

MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED TO ST. ANDREW'S FIRST HEAD

Interesting Sermon in St. Andrew's Church, Sunday Evening, when Tablet to Hon. William Pagan, First President of St. Andrew's Society, was Formally Unveiled.

An interesting ceremony took place last evening when the tablet erected by the members of St. Andrew's Society, in honor of their first president, Hon. William Pagan, was formally unveiled and presented to the Kirk session. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of members of the society, who attended the church in a body and a congregation which comfortably filled the edifice.

At half past six the members of St. Andrew's Society assembled at their hall on Union street and forming up in procession marched to the church, taking seats which had been reserved for them in the body of the church.

The chaplain of the society, Rev. Gordon Dickie, conducted the service at the church. After the usual devotional exercises the chaplain referred to the occasion of the gathering of the members of St. Andrew's Society. He remarked that a former tablet to the memory of Mr. Pagan had been destroyed when the old St. Andrew's church was destroyed in the great fire of June, 1877, and that the society had decided to observe the 15th anniversary of the founding of the organization in St. John by unveiling a new tablet in the restored church.

and universe is that which prevails, it is that which is incorporated in the present and arises everywhere to a newer and fuller life. It is like the thread of gold which you can trace continuously through all the varied web of life.

"Many people object to the formalism and the hypocrisy of the church today. This simply means that they are protesting against the dead past. These things ought to be dropped off. They are no part of our religious life. The sooner they die the better for saints as well as sinners.

"How happy then is the issue of life. The bad things of life are gradually buried, while the good prevail. We have a better country, a better religion, a better city today than ever. The critics notwithstanding, in the nature of things this is what is bound to happen, the evil ceases and the good remains. We take heart as we study the facts of life.

"The best is yet to be.

"Let the dead past go. It cannot serve us.

"But that which serves us now in working out our lives let us lay hold of and preserve to the life eternal."

A Beautiful Tablet.

The tablet is a very beautiful one of white marble. About the inscription is a sculpture in relief of the Scottish thistle entwined, while on a medallion is the Cross of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland. The whole is the work of James Sutherland and will be a decided ornament on the wall of the church. The inscription is as follows:

In Memory of
Hon. William Pagan, born at Glasgow,
died at Fredericton, N. B.
March 12, 1819.
A supporter of the Crown and Eminent
Loyalist.
He removed from Falmouth to Parrtown at the close of the
American Revolution.
First President of St. Andrew's
Society, St. John, 1798.
And for ten subsequent years,
Erected by the Society in place of
former Memorial
Destroyed by fire 1877.
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Rev. Mr. Dickie's Sermon.

Rev. Gordon Dickie spoke on the Living Past. He said in part: "As a rule people pay little attention to the past. They regard it as the desert place in their earthly pilgrimage. But we usually find that the past has its compensations. It is not wholly good, neither is it wholly bad and there is much about it to commend.

"We cannot dissociate ourselves from the past any more than we can from the present. It is a false view of time which would measure it with the foot rule. Rather, let us compare it with the current of waters which flows on continuously.

"If you stop to think a moment, you will see that there is good and bad, life and death, even in the best of earth's experiences. When the power of democracy was first beginning to be felt men believed that a new order was about to be established. Freedom would be supreme and every man would be happy. When William Pagan lived the people of this country did not enjoy the blessings of responsible government. He was the first representative of the County of St. John to be elected by the people to the House of Assembly in Fredericton. Since that time democracy has grown apace but it has not by any means done all that was expected of it. Its roots are struck in the dead as well as the living past.

"The same fate has overtaken the religious life. Lord Morley says: 'Religion is not that power that it has been, nor that it will be again.' That is true. Religion has been helped as well as hindered by its past. Some times we are filled with pride as we consider the past history of the church. And again we blush and hang our heads with shame at the past.

"The living past both in the church

St. Andrew's Society was founded in this city at a meeting of citizens of Scottish birth or descent on March 5, 1798. The first officers elected were:

William Pagan, President.
William Campbell, Vice-President.
Francis Gilbert, Treasurer.
John Black, Secretary.

