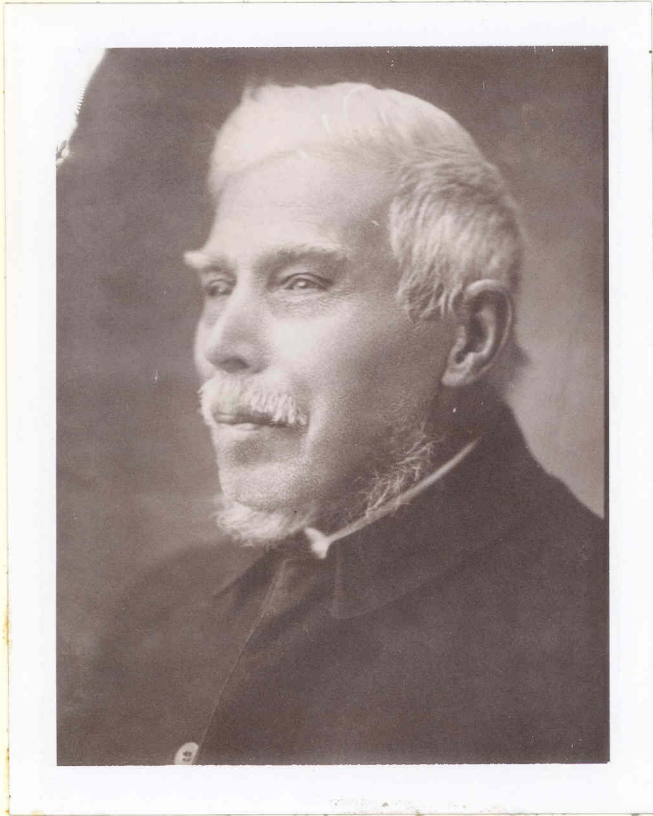


KETTLEBY METHODIST CHURCH



Rev. Peter Addison, ninety three years of age, returned October 15th, 1923, to his former pulpit in Kettleby Methodist Church to preach the sermon upon its fiftieth anniversary.

In the same edifice which he opened 50 years ago with 20 members of the same congregation Rev. Peter Addison preached the jubilee sermon in Kettleby Methodist Church. The veteran minister is more than ninety years of age, but his pulpit oratory is almost as brisk and vigorous as when he preached the inaugural sermon here in October 1873. And those who recall the first sermon stated that to-day's message was very similar in manner and matter to the first delivered in the little old church on the hillside.

Kettleby is one of the few places in York to which time has brought little change. It is as quiet and as peaceful and as picturesque as in the days when it was known as Tyrwhitt's Mills. The little village is typical of the stability of the rest of the village. The same faces fill the pews, many of the same faces have appeared every week for fifty years. Richard Burling was one of the original trustees; to-day he sat in the same seat he occupied in 1873. Other persons present who had attended the inaugural services were: Mayor J.M. Walton, Aurora, Henry Webb, J. W. Elliott, Mrs. J. Dutcher, Mrs. L. Mount, Mr. and Mrs. John Boadwin, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Heacock, Amy Davis, Rachel Hambleton Towns, Almeda Hambleton Norris, Emma Evans, Mr. and Mrs. M. Stephens, J. W. Tilson, Nelson Proctor and Rachel Hollingshead.



KETTLEBY UNITED CHURCH

The following is the history of the church, together with pictures, from the year 1853 to 1948, which has been taken from a booklet prepared for the 75th anniversary of the church:

Quote:

At a meeting of the Official Board of the Kettleby appointment, a committee consisting of Frank Curtis, Raymond Marshall and the minister was appointed to prepare a suitable booklet for the 75th anniversary of the building of the present church. Mr. Marshall agreed to take the pictures of the various groups and prepare them for publication. We will all agree that he did a good job, one that will be appreciated by all concerned.

Mr. Frank Curtis, who has both a good memory and a real faculty for digging up events of the long ago, secured all the data for the write up of the choir, and the story of the decorations of the church. He also secured other interesting data.

The main body of this sketch was written by Rev.C.E. Cragg and is taken from minutes of old records that date back 95 years; and from the story of Kettleby prepared and published by the late J.M. Walton. It has taken a great deal of time to collect all these facts, but as there has never been published a history of this congregation, and as we are commemorating the 75th anniversary of the building of the present United Church, the committee felt that no time or money should be spared in preparing a fairly detailed story of the congregation since its founding back in 1853. If we have omitted the name of any family that should deserve special mention,

KETTLEBY UNITED CHURCH

or any outstanding event of interest, we hereby express regret.

We are greatly pleased to announce that the Right Rev. George C. Pidgeon, M.A.D.D. of Bloor Street United Church, Toronto, has promised to come for Sunday evening, May 23rd. Dr. Pidgeon was the first Moderator of the United Church. Also, that the Rev. H. W. Strapp, one of our former and beloved pastors will preach Sunday evening, May 30th, 1948.

	(	Frank Curtis
We are, yours very sincerely	(	Raymond Marshall
	(	Charles E. Cragg

THE STORY OF THE KETTLEBY UNITED CHURCH 1853 - 1948



This year we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the building of the United Church in Kettleby. But the story of the congregation extends back many years beyond that, back to the year 1853, when the Methodist Minister of Lloydtown began preaching services in the Temperance Hall now known as the United Church Hall. In those early days her membership was very few, and her congregations very small; because in the year 1856 the appropriation of the Kettleby appointment toward the

minister's salary was only 9 pounds, or about \$40.00 in our money. In those early days there were no roads worthy of the name, and the only safe mode of travel was by horseback. In the story of Canadian Methodism as written by the Rev. Mr. Playter, are several stories of these "saddle bag preachers" as they came to be called. Two or three of these had to do with the Rev. Dr. Peter Addison, whose name will always be associated with the history of our church.

At first the circuit consisted to Lloydtown, Monkman's, Rich Hill and Proctors. Kettleby was added about 1853; Brownsville, Schomberg and Tottenham about 1864. Because of the heavy driving and the very large area to cover, a junior minister was appointed. The first young man sent to the circuit was the Rev. Geo. Brown. The circuit agreed to pay him a salary of \$140.00 with \$100.00 for board and \$60.00 for horsekeep. From that date to 1878 Lloydtown circuit was served by two ministers, the one acted as Superintendent with headquarters in Lloydtown, the other a junior minister with his home at Kettleby.

