

ST. ANDREW'S, QUEBEC.

The special anniversary services commemorating the 99th anniversary of the occupancy of St. Andrew's Church and the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Mr. Love as the pastor of the congregation, were continued at the morning and evening service last Sunday when the Rev. Robt. Campbell, D. D., of Montreal, and an ex-moderator of the General Assembly, preached excellent sermons to large and appreciative audiences. Taking his text in the morning from the 5th verse of the 1st chapter of Zechariah: "Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?" the preacher in an able manner traced the thought existing in the mind of the prophet regarding the dignity and value of human life and a proper appreciation of its importance and value while in the world. The advantages peculiar to men living in the different ages of the world's history were also clearly set forth, and it was shown that the advantages of living were greater during the last century than any previous age.

Dr. Campbell's sermon in the evening was based on the 2nd verse of the 8th chapter of Deut.: "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee." The circumstances under which the words were spoken were aptly described and many practical lessons drawn therefrom. Worthy tributes were also paid to the life work, and character of the five ministers who had occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's covering a period of nearly one hundred and fifty years. Dr. Cook was characterized as a man of uncommon parts whose noble face was an index to his mind and heart, a man who was easily the compeer of Candlish, Cunningham, McDougall and Buchanan, who were fellow students with him in the University of Edinburgh, under Dr. Chalmers, and who afterwards rose into a position of fame and power in Scotland.

It required no little courage for your present pastor to succeed such a man as Dr. Cook; but it was no little advantage to him that the action of the congregation, in calling such a man as Mr. Love met with his warmest approval. Mr. Love was cast in a gentler mould than his great predecessors, and the variation which his services offered made his special gifts and style acceptable to you as a people. I cannot, said Dr. Campbell, go on to characterize his ministry among you. The most interesting proceedings which took place last evening speak louder than words how deep is the hold which he has upon your affections, and what a large place he has made for himself in your hearts and homes. He too has taken his full share of public work, and worthily represented you and the church in the community at large. There is no time left for going into the details of your congregational history. Suffice it for me to say that a noble body of elders has been furnished by the congregation to the higher courts of the church. I need only mention, besides those who remain, John Thomson, sr., Robert Cassels, Nathaniel Ross, John Ross, Wm. Walker, Wm. Thom. Dr. Weir, Wm. R. Dean and John C. Thomson, who all have joined the General Assembly and Church of the first born.

You are to be congratulated on the tokens of activity and prosperity your situation presents, owing in part to the thoughtful munificence of departed friends and others who remain. You are in circumstances to afford accommodation to all comers in the accession to the Protestant population of the city, which you are justified in looking for, as it cannot be questioned that Quebec has a fresh era of prosperity awaiting it, as its situation commands possibilities that can be claimed by no other port on the St. Lawrence. And my best wish for you is the apostolic one! that above all things we may prosper and be in health even as your souls prosper.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Prof. Kennedy Cameron has been selected as moderator of the next Free Church assembly.

It is said that the Elder Memorial Church, Leith, will sever its connection with the Free Church.

The Presbytery of Islay and Jura have accepted the resignation of the Rev. J. McGilchrist, Kilarrow Parish, Islay.

The parish church of St. Andrews, where John Knox preached his first sermon, has just been rededicated, after being restored.

There died at the manse, Ruthven, lately Rev. John Gordon McPherson, in the 40th year of his ministry. He published several books.

Australia has now 55,219 old age pensioners. It is expected that on the first of January, £1,500,000 will be required to pay pensions.

Estimates of the wheat harvest in England in 1909 make it 33.76 bushels an acre, while the Scottish yield is figured up to 41.19 bushels an acre.

An Irish woman who has just died at the age of 108 years, attributed her long life to the use of potatoes, vegetables, porridge and new milk.

Pears imported from Russia are the latest novelty at Covent Garden. Some of them weigh as much as two pounds each, and they are selling at 1s each.

"Sixpenny cabs" are steadily increasing in London, Eng., and Reading proprietors have ordered flags for use on horse-cabs in that town.

Several of the King's and Queen's South Africa war medals for men of various imperial and irregular corps are still awaiting claimants.

Temperance workers are claiming credit for the reduction in the consumption of whiskey in Scotland, and scoff the notion of the budget having anything to do with it.

One of the most popular Highlanders in Liverpool, Mr. Wm. Morrison, Gaelic preacher, was gifted with a purse of sovereigns on leaving for New Zealand.