Hon. Mr. Pagan filled the office of president for the first three years, again for seven years from 1806 to 1812, and again for one year in 1815. His accumulations from commercial ventures are supposed to have been considerable, but he died without having married. As far as known there is no picture of Hon. Mr. Pagan extant. He is one of three in the long list of presidents of St. Andrew's Society of which the same must be

CRITICISM PROVES THE BIBLE'S WORTH

Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, in St. David's Church, Preaches Second of Series of Sermons on Bible Criticism.

At the service in St. David's Church last evening Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, pastor, was the preacher, and delivered the second of the series of sermons on the Bible and Higher Criticism. The congregation was a large one and the eloquent and scholarly sermon was followed with keen appreciation.

In last night's sermon the speaker dealt with the gains which have accrued through biblical criticism, and the beneficial results that have followed in the way of giving a clearer conception of the truths revealed in Holy Writ. There has been, he said, much uneasiness in many minds because of modern scientific research. But while criticism of the Bible has been received with suspicion, it has on the faith it really strengthened it by proving the historical accuracy of the facts upon which Christian faith is founded.

Rev. Mr. MacKeigan then reviewed the positive gains resulting to Christian faith because of modern scholarship.

No longer does there exist the haunting fear of a conflict between science and religion, for the Bible is not a text book on science, but a record of the progressive revelation of God to man. We possess through this modern scholarship and research a more accurate knowledge of the times and circumstances of the authorship of the different books of the scriptures, and find therein a record of the development of the religious life of people with ever-heightening ideals of conduct, character and destiny.

Modern scholarship, moreover, emphasizes the supremacy of Christ in the law, the law being a schoolmaster to bring the people to Christ. It emphasizes the continuity today of the divine spirit, which moves the workers and inspired the writers.

The final and valid proof of the worth of the Bible is a community of men and women inspired by its truths and who, incarnate in all their dealings with their fellows, its worthiest precepts and loftiest ideals.

The memorial tablet in the old kirk, destroyed in the fire of 1877, was erected by Robert Sheppard, of London. It was on the right hand side of the pulpit, and the one unveiled Sunday is in the same place.

Mayor Frank Peterson, of St. George's Society, attended the service.

LIVINGSTONE MEETING

March is Livingstone month. Geographers and missionary societies the world over are planning to commemorate the life and work of the "Great Heart of Africa" in a fitting manner. St. John people will have an opportunity to join in the Livingstone celebration by attending the meeting in Germantown Street Baptist Church next Friday evening. Dr. J. A. Morrison has kindly consented to deliver his lecture "David Livingstone and his brother John," at that meeting.

No man in Canada is more well acquainted with the story of Livingstone's life and work than Dr. Morrison. Most of the information he has obtained from John Livingstone, the eldest brother of David, who was an elder in the Presbyterian church at Listowel, Ontario, where Dr. Morrison was pastor. Most of the stories he will tell have never been published; some are humorous, others will move tears.

Admission to the lecture is free, but a special missionary offering will be taken.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. James Falconer.

Mrs. James Falconer died on Thursday evening after an illness of a little over two years, from heart trouble. Death came suddenly from a complication of pleurisy and congestion. Deceased was 66 years of age. She was formerly Miss Nettie Caldwell, of Margate, P. E. I., and had been married nearly 44 years. Mrs. Falconer had for years been a most consistent and valued member of the W. C. T. U. and St. James' Presbyterian church, and she will be much missed in this town and county. Besides her husband, Ald. Falconer, seven of the deceased's ten children survive, as follows: Ex-Ald. James Mitchell Falconer, late of Newcastle, now of Medicine Hat; Harry W. of the Daily News, Nelson, B. C.; Charles C., hardware merchant, Winnipeg; Miss Mary, trained nurse, Winnipeg; Mrs. I. P. Jones, Amherst, N. S.; Robert, of Alberta, and Miss Ethel, at home. Robert and Miss Mary have been visiting their parents for some time. The following sisters of the deceased also survive: Mrs. John Strang, Taunton, Mass.; Mrs. Wm. C. Green, Hamilton, N. D.; and Mrs. Davis, of Los Angeles, Cal. Among floral tributes, beautiful wreaths have been sent by the Nelson, B. C., I. O. O. F., and the Newcastle W. C. T. U.