In 1871 the Rev. Peter Addison was appointed Superintendent at Lloydtown, and with his coming the entire circuit took on new life. In the late fall of that year, a new church at Lloydtown was started and dedicated in the spring of 1872. That church was afterward sold to the Roman Catholics in Schomberg and their beautiful church was built of the material that came from the former Methodist church at Lloydtown.

In 1872 the congregation at Kettleby had grown to such an extent that there was a demand for a new church. In consequence a board of Trustees was appointed and they purchased a lot from Joseph and Charlotte Butler. The price paid was \$105.00. The original Trustees were Robert Tilson, (grandfather of Carmen Tilson) Isaac Gordon, Simeon Lemon, Robert Cook, James J. Spink, Oliver J. Smith, Charles Lloyd, Isaac Hollingshead, John H. Smith, John Lloyd, Benjamin Hollingshead, Richard Burling and Thomas Barradell. The church was dedicated the following year, -May 1873. The original deed, now at the parsonage, bears the date Nov. 5th, 1876. It might be of interest to many to state that four people still living,

attended the dedication of the church 75 years ago. They are -

J. Watson Elliott and his sister
Jennie Bolton
Mrs. J. Dutcher
Mrs. Louis Mount

With the building of the new church a great deal of enthusiasm was displayed. This is indicated in the growth of the Sunday School, in the larger support of the minister's salary and especially in the increase in membership.

One interesting item is recorded in the records of 1874. At that time there were five Methodist bodies in Upper Canada -

The New Connexion,
Wesleyan,
Primitive,
Bible Christian
Methodist Episcopal

The leaders of these various groups, except the Methodist Episcopal, decided to unite and form one Methodist Church.

In the minutes of the Lloydtown circuit the official board voted unanimously in favor of the union. The new church came to be known as the Canadian Methodist Church. The larger union was effected in 1883 when the Methodist Episcopal came in and formed the Methodist Church of Canada.

In 1878 the circuit of Lloydtown became divided forming three circuits: Tottenham, Schomberg and Lloydtown. The Lloydtown circuit was divided consisting of Lloydtown, Proctors and Kettleby appointments. Pottageville first appears in the records in 1884. The services were held in the Emmanuel Church, now Pottageville, with Wm. Dove as steward (Arnold Dove's grandfather) and John Proctor (grandfather of Stanley Proctor) as class leader.

In 1894 the Glenville appointment was transferred from Holland Landing to Lloydtown. What a drive that was from Lloydtown to Glenville on a bad winter's morning - for service was at 11:00 a.m. at Glenville.

In 1898 an interesting event took place. Miss Jennie Elliott belonging to one of the oldest and most highly respected families in the district, offered herself for work under the auspices of the W.M.S. and became a missionary among the Indians at Port Simpson in British Columbia. She remained in this work until her marriage to the late Mr. Bolton. Today she is living in Aurora with her brother Watson Elliott. It might be of interest to state that Watson never belonged to any other Sunday School or Church, but the one at Kettleby, until his removal to Aurora in January 1946.

In 1902 the Kettleby circuit was formed consisting of Kettleby, Pottageville, Glenville and Snowball appointments. Snowball up to this time had formed part of the King circuit.

The first minister of the newly formed circuit was the Rev. J.B. Freebury. He had been stationed at Lloydtown for one year. He was a man apparently of very devout spirit, a fine preacher, and very conscientious in his work. Some of the older members at Pottageville will tell you of how this man, walked on at least two occasions from Lloydtown to Pottageville, when the roads were so drifted a horse could not get through, so that the few who came out would not be disappointed - that such a spirit of devotion and consecration might rest upon everyone of us to-day.

One of the first duties of the officials at Kettleby was to provide a house for their minister. A committee consisting of John T. Curtis (father of Frank Curtis), Artemus Hambleton, John Jarvis (father of John Jarvis, Jr.) Milton Andrews, E. Webster, J. N. Doan and E. W. Love were appointed a parsonage committee, and were instructed to secure a suitable house for their minister; but were instructed not to pay more than \$50.00 rent per annum without consulting the board. What a tremendous change in rents from that early day to this!

The first house secured was one back of the mill, occupied to-day by Mr. and Mrs. Snider. In April 1903 the Trustee Board of Proctor's church, decided unanimously to ask Conference for permission to sell the land on which their church stood, and to move the church to Kettleby for a parsonage. Evidently the conference disapproved, for on June 15th, the trustees met and decided to sell the church by tender, and to apply the proceeds to the parsonage fund. The sale price was \$35.00.

About this time, July 5th, the parsonage committee decided to buy the Wilkinson's property for \$600.00. Between the house owned by Mr. Wilkinson and the one now occupied by Mr. William Wilson stood a carriage shop, the property of Mr. Rogers. This was purchased for \$150.00. It was afterward moved to the rear of the lot by Mr. Brown for \$8.00 and for years served as a horse stable and drive house. It was finally torn down and the present garage built.

Before the minister moved in, the house was painted, papered, a new furnace installed, and made into a very comfortable house. Many of our people will wonder how so small a group of people could meet so heavy an expense. We should bear in mind that Glenville brought her share of the value of the parsonage at Holland Landing, Snowball her share from King parsonage, Kettleby and Pottageville their share of the sale of the Lloydtown parsonage after the mortgage was paid. In addition there was the proceeds of the sale of the Proctor's Church. The balance was paid by subscriptions from the four appointments. The last payment on the first parsonage was made in 1911.

The first parsonage was burned in January 1928, and on February 21st a committee was appointed by the Official Board to rebuild. The committee consisted of J. W. Tilson, J. A. Marshall, H. Webb, C. Hunt, Cecil Wray, J. Webster, John Jarvis and Hudson Bowman. Of the above committee only three are living - Cecil Wray, John Jarvis and Hudson Bowman.

At the first meeting of the committee a contract was let to Mr. Burnel Graham of Schomberg to build the new parsonage. Great credit must be given to the building committee, to the minister, the Rev, J. S. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson, to the builder and to all who had a share, for the very comfortable and lovely house they erected. And now that a bathroom has been installed, the house painted outside and decorated on the inside, we have one of the most comfortable and attractive rural parsonages in the conference.

The balance of this story will be told under certain headings - the Sunday School - Officials - Revivals - the Choir - Women's work, the Young People's work and church improvements.

