, he was not willing to give up what he had been used to having, even to gain the higher life he came seeking after.

So with our illustration, the group were willing to give up something of their own when Christ called, the hungry man, no, not when it meant giving up something of his own way that he loved, even though he wanted his stomach filled. And it is still so, today, Christ calls today. Some answer Yes, others turn and walk away.

When Jesus calls, "Come Unto Me — and learn of Me". He wants us to come and get knowledge of Him, of His more abundant and satisfying life for us; a knowledge of God, our Father and Creator; of our relation to Him, to Jesus, to our fellowmen, and to learn them especially as Jesus revealed them. "Come and learn of Me."

And He wants us to have faith as we come; to realize the goodness of God; the power He has; the love and mercy which is part of His being, and then add the faith which this gives, to our knowledge learned of Him. And as we grow in knowledge and faith, we should have the desire to become what Jesus wants us to become, to grow more like Him in all our thoughts and desires. These qualities are all good, but how much better when there is the desire to make them real. But knowledge, faith and desire won't be at their fullest or really useful until they lead us to "do." A doctor's or surgeon's great knowledge, his faith in his knowledge, and even his desire to use these to help, won't deal until he does something with them, and even that often hindered when the patient is not willing to be cured. So must we come as Jesus bids, and learn of Him; grow in His faith and in our desire to become like Him; and do all we can of the things He would wish us to do, seeking in all to bring others to a saving knowledge of Him and into His fold; then will He have the opportunity of applying the answer to the world's problems, and, yes, of even feeding the hungry. To us, Christ calls today: "Come unto Me — and learn of Me."

The choir's anthem was "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" with the solo parts taken by Miss Ruth Evans, Miss Isobel Dobson, Mrs. Jack Bailey, Reg Broomhead and S. T. Farnam.

The evening service featured a number of old familiar gospel hymns not in the Hymnary, sung with Mrs. J. F. Evans, as pianist and the girls from Cedarvale School with some members of the choir, leading in this service of praise. Mr. V. Stein sang: "The stranger of Galilee." Miss Isobel Dobson and Mrs. Jack Bailey sang as a duet: "Day is dying in the west."

Rev. J. M. Smith spoke on the "Good News of the Gospel." What is the Good News we have as Christians the something good we have which we wish to share with others. In simple words, it is the good news of God's love and concern for all His creatures, especially as revealed in Jesus Christ. In its happiness we feel a compulsion to tell our fellow men about it, and share it with them. And along with our own desire to share, we have Jesus' commission to do so, to be witnesses for Him, to go tell the good news everywhere we see. And our answer

FARM NEWS

**Clayton May Elected
Hog Producer Proxy**

Charles McInnis, of Iroquois, the president of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association, was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Halton association, held in the Court House, Milton, on Wednesday, February 17th. Mr. McInnis, who was introduced by Percy Merry, reviewed the accomplishments of the Ontario association through the new Marketing Agency. "Through our Agent," stated Mr. McInnis, "you now get a proper statement re the charges for transportation, etc. We have also improved our position with respect to the Montreal market. This has meant \$600,000 in 1953 to the Ontario Hog Producers."

Others who spoke briefly were Charles Newton of Barrie, district director of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association, who stressed the need for more attention to quality, and C. D. Black, manager of the Hog Marketing Agency, who reviewed some of the experiences of the agency during their first year of operation.

Only 11 per cent of our hogs go through the public stock yards, stated Mr. Black. This is too small a percentage to create proper competition between and among the buyers.

Others who stressed the need for more attention to quality were Angus McNabb and Agric. Representative J. E. Whitlock. Their comments were followed by a resolution requesting further action by the Ontario Hog Producers' Association towards having the price differential between A and B hogs adjusted to encourage quality production.

The meeting also recommended that a tour be arranged to the Stock Yards and Packing Plants during the last two weeks in March. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Clayton May. Vice president, Ed Davenport. Secretary, Treasurer, A. R. Service.

Directors: Esqueping, Thos. Appleby; T. J. Brownridge; Angus McNabb; Nassagaweya; Ivan Richardson; George Robertson; John Wilson; Nelson; Glen Campbell; Fred Dixon; Mervyn Coulson; Erwin Gunby; Trafalgar, Howard Armstrong; Percy Merry, Wm. Rayner.

BALLINAFAD

**ROCKWOOD ACADEMY IS
W.I. STUDY SUBJECT**

The story of Rockwood Academy, told by Mrs. Jesse McEnery, proved to be an interesting feature of the February meeting of Ballinafad Women's Institute. The academy for boys founded by a Quaker min-

stration of His love and goodness to us makes it natural that we should seek to thank and please Him by doing this sharing He wishes so much. Opportunity we have aplenty; Through our church fellowship and activities on Sundays and mid-week, as Sunday School teachers and workers; where we work and play, our actions always witnessing for Him. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son for us, to redeem the world back to Himself. Let us share the good news wherever and whenever we can.

ister, William Wetherall, is a big stone building on No. 7 Highway on the outskirts of the village, which is no longer used as a school.

Mrs. Robert McEnery was hostess and Mrs. Tom Gibson presided at the meeting. Mrs. John Snow was convener for the meeting on historical research and called on Mrs. Lloyd Marshall for current events. The motto "Smiles are Valuable, Yet They Cost Nothing" was given by Mrs. Maurice Baker. Ladies answered the roll by telling when and how they first met their husbands. A social half hour followed the meeting.

**ORANGEMEN ENTERTAIN
AT EUCHRE, DANCE**

An enjoyable evening was held in Stewarttown Hall when a euchre and dance was held under the sponsorship of the building committee of LOL 88. The lodge is entering its 100th year, and members are planning similar events during the year.

Prize-winners at euchre were Mrs. Jack Murray and Mr. Chappell, seconds to Mrs. John Greig and Henry Preston; and thirds to Mrs. E. Hodge and Harold Reed. The door prize was won by Miss Gillies and winners of a spot dance were Barbara Lusty and Patry Pruneau.

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