Mothers of Catholic pupils in young girls' school at Chassigny-sous-Dun, in Saone-et-Loire, France, made public bonfire of interdicted text-books used by their daughters.

Criefth North U.P. Church has recently lost by death three elders, all of the name of Miller, Lewis Miller, Blenachie; David Miller, Balloch; and William Miller, Tighruadh.

The late professor Blackburn, whose will has just been proved at £8,956, was for the long period of thirty years in receipt of an annual pension of £1,073 from the Glasgow University.

Lord Strathcona has intimated a donation of £1,000 towards the cost of erecting the Masonic Temple at Aberdeen, which is now being built. The gift is conditional on £5,000 being raised.

Although she is 109 years old, Mrs. Peggy McGurk still acts as caretaker of the Carrickmore (County Tyrone) courthouse and dispensary. The King has sent to Mrs. McGurk a present of £ from his privy purse.

A map weighing one ton three hundredweight, and showing all British North America and part of the United States, is now on view at the offices of Canada's Grand Trunk Railway. It is executed on a solid sheet of glass 12 feet wide by 6 feet deep and 1-4 inches thick.

In a home where the mother is somewhat aggressive and the father good-natured and peace-loving, a child's estimate of home conditions was tersely expressed the other day. While dressing, the mother paused in the act of putting on her shoes and said: "I certainly am easy on shoes. I have worn these for four months. I don't know what you would do, John, if I were not. I am easy on everything." The little girl looked up from her dolls and remarked: "Except father."—Success.

A TRIP TO ALASKA.

A trip to Alaska is one seldom undertaken by people in the British Isles, and of the many bookings undertaken by the Grand Trunk Railway officials in London, few tickets show the destination to be that part far north of Canada, where coal and gold, together with meteorological observations, are often supposed to be the chief reason for the existence of that land. That such a trip can be made with little out of the ordinary fatigue of travelling is well proved by a recent communication sent to Mr. Fred C. Salter, European Traffic Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, from Mr. Bromley Challoner, F.R.G.S., who has just returned from the north-western limit of the North American Continent. The letter has an added interest by reason of the fact that on the day of the official opening of the Grand Trunk Railway's new offices at 17-19 Cockspur street, S.W., Mr. Challoner was the first person to book a passage with the company for Canada. On Dominion provision made for the journey, and, in the first week in October, back in England again, the well-known geographer has been pleased to write to the Grand Trunk offices expressing his entire satisfaction with the easy way in which the journey was accomplished. After thanking the railway officials for making his means of transportation pleasant and comfortable, he says: "I was very pleased, indeed, with both the road and rolling stock of your company, and in my opinion it is second to none on the Continent of America. The arrangements you made for me very much added to my comfort and enabled me to reach my destination in the quickest possible time, and I must say I experienced the greatest civility from the company's staff during my passage on your road. The route you worked out for me was a most interesting one, and coming back as I did, over the Rockies and the Great Lakes, I did not travel over a single mile a second time except the short run between Sarnia and Toronto. Will you be good enough to send me particulars of your 'Round the World Tours.' I am thinking that next spring I may have another run out to the west, and if I do, I should like to return home via the east." Thus the whole of Great Britain is quickly put in touch by this great railway system, with what frequently is said to be the uttermost parts of the earth.—Dublin (Ireland) Daily Express, Oct. 19, 1909.

The Argentine Republic is supplanting the United States as the chief furnisher of food supplies to the British market. Last year Argentine sent more wheat, corn and cold storage beef to Great Britain than did the North American Republic. With its increasing population the United States will become less and less an exporter of food stuffs. In course of time Canada will surpass both countries in supplying food products to the British Islands.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

District Passenger Agent's Office.

Holiday Excursions from New England to Montreal and Quebec.

Arrangements have been made whereby the residents of Boston, Worcester, Springfield and other New England points will have an opportunity of visiting Montreal and Quebec during the holiday season at greatly reduced fares. Such fares will be in effect from stations on the Boston and Maine, the Central Vermont, and New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroads operating in conjunction with the Grand Trunk Railway System. Tickets will be on sale from December 30th to January 2nd, inclusive, valid to return on or before January 25th, 1910. Stop over will be allowed on all tickets at intermediate stations in Canada. These excursions will give Canadians residing in New England territory, a grand opportunity to visit their friends or relatives in Canada at very low fares.