LOCAL PREACHERS

Such a booklet as this reaching back, as it does for over 90 years would hardly be complete without some reference to local preachers, a group of laymen who rendered untold service to the Methodist church in the early days. In those early days, people were very poor, mode of travel difficult, and so churches were built to serve communities - we, in this day of the automobile think these churches were altogether too near each other. Because of the lack both of ordained ministers and the money to support them, local preachers were used to fill the gap. Not only did they fill in, but from these came many an ordained minister as this brief sketch will show.

We wish space would permit us to print the full list of local preachers on the Lloydtown and Kettleby charge. That is not possible. What we intend to do, is to give the list of local preachers who afterward became ordained ministers; as well as whose who served Kettleby after it became head of the circuit. Preceding each name is the date when each was recommended as a candidate for the ministry: 1865 - John Brown; 1866 - W. L. Holmes, who was afterwards President of the Toronto Conference, 1871 - Thomas Snowden, afterwards President of the Bay of Quinte Conference, 1873 - George Walker, 1873 - Samuel Hastings and John Walls, 1899 - W. A. Potter, afterwards Professor of Oriental languages in Victoria College (his daughter is married to Mr. Cragg's nephew. the Rev. C. E. J. Cragg of Hamilton), 1902 - Henry Moore. The last two taught at Jamieson School - S.S.#6. Since Kettleby circuit was formed the following served in this capacity: John F. Curtis, Artemus Hambleton, J. N. Doan, E. W. Love and W. Agnew. In recent years, Ambrose Archibald, Owen Barr and Ray Marshall.

Each year at the May Official Board meeting each local preacher came up for review and the following questions were asked: has this man competent ability as a local preacher, has he been faithful in keeping his appointments, is there anything against his moral or religious character? In 1890 one of the local preachers was dropped, because he hadn't been faithful in keeping his appointments, and was reinstated when he explained that his wife had been seriously ill.

OFFICERS

Very closely associated with the local preachers were the class leaders. Forty or fifty years ago, when one joined the church they were placed in a class, and it was the duty of the class leader to keep an oversight of the new members and to inquire from time to time as to their growth in grace. The first class leader of Kettleby appointment was Robert Cook, the great grandfather of Murray Cook and Gordon Cook - the later one of the newly elected stewards of Kettleby. Among the last of this noble body of men were the Hambleton Brothers, Artemus and Alfred. This institution ceased to function about 1907.

About that time society representatives were appointed. These continued to function until the United Church came into being. At that time Elders were appointed. No class of laymen have ever been entrusted with greater responsibility. They are supposed to visit the sick and shut-ins, to distribute the communion cards, and to assist the ministers in the administration of the Lord's Supper. Our present board of Elders are: Mrs. J. Archibald, Harry Burns, John Crichton, Roy Geer, S. J. Heacock, Mrs. S. J. Heacock, Wm. Hodgson, Anson McCluskie and Ray Marshall (the clerk). So in the course of years, one institution passes giving place to another.

Another group of laymen too frequently omitted are the recording secretaries of a circuit; and yet these men are so essential to the efficient working of a circuit.

We could go back 95 years ago when Dr. Bull was recording Steward. He was a beautiful penman, kept an excellent record, and acted for nearly 15 years. We skip the years and come down to 1902. Since then the recording stewards have been E. W. Love, Elias Hilborn, J. A. Marshall (from 1912 to his death in 1942). He was a beautiful penman. In the margin dated 1934 is this note from the Presbytery record committee: "This record reflects neatness and accuracy". In the minutes of the Official Board, following his death, is a very fine worded resolution regarding the long and efficient service rendered by Mr. Marshall; among other clauses is this: "He was a good man and true". Mr. Marshall was followed by his son, Ray. He, in turn by Wm. Hodgson, and the present secretary William Davison.

REVIVALS

Methodism was born in a great revival, and in the early days was made strong because of the protracted meetings. The growth of Methodism at Kettleby was due in no small measure to the great revival of the early days.

The first of these outstanding revivals was held in the fall of 1880, during the pastorate of the Rev. Robt. McCullough. At the August meeting in 1880, the minister suggested that a four day meeting be held at Lloydtown; that people bring their lunches, and that they spend the four days waiting upon God for a mighty outpouring of his spirit. Shortly afterward the revival broke out at Kettleby, and in November 1880, 38 were received into the church on trial for three months.

The second revival of note was in 1887, when the Rev. N. E. Scott was minister. This revival was in January and part of February. At the May quarterly meeting over 70 were received on trial.

The third of these outstanding revivals was in 1907, during the pastorate of Rev. Thomas Leonard. That year 41 were added to the roll of the church. No greater proof can be found of the value of these revivals than in these old records and their immediate effect upon the church.

The last of these large increases in Church members was in the fall of 1945, when following a preparatory class extending over six weeks, and a very intensive visiting campaign, 37 were received in November. It may be of interest to note that from that date to this, one or more have been received at this Kettleby appointment at every communion service, making a total of 63 during the past two and one half years, and a total on the circuit of 149.

IMPROVEMENTS

What changes take place in 75 years! That is true of homes, schools, state and church. Great changes have taken place in the church at Kettleby. Note the change in the lighting system. We have no authentic record, but in as much as candles were in general use 70 or 80 years ago, we feel confident that the first system of lighting must have been candles. Then came the coal oil lamps. What an improvement these were. In 1900 a system of gas was introduced. The gas was manufactured at the pond. From the plant ran the main line along the side of the road. From the main line ran short lines connecting the various houses and places served by it. At the main line were taps to lessen or increase the power of the light. Many of the people who read this will recall how frequently the boys turned down the power during the service in the church, and how Mr. Love, who was in charge of the plant would go down to see what was wrong, then the boys would turn on the power again. In 1912 the aladdin lamps were introduced. These were quite unsatisfactory because if turned at all high the lamps would smoke and the caretaker would have to disturb the service to have them adjusted. In 1929 the electric lights were installed.

Four times at least the church has been decorated - in 1916 by Mr. Travis; 1923 by Ed. Williams; 1929 by Burnel Graham and in 1947 by Mr. Heard.