Every Day Club Lecture.

George T. Knight was the speaker before the Every Day Club last evening, when he delivered a strong address to the boys. A large number of the boys were present and were grouped on one side of the hall. Mr. Knight also rendered two solos. In his address Mr. Knight stated, "that a man is a coward who is willing to pass on to the next generation problems that could be solved in this." He then went on to speak of the solution of the moral problem and the future of the boys of the city. He said that he disagreed with the statement that boys will be boys, and thought that boys must be boys. At the same time he pointed out that it should be impressed on them that they will be men. Continuing Mr. Knight dealt with the careers of several poor boys who had risen to high places, and spoke of the life of President Lincoln as an instance of what a poor boy could do.

CHATHAM DESIRES TO RETAIN NELSON TO BLACKVILLE RY.

Large Meeting of Board of Trade Protests Against, any Proposition to Abandon this Portion of Canada Eastern Railway.

Chatham, March 7.—A large and enthusiastic meeting of the members of the Board of Trade was held last evening to discuss the matter of the proposed abandoning of the Canada Eastern Railway from Nelson to Blackville.

Delegates were present from up river points bringing largely signed petitions from residents at two points along the line, vigorously protesting against the change. Other meetings will be held up river this week and several more petitions will be handed in to the local board. These, with a memorial on the matter from the board itself, will be laid before the local government, and the assistance solicited, and also taken to the Federal house at Ottawa and brought to the attention of the Minister of Railways.

The report from the committee of the board, which was read at the meeting, and on which the memorial will be based, showed, among other things, that this part of the railway provided last year over 370 cars of lumber alone. There are 1,400 people accommodated by this line and the

strongest point of all is that when the line was built the Dominion government contributed not one cent to its construction, the cost being borne by the local government and the people, giving the right of way free. The people claim that the Dominion government in thus abandoning the line would be giving away something the people have a vested right in.

Among the outside delegates present at last night's meeting were John A. Mersereau, Herman Attridge and Saunders Price of Donkton, all of whom joined the local board; James Harrison and George Harper, of Chelmsford; David Coughlan and James McDonald, of Coughlan's; Allan Saunders, of Kirkwood; Hon. John P. Burchill and T. W. Flett, of Nelson.

Profane Nova Scotians. About 9:30 o'clock Saturday night Harry Rees and Robert Rees, two cut-ups from Nova Scotia, were given in charge of the police by John Whipple for creating a disturbance and using profane and obscene language in the Salvation Army barracks on Rodney street, West End.

SOCIALISTS HEAR OF CONDITIONS IN WEST

Address of Socialist Member, in Alberta Legislature, Points to Woeful Conditions in Western Canadian Cities.

That conditions in the boom towns of the West are not calculated to attract young people of the East was shown by a speech of Chas. M. O'Brien the Socialist member in the Alberta legislature, which was read before a meeting of local Socialists last evening. It was pointed out that the local council of women in Edmonton had applied to the city council of that place for a grant of \$40,000 to build a cheap home for underpaid working girls, giving as their excuse for the application the statement that in their investigations into the condition of working girls they had found 136 young girls living with men unmarried.

It was also pointed out that a Chicago detective had declared that in the western cities he visited conditions as regards the social evil were even worse comparatively than in Chicago, this being due apparently to the fact that the wages of girls, in view of the high cost of living, were woefully inadequate.



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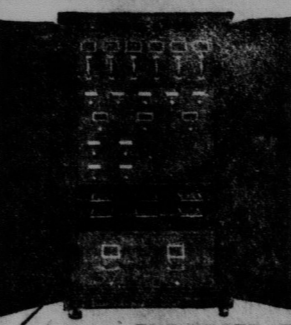
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