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Impressive Dedication and Opening Services at King City United Church

The opening and dedication services held at the King City United Church on Sundays, March 17th and 24th were very largely attended and were featured by inspiring eloquent sermons and special music. Only two persons who attended the opening services fifty eight years ago were present at the dedication services this year but the spirit which prompted the early pioneers of church work in the community is manifested in the achievement of the congregation who have now opened a new church which is a credit to themselves and to the community. The building which is of red brick, boasts an imposing tower which adds dignity to the exterior appearance. The interior is finished with California stucco, the walls being a light buff, tinted with blue and the ceiling in white stucco with sponge finish. The wood work and ceiling trusses also the new seats are finished in a dark oak stain.



A FINE NEW CHURCH

New King City United Church which was recently officially opened and dedicated. Inset, Rev. A. H. Halbert, Pastor of the congregation under whose energetic leadership the work of re-building has been carried out.

The pulpit and communion table are of oak and are a donation from the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Halbert, while Mr. Hall made the pulpit which is a very beautiful piece of workmanship.

The choir wore the gowns for the first time at the opening service, being the gift of Miss Grace Stone. The front of the church was a bower of spring flowers, with beautiful bouquets, baskets of roses, carnations and daffodils. The weather was all that could be desired for the opening services, and the beautiful sunshine filled the church building with its brightness and made the presence of God seem closer to each one.

The dedication service was conducted by Rev. S. D. Chown, D.D., and was very impressive, ending in the mutual pledge: "We do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God." The keynote of Dr. Chown's address was "Holiness and the necessity of a Consecrated life." It was a deeply spiritual address and will not soon be forgotten. He was assisted in the service by Rev. Asher Latter, of Oakwood, also the pastor, Rev. A. Halbert.

Before seven o'clock the church was again filled for the evening service. Dr. Chown's text was St. John 21 Ch., 22nd verse. He made a strong personal appeal to all to "Follow Jesus." It was a great privilege to hear this noted preacher. The choir of 26 voices rendered particularly well chosen music, "Great and Marvellous" and "Sing Unto the Lord," were the anthems at the evening service, also a duet by Mrs. P. W. Richardson and Mrs. Proctor.

On Monday evening a banquet was served from 5 to 8 o'clock. Several of the former pastors and residents came from long distances to attend this festive occasion and everyone seemed to enjoy the spirit of good fellowship. It was a renewing of old friends times and acquaintances. The tables were prettily decorated with carnations and daffodils also candles, and they fairly groaned with all the good eats the good ladies provided. The pastor was the chairman for the evening. The following ministers were present and gave short addresses, Rev. A. E. Lunau, Rev. A. P. Latter, Rev. J. W. Fox, Rev. J. M. Miller, Rev. Wrixon and Rev. A. Leece; also a former minister's wife, Mrs. Cocking, of Toronto; a former King City boy, in the person of Mr. Elmer Davis, of Kingston, also gave a very fine address and expressed his pleasure in being back to the old home church, where he attended as a little boy.

Beautiful spring like weather prevailed for the second Sunday, March 24th, of the opening services. The fact that the church is located on the highway was a great acquisition, as the country roads at this time of year are at their worst and many were not privileged to attend these services owing to the bad condition of the roads. Had these been favorable the church could not have held the people. As it was, the church was well filled at every service. Friends came from far and near and many who had been associated with the church in the earlier days expressed themselves in the words "We would not have missed these opening services."

The choir was assisted at both services by Miss Ethel Calvert, (violinist), of Toronto. She also rendered a violin solo "Traumers", accompanied by

her sister Miss Lillian, as pianist, at a Ladies Aid meeting in which the men received a good lesson for their in quiseiveness". Her encore was "A Scottish Courtship" which was most amusing and caused many a good laugh.

Mr. Colin Campbell moved a hearty vote of thanks to the artists who contributed to the evenings program. It was seconded by Mr. Ivan Folliot.

A beautiful bouquet of carnations was presented to Miss Verna Carson in appreciation of her work as organist. The presentation was made by one of the choir girls, Miss Louise Folliot. The entertainment closed by singing the National Anthem. The proceeds of the opening services amounted to \$1065.00.

Seven young men have gone out as ministers of the gospel from this church.

The auditorium was well filled at the evening service. The pastor Rev. A. H. Halbert conducted the first part of the service. Around the pulpit was banked with spring flowers Darium Tulips, daffodils, Calla lilies while large bouquets of carnations beautified the choir loft. A male quartette from Toronto was a wonderful acquisition to the service of song and the spirit in which the old favorite hymns were sung, led by a large choir was most inspirational. "Unto the Hills" "Breathe on me breath of God" and "The day thou gavest Lord is ended" seemed to be sung from the heart. The quartet gave two selections "The Wayside Cross" and "Some other day" which were beautifully rendered.

After the offering, Mr. Elton Waldniff, of Toronto, sang a solo, Mr. Waldniff is a member of the Mendelssohn choir. His deep mellow bass voice charmed every one. Rev. T. McLaughlin's discourse at the evening service was taken from Matt. 22 Ch, which related the parable of the marriage feast of the Kings son. In speaking of the parable he referred to Jesus Christ as the Bridegroom and the church as the Bride. He appealed to all to accept the invitation of Jesus.

On Monday evening an entertainment of a very high order was given. It was opened by all singing a verse of "Blest be the tie that binds" and prayer by Rev. A. A. Wall, of Richmond Hill. Rev. A. H. Halbert acted as chairman. The following artists contributed to the program and were heartily encored and had to return for the second numbers. Miss Ethel Calvert, (violinist), and Miss Lillian Calvert, of Toronto; Miss Jean McDonald, of King City, (soprano) who excelled in singing the "Gypsy Song" and dressed as a little gypsy maiden. "Dannny Boy" was another selection she gave well worthy of mention in which she was heartily applauded. Mr. James Stevenson (tenor) of Toronto, won the admiration of all with his easy grace of manner and quality of voice. Miss Grace Bonnick, of Toronto, gave several musical monologues "Grandmothers Patchwork Quilt was a favorite to all" as was also "The little country girl who made good." Mrs. Harold Butt, (elocutionist) and daughter of the late Rev. C. T. Cocking, who was a former pastor here, also delighted the audience with her humorous readings: "Sally Ann of Kentucky," her first selection depicted

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