In 1918 the furnace was installed by Mr. Ough; in 1922 the new matting secured, in 1924 the choir loft enlarged, in 1929 new ceiling put on, electric lights installed, and the new windows purchased. That occasion must have created almost as much enthusiasm as the building of a new church. In 1933 the sheds were resingled and repaired, and the garage built at the parsonage. In 1947 the church was decorated, painted on the outside and resingled. And so each minister makes a contribution, and each generation improves upon the past, and we move on to a better day.



The men listed here made the publication of this book possible with five dollar donations or more.

G. COOK C. WALTON N. BLATCHFORD L. HEACOCK F. SCHMIDT J. MAGINN A. McCLUSKIE

J. ARCHIBALD F. CURTIS H. WEBSTER W. SABIN A. CROWHURST J. MacDONALD

W. HODGSON R. GEER S. HEACOCK C. E. CRAGG J. CRICHTON E. BLATCHFORD R. MARSHALL

NOT IN PICTURE — C. TILSON W. GEER H. BURNS WATSON ELLIOTT

Mr. & Mrs. Cragg



On June 30th, 1945, Rev. C. E. Cragg, M.A., B.D. was superannuated from the active ministry of the United Church of Canada. He had served long and well but he heard of the need for an active minister for the Kettleby circuit and without counting the cost offered to come and serve.



Mr. Cragg and his good wife have now been with us some three years and already their efforts have been crowned with success. Spiritual and material blessings have come to both minister and people.

Rev. and Mrs. Cragg have won the appreciation of the people by hard work, constant pastoral visitation and excellent service in the pulpit.

"The Session"

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

In 1913 seven women met at the home of Mrs. Wood (Aubrey Wood's mother) on the 4th concession of King and organized a Women's Missionary Society. Unfortunately, no records are available of the early years of the W. M. S., hence no story can be written as is the case with all the other organizations. Two facts stand out as we consider the society.

The first is the loyalty and devotion of a few women, who, notwithstanding all the years of depression through which this church has passed, have continued to send in their yearly contribution.



CHARTER MEMBERS STILL LIVING

MAY 1st, 1948

MRS. J. A. MARSHALL MRS. S. GEER MRS. F. DAVIS

NOT IN PICTURE — MRS. L. MOUNT

The second outstanding fact, is that four charter members of the society are still members of the Kettleby congregation. These are: Mrs. Frank Davis, Mrs. S. Geer, Mrs. J. A. Marshall and Mrs. L. Mount. We doubt if such a record can be duplicated in Canada.

The society is still active with interesting programs, growing enthusiasm, and bright prospects for the future.

In view of the fact that these records have been lost, as a committee we would urge all members having in their possession any records of any of the organizations to hand them at once to the minister that they may be handed to his successor. These records are church property, and should not under any circumstances be retained by private individuals.

THE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

The earliest record we have of an organization among the women of the church dates back to 1897 when the Ladies Aid was formed. The first President was Miss C. White and the first Secretary Miss Ida Elliott. She was succeeded as secretary by Mrs. W. J. Rogers, now Mrs. L. Mount. Mrs. Mount acted as secretary for at least three different periods. At first practically all meetings were held in the homes of the members. Some of the attendance was very small 5, 8 and 10, including visitors, but the women carried on, and it is surprising what they accomplished. The women worked very hard for their church in those early days. Here is a programme for one year. They made and sold several quilts, held a strawberry festival in June, a concert in September and a fowl supper in October at which they realized \$150.00 clear.

Among the first items of expense was the paying of the salary of the caretaker. One item back in 1897 read thus: "Paid Mrs. Seymour, caretaker, \$4.50 being salary in full for 1897." This amount was increased to \$9.00 in 1899. Even to the present the Woman's Association pay for looking after the church. They also paid for the fuel. The women still look after the expense of the fuel. They also helped with the minister's salary. In one year, 1914, at three different times money was paid to Mr. J. A. Marshall for the minister's salary. In 1915 the ladies paid Mr. Travis \$135.00 for painting the church. In 1918 they paid Mr. Ough the sum of \$243.00 for installing the furnace in the church. In 1923 the church was again decorated and the W. A. A. paid Mr. Ed. Williams \$135.35 for the job. We were greatly impressed with the record of 1922. In that year the ladies paid \$27.90 for the matting in the church, \$175.00 toward the new Estey organ, gave \$60.00 to the stewards for the minister's salary, paid \$50.00 to the caretaker, and reported a balance at the end of the year of \$192.42.

In addition to the above, the women have looked after the needs of the parsonage. They painted and papered the parsonage, bought a new stove, and made other necessary repairs. Moreover for several years the women paid the connexional funds. One year these amounted to \$75.00.

Presidents: Miss C. White, Miss J. Walton, Miss E. Lloyd, Miss J. Walton, Mrs. W. J. Rogers, Mrs. Laidlaw, Mrs. Frank Davis, Mrs. J. W. Wilson, Mrs. Ray Marshall, Mrs. Dudley Heacock, Mrs. Ray Marshall, Mrs. Anson McCluskie.

Secretaries: Miss Ida Elliott, Mrs. W. J. Rogers, Miss Mabel Elliott, Miss C. White, Miss Hattie Love, Miss J. Walton, Miss Lola Elliott, Mrs. S. Geer, Mrs. J. A. Marshall - 18 years, Mrs. J. Lepard.

Treasurers: Mrs. S. Geer - nearly 20 years, Mrs. J. F. Curtis, Mrs. H. Murray, Mrs. S. J. Heacock, Mrs. Wm. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Heacock - second term.



THE OFFICERS OF THE W.A. AND THE W.M.S. FOR 1947-48

MRS. J. ARCHIBALD MRS. R. GEER MRS. W. HODGSON MRS. E. BLATCHFORD MRS. F. CURTIS
 MRS. J. DAY MRS. J. A. MARSHALL MRS. C. CRAGG MRS. G. CAMBOURNE
 MRS. S. HEACOCK MRS. J. LEPARD MRS. A. McCLUSKIE MRS. H. WEBSTER MRS. R. MARSHALL
 NOT IN PICTURE — MRS. H. BURNS



THE CHOIR

Before the building of the Methodist Church and for three years after, Mr. Oliver St. J. Smith led the singing in the congregation by a tuning fork. The first organ was purchased in the year 1876, in which year Mr. St. J. Smith is reported choir leader and Martha Smith organist. The second organ was secured in 1922 - an Estey organ. The great improvement in the church music came in 1946 when Mr. Ray Marshall on behalf of himself, his mother, Mrs. J. A. Marshall, and his sister, Mrs. Jack MacDonald, presented a beautiful Minshall Electric organ, as a memorial to a very worthy father and husband.

Down the years the Church has been blessed by a good choir, but the members of our congregation seem to be agreed that the choir to-day is as large and as efficient as at anytime in the long history of the congregation.



THE CHOIR 1948

J. ARCHIBALD	S. HEACOCK	W. CRICHTON	F. CURTIS	A. CROWHURST	M. GEER	R. GEER
I. FOLLIOTT	MRS. H. WEBSTER	M. WASSINK	MRS. E. HOBBS	MRS. N. BLATCHFORD	B. WEBSTER	
MRS. A. FARREN						
MRS. H. MURRAY	E. NIXON	MRS. M. WASSINK	MRS. R. MARSHALL	MRS. W. HODGSON		
		MRS. W. SABIN	MRS. H. BURNS			
REV. C. E. CRAGG, M.A., B.D.				NOT IN PICTURE — B. GEER		

We should note that our present leader, Mr. J. F. Curtis, entered the choir back in 1906.

THE CHOIR

Reference should be made to the piano, the gift of the late Alfred Hambleton. He was a lover of music, and for over 45 years he was a member of Kettleby choir. He gave the piano for use in the Sunday School, but it has proven of great service to the church as well.

We are appending the names of the choir leaders and organists. Many of the older members will recall with pleasure, a good many of the people whose names follow:

The choir leaders: Oliver St. J. Smith, John W. Smith, David White, E. W. Love, Sylvia Laidlaw, Mrs. T. Leonard, Mrs. J. W. Tribble, Miss Jennie Fox, Mrs. C. C. Otton, Rev. J. W. Holmes, Miss Dorothy Stevenson, Reg. H. W. Strapp, J. F. Curtis, Maurice Hayward, Ed. Williams, Mrs. Ray Marshall and J. F. Curtis.

The organists: Mrs. O. St. J. Smith, Miss Jane Smith, Miss Susan Lloyd, Miss Jenny Walton, Miss Ethel Hambleton, Miss Merna Geer, Mr. Stanley Otton, Mrs. Herbert Webster, Mrs. Fred Davis, Mrs. H. W. Strapp, Mrs. Fred Davis, Miss Doris Geer, Miss Jean Archibald, Miss Mary Crichton and Mrs. Ray Marshall.

Miss Tribble's Sunday School Class



Taken in Amphitheatre Park, Kentucky.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The story of the Sunday School dates back long before the building of the church. The earliest record we have is a bill posted at the mill dated 1864. Brooks W. Walton was superintendent and George Smith secretary. Mr. Walton was succeeded in the superintendency by Mr. John Lukes and the school continued to grow until in 1871 there were 85 girls and 88 boys on the roll. That year the boys recited 11,270 verses - last year, 1947, - 256; the girls recited 5,934 verses - last year, 1947, only 861.

In the course of the years the following Superintendents served: Richard Burling, Wilfred Heacock, Artemus Hambleton, E. Love, Elias Hilborn, Wesley Walls, Oliver Thompson, Ray Marshall, Harry Burns, Doris Geer, (probably the youngest superintendent in the United Church at that time), Ray Marshall a second term, and the present superintendent, William Hodgson.

At first the Sunday School was a Union School, then it came under the auspices of the Methodist Church. After Church Union in 1925, it came under the control of the United Church of Canada.



Bond Lake, where many Sunday School picnics were held. The trolley was boarded at Hambleton's Crossing and went direct to the picnic grounds.

YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY

The first young people's Society was organized in 1892 under the auspices of the Epworth League with Miss Christie White as President. She was followed by Henry Moore. In 1902 C. W. Leadley was elected president and the following was the executive:

President	C. W. Leadley (now of Toronto)
1st Vice Pres.	Jennie Walton (Mrs. C. Webb, deceased)
2nd "	Annie Clarkson (Mrs. J. Hunter, Laskay)
3rd "	Minnie Love (Music teacher, Vancouver)
4th "	Ethel Hambleton (deceased)
Secretary	S. W. Baker (lawyer, Regina, Sask)
Corresp. Sec.	A. Davis (Toronto)
Treasurer	Lola Elliott (Mrs. C.W. Leadley, Toronto)

The society at that time was quite enterprising. They published a directory of King Township, secured advertisement from nearly all the business men in the township at that time, and sold the booklets for .15¢ a copy. A few copies are still in circulation.

Mr. C. W. Leadley was succeeded by Mrs. Thos. Greensides, and she in turn by Alfred Hambleton, Louise Heacock and Wesley Walls, who acted until 1920. The secretaries were: Louise Heacock, William Geer, Merna Geer, Marshall Geer, Carman Tilson. And so for 20 years the young people's work was maintained. But the work was not always booming. For example, in January 1909 the attendance for the four Tuesday evenings was as follows: 12, 17, 11 and 14. In 1913 there were four meetings where the attendance was 8, 7, 8 and 8.

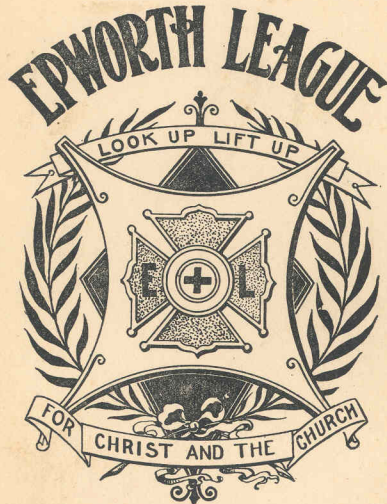
But the young people carried on and did a fine piece of work. For example in 1914 the Missionary Money raised by the Epworth League was \$24.22. Moreover they had their consecration services where the roll was called, and every active member was supposed to answer to their name, either by a verse of scripture or a personal testimony. They had seasons of prayer where four or five of the young people led. This custom that was quite universal throughout the Methodist Church accounts in a large measure for the high spiritual tone among her members.

The young people had a real good time. They had several debates. In November 1911 they debated resolved: "That the horse and buggy is preferable to the automobile". Roy and Merna Geer were on the affirmative, Wesley Walls and Watson Elliott on the negative. The affirmative won. Some months later they had another debate: "Resolved that a dirty good natured woman is preferable to a clean cranky one". Leader on the affirmative Merna Geer, on the negative Mary Stevens, the affirmative winning. Attendance 80.

... Everybody Cordially Welcomed ...

Prayer Meeting Topics

November, 1901, to April, 1902

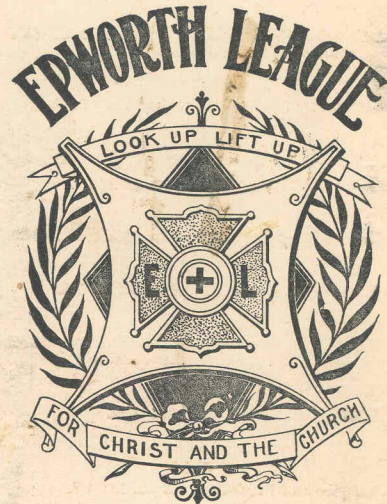


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 Meets every *Sunday* Ev'g
 at *7:30* o'clock

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Prayer Meeting Topics

May to October, 1901



..... *Kettleby* League
 Meets every *Sunday* Ev'g
 at *8* o'clock

Unfortunately we have no records from 1923 to 1943. In that year the young people reorganized with Miss Orr, President. It lasted only a couple of years. In 1945 a union Y.P.S. was formed called the Christian Endeavor with Mr. Harry Burns as President. Many of the older men and women took an interest and the society became a great success. The attendance was remarkably good - 60, 70 and one evening 105 present. The success was due to the fact that men like Ray Marshall, Frank Beatty, Will Hodgson, Norman Greensides, Willison Crichton and John Fawcett, and girls and women like Grace Webster, Clara and Hazel Sharpe, Mrs. Ray Marshall, Grace Blatchford, Mrs. George Cambourne, Lorna Lepard, Mae McCluskie, Beulah Geer and Mrs. Norman Greensides took a vital interest in the meetings. This shows what can be done by capable and efficient leadership.

NEW FRONT DOORS DEDICATED AT KETTLEBY UNITED CHURCH

1957

When the handsome new front doors of the eighty-four old Kettleby United Church were opened for the first time on Sunday, November 17, a congregation streamed in to fill the church to capacity within a few minutes. The occasion was a special service at which the following gifts were presented to the congregation and dedicated to the glory of God.

(A) A front door (double) of the finest material and workmanship, the gift of Mrs. Fannie Heacock, as a memorial to her husband, the late Silas M. Heacock, who was for many years a highly esteemed and active member of the Kettleby congregation. Mrs. George Cambridge made the presentation on behalf of her Mother who was unable to be present.

(B) A pair of elegant pedestals or flower stands done in cedar-wood, the work and the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Brown of Kettleby.

The gifts were received by representatives of the Official Board of the church, and were dedicated in a simple and impressive ceremony, conducted by the minister, Rev. R. Graham, who paid tribute to Mrs. Heacock's life long interest and activity in the life and work of Kettleby church. He made touching reference to the loyal and ever helpful services of the late "Si" Heacock, as he sang in the choir, took his turn in office, and was always on hand and willing when there was need of improvement or repair to the property.

The service was enhanced by contributions from both senior and junior choirs. Six members of the senior choir who had sung with Mr. Heacock sang one of his favorite hymns "In the Garden". The sextet included Messrs. Ed. Williams, Roy Geer, Jack Maginn, Mrs. M. Wassink, Mrs. T. Proctor and Mrs. R. Rogers. A duet "Have Thine Own Way" by Mr. Williams and Mrs. Bert Cherry, and a hymn "Celestial Voices" by the junior choir were further enjoyable additions to the praise service.

KETTLEBY CHURCH BEAUTIFIED TO MARK CENTURY OF SERVICE

Sunday, December 7, 1958, saw another milestone set up in the life story of Kettleby United Church. The congregation was founded 105 years ago and the present church building has been its home for the past 90 years. A large and eager company of members, former members, neighbours and friends assembled for the dedication of the new vestibule and other additions and improvements to the property.

The service was conducted by the minister, Rev. R. Graham with the Rev. Charles E. Cragg of Toronto, as guest speaker. Following the anthem "My Dedication" sung by the senior and junior choirs, Mr. Norman Blatchford gave a brief review of the work planned and now completed. He told of the every member visitation carried out in the spring and of the heart warming response of members to the appeal for funds. The result was a decision by the congregation to have the outside walls refinished in white stucco, and a fifteen by twelve vestibule added to the building. A handsome church sign board was the gift of Mr. Ray Marshall.

An impressive act of dedication followed from which these sentences are quoted: The minister: "As a tribute of gratitude and love, a freewill offering of thankfulness and praise from those who have given of their thought, their substance and their labor, so as to add to the use and beauty of this House." The people: We dedicate the purpose of our hearts and the work of our hands to the glory and service of God and His Church".

Following the dedication prayer, the Kettleby Male Quartette, Messrs. Sturgess, Booth, Gilmore and Burt-Gerrans, sang "Bless This House". The anthem "Abide With Me" by the senior choir and a second number by the Quartette, "Sweet Peace" further enhanced the fine praise service with Mrs. Ray Marshall as organist and Mrs. Bert Cherry as choir leader.

The Rev. C. E. Cragg, M.A., who some years ago, served a very successful period on the Kettleby charge, was heartily welcomed by all. His subject was "Christians are Different" and his inspiring message, delivered with all his former force and vigor, was a fitting climax to an outstanding worship service. He congratulated the minister and people on the number and quality of the recent additions and improvements to painting and decorating done a year ago, a new broadloom carpet for the platform, the addition of a choice communion table with richly embroidered runner and brass alter cross, pulpit drape, oak baptismal font, a pair of handsome flower stands, two silk flags (Union Jack and Christian) and a

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miniature replica of the church before its recent face-lifting, and two beautiful memorial front doors. Further improvements, including the landscaping of grounds have been planned for the spring.

The congregation included several former members of Kettleby church who were heartily welcomed, and who enjoyed meeting old friends and exchanging memories. Tribute was paid to the work carried out by the two committees under Gordon Cook and Carl Proctor, and to the construction work headed by Messrs. Harry Stephenson and Fred Schmidt and to the willing help rendered by various members whenever needed.

The treasurer was happy to report that the cost of the undertaking was covered by the free-will offerings of the people.

CHURCH GIFTS ARE DEDICATED AT
SPECIAL OPENING SERVICE



A special service marked the reopening of Kettleby United Church on Sunday, September 8th, 1959, after extensive decoration, some structural changes and the addition of several items of handsome church furnishings.

The service, conducted by the minister, Rev. R. Graham, was largely attended by members and friends, and proved an interesting milestone in the one hundred and four year history of the Kettleby congregation.

An impressive part of the service was the reception and dedication of various gifts, listed as follows: the painting of the walls and ceiling, and the alterations to the choir loft and platform were the gift of the members of the congregation, whose generous response to the recent every member canvass made the project possible.

The communion table of choice design in oak, matching the pulpit, baptismal font and chairs. This gift was purchased through funds from the will of the late Mrs. Joseph Webster of Glenville. The presentation was made by Mrs. Carl Proctor, daughter of Mrs. Webster. Another choice and very acceptable gift, a sixteen inch solid brass cross for the communion table was given by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Armstrong.

Standing with the minister to receive these gifts were Mr. Roy Geer, chairman of the trustees, and Mr. Ray Marshall, representing the elders. A brief dedication service followed in which the entire congregation took part. Assisting in the service were Mr. Gordon Cook, chairman of the decoration committee, and Mr. Jack MacDonald, representing the stewards. The praise was led by the Kettleby choir with Mrs. Ray Marshall as organist and Mrs. Bert Cherry as choir leader. The service was enhanced by three outstandingly beautiful numbers from the Melville Male Quartette, whose rendering was about perfect on both voice and expression, an inspiration to every worshipper present. Following the service members of the Quartette and their friends were entertained at the Manse.

NEW KETTLEBY MINISTER COMES FROM ETOBICOKE

Rev. Harold W. Kemp, B.A.BD., is the new minister of the Kettleby, Pottageville, Snowball charge of the United Church of Canada, and was inducted last week at a service at Kettleby. He succeeds Rev. Robert Graham who has retired to Toronto.

Mr. Kemp's induction service was under Rev. Gordon Winch, Oak Ridges, with Rev. Gordon Elliott, Schomberg, preaching the sermon to the congregation, and Rev. A. Wright, Markham, preaching to the minister. Ray Marshall presented Mr. Kemp to the congregation and spoke for Kettleby; Mrs. Wm. Turner for Snowball and Mrs. S. Proctor for Pottageville.

The Kemps are still living in Toronto, but will move to the Kettleby manse the end of this month.

Mr. Kemp formerly served as minister of Kenforth Baptist Church in Etobicoke but was received into the Toronto conference of the United Church in May of this year. He grew up on a farm at Broadview, Sask., attended Brandon College and McMaster University.

Mrs. Kemp is a registered nurse, whose home was Camrose, Alberta. They have two sons, David 10 and Robert 12, at present in the west with their mother visiting relatives.

Next month the family will be together at their cottage on Muldew Lake near Gravenhurst. For 17 years Mr. Kemp has served in the city.

CENTURY OLD TOWERING TREES GIVE THEIR NAME TO NEW CHURCH

IT'S "YORK PINES UNITED"

One hundred and twenty members and adherents of Kettleby Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada, meeting in the Community Hall at Schomberg on Wednesday strongly favored "York Pines" as the name for their new church.

The new church, under construction a quarter mile east of Highway 400 on the north side of the Aurora-Schomberg road, is surrounded by tall pines, many of them nearing one hundred years of age, and the name seems most suitable.

The church is being built to accommodate the combined congregations of Snowball, Kettleby and Pottageville United Churches. The decision to amalgamate the churches was made last June, and construction began on the \$105,000. building in October, 1965.

The meeting at Schomberg was the initial meeting of the new congregation. William Hodgson, chairman of the council, which has coordinated the work of seven committees set up to handle the project, gave special recognition to members of these committees. Forty persons rose as their names were called by way of recognition.

Mr. Hodgson reported that the brick and stone structure is now closed in, and that work is being carried on in the interior. To date about 20 percent of the total cost has been contributed, and it is expected that when the building is opened on May 29, 1966, it will be half paid for. The remainder of the cost should be taken care of in a couple of years.

Rev. Albion R. Wright, minister of St. Andrew's United Church, Markham, and Chairman of York Presbytery, conducted the service of Institution by which the three congregations became one.

In presenting names for the new church, Mrs. Harry Burns noted that over fifty suggestions were originally submitted. A committee, elected for the purpose, narrowed them down to two. By a ballot vote, 82 percent favored York Pines as the most desirable name.

A slate of officers for the new congregation was presented by Mrs. William Hodgson and accepted by the meeting. The following will be officers during the first year:

Church Session - J. Ellison, A. Kerr, Mrs. W. Hodgson, H. Burns, L. White, Mrs. J. Adams, N. Blatchford, J. Maginn, J. MacDonald, Mrs. S. Proctor, Mrs. H. Sheardown, B. Patton, Mrs. C. Copson, J. Webster and F. Curtis.

Committee of Stewards - J. Adams, W. Groombridge, M. Woods, W. Hodgson, C. Doan, R. Orr, W. Davidson, Mrs. J. Maginn, W. Ard, G. Cook, Mrs. A. Kerr, D. Hodgson, Mrs. R. Snider, N. Hamilton, L. Heacock, S. Proctor, G. Cambourne and Mrs. M. Cook.

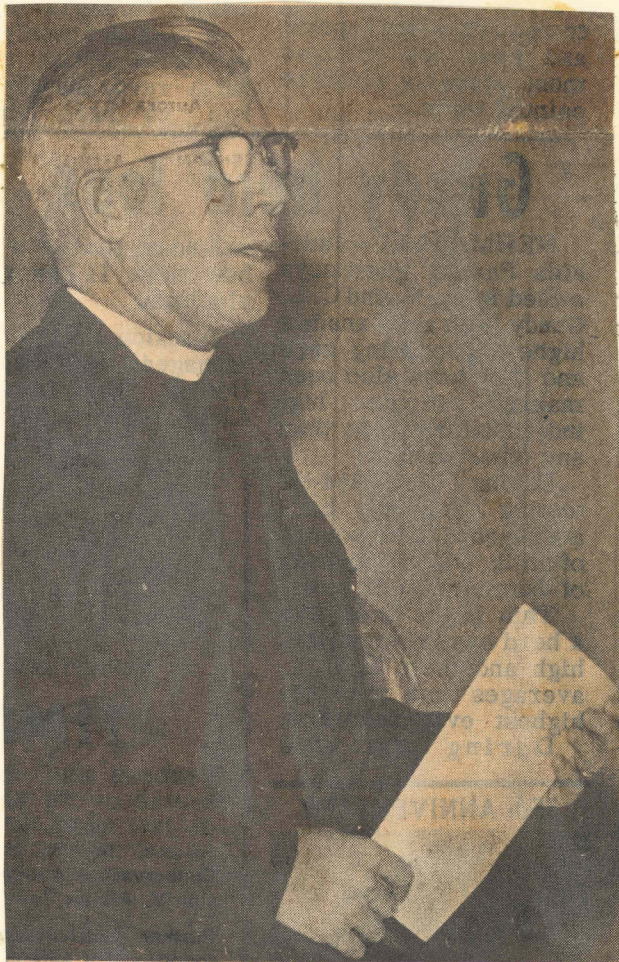
Board of Trustees - J. Maginn, C. Tilson, S. Proctor, W. Davidson and J. Adams.

Norman Blatchford presented the new budget and this was adopted without change.

Rev. R. Norman Pick, minister of Trinity United Church, Newmarket and secretary of York Presbytery, conducted a devotional service at the conclusion of the business meeting.

Rev. Harold W. Kemp, minister of the new congregation, expressed appreciation to the Schomberg United Church Women for the delicious meal they provided, to Mrs. Ray Rogers for the special solo rendered, and to Mrs. M. Cook for accompanying her. Special mention was made of the dinner music arranged by Miss Doris Mitchell. Mrs. Albion Wright and Mrs. Norman Pick accompanied their husbands and were thanked for their consent to count the ballots cast in the naming of the new church.

Many fine comments were made by those present on the significance and quality of this first meeting of York Pines United Church in the Township of King, and hopes for a strong religious and cultural centre for the larger community were envisaged.



Rev. Harold Kemp, who will be minister of the new congregation.



BOTH CHOIRS OF THE CHURCH -- the chancel choir and the youth choir -- combined for the special

event. Organist and chancel choir director, John F. Willis, is at right end of back row.



The chancel is contemporary in feeling with the chancel choir on one side and the youth choir on the other. The lovely Conn organ is situated on the west side with the younger choir. The pulpit is also on the right side.

On the left is the lectern with the gold markers with the Latin cross. The communion table is situated in the centre of the chancel with the brass altar and Pri-seat. The altar desk holds the Bible.

Long narrow windows with perpendicular window panes run along the sides of the sanctuary. The panes contain colored glass in two shades of amber and a wine colour.

Indirect lighting shines on the cross hanging on the stone column. Two rows of brass hanging fixtures are suspended from the ceiling.

Folding doors at the back of the church divide the chapel from the main section of the church.

On the main floor there is a church office, the minister's study, a nursery room, kitchenette, washrooms and a church fellowship room. The fellowship room contains upholstered furniture and resembles a lounge. The room contains a pair of clear glass windows in addition to the coloured windows to match the decor of the rest of the church. There is a pass through to the kitchenette.

Downstairs (two stairways) contains five large classrooms for church school purposes suitable for team teaching. This section contains the utilities including a modern kitchen. The auditorium has a full stage with two dressing rooms. There is a seating capacity of 300 in this room. A public address system has been installed throughout the building with 16 speakers in the sanctuary and 12 in the auditorium.

CONDENSED HISTORY OF KETTLEBY UNITED CHURCH

The history of this church goes back to the year 1853 when the methodist minister at Lloydtown began having services in the Temperance Hall at Kettleby. In those early years the membership was very small and Kettleby's portion of the minister's salary was 9 pounds - about \$40.00. In those days there were no roads worthy of the name and the only safe mode of travel was by horseback, giving the name "saddle bag preachers" to those who served.

The circuit first consisted of Lloydtown, Monkman's, Rich Hill and Proctor's. Kettleby was added in 1853. Brownsville, Schomberg and Tottenham in 1884. Because of the very large area and so much driving a second minister was called in 1878 at a salary of \$140.00 a year with \$100.00 for board and \$60.00 for horse keep.

By 1872 the congregation at Kettleby had grown to such an extent a church was needed. A lot was purchased in the village for \$105.00 and the new church dedicated in 1873.

In 1879 the circuit of Lloydtown became divided into three circuits - Tottenham, Schomberg and Lloydtown. The Lloydtown circuit consisted of Lloydtown, Proctor's and Kettleby appointments. Pottageville first appears in the records in 1884. In 1894 the Glenville appointment was transferred from Holland Landing to Lloydtown. What a drive that must have been on a cold winter morning from Lloydtown to Glenville for service at eleven o'clock!

In 1902 the Kettleby circuit was formed consisting of Kettleby, Pottageville, Glenville and Snowball. Up to this time the latter had formed part of the King circuit. The first minister of the newly formed circuit was the Rev. J. B. Freebury and the story is that on two occasions he walked from Lloydtown to Pottageville when the roads were so drifted a horse could not get through in order that the few who did get out to church would not be disappointed. In June 1952 the Glenville church was closed due mostly to the fact it was difficult to obtain a minister willing to take on a four point charge.

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The first parsonage was purchased in 1903 for \$600.00 and an old carriage shop bought for \$150.00 was moved to the rear to serve as a horse stable and drive shed. This first parsonage was burned in 1928 and a new brick home was built on the same site and is still used as the Manse.

Through the years many improvements were made to the church itself such as a vestibule added, the church refinished in white stucco with two beautiful memorial front doors and the interior tastefully decorated.

Time marches on and under the leadership of Rev. Harold Kemp the decision was made to amalgamate Snowball, Pottageville and Kettleby United churches. Construction of a new building was begun in October 1965 to be known as York Pines United Church. This church was opened and dedicated at a very impressive service on the afternoon of Sunday, May 29th, 1966, with the Right Rev. James R. Mutchmor, past Moderator of the United Church of Canada, as guest preacher.

In the morning of the same day the doors of the old churches, which had served their respected communities for so many years, were closed in grateful memory of those who had been faithful in all the years gone by.

The old church in Kettleby now houses an impressive antique shop together with living quarters. Snowball and Pottageville churches have been renovated into permanent homes.

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