

THE EVENING TIMES-STAR, SAINT JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1925

St. David's and Centenary Churches Celebrate Their Anniversaries Fittingly

Large Congregations Hear Speakers From Outside at Special Services—Rev. W. M. Ryan, Charlottetown, and Rev. G. G. D. Kilpatrick, Ottawa, Preach Sermons

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES were held yesterday in two of the city churches, Centenary and St. David's, both of which are now of the United Church of Canada. Centenary church, which was opened for worship in the fall of 1839, the centennial year of Methodism, was formerly a Methodist church and was named to honor the centennial. St. David's church, which was formerly a Presbyterian church, was organized as a congregation in 1848. St. David's church was twice destroyed by fire and Centenary church was destroyed in the great fire of 1877. Both congregations now worship in splendid church edifices. Special preachers gave the anniversary sermons yesterday.

Centenary United church this week is observing its eighty-sixth anniversary with special services and programs at church gatherings.

Yesterday the anniversary preachers were Rev. W. M. Ryan, of Charlottetown, United church, who delivered forceful and able addresses both morning and evening and was assisted in conducting the services by Rev. Henry Penna.

The choir under the direction of Miss Alice Hea gave splendidly inspirational music. Rev. R. G. Fulton, pastor of the church, was in Charlottetown conducting the services in Mr. Ryan's church.

MR. PENNA HEARD.

Mr. Penna yesterday morning recalled how the forefathers of the present members of the congregation coming out from the congregation of the old Methodist church in German street, had founded the new church 86 years ago. He spoke of the destruction of the first church in the great fire of 48 years ago and of the great devotion which had led the people at that time to undertake the erection of the present church, which, he said, is one of the finest religious edifices in the Maritime Provinces.

BRINGS GREETINGS.

Mr. Ryan brought the greetings of the Charlottetown United church. The Charlottetown church, formerly Methodist, has received about 200 new members since the establishment of the United Church of Canada, as the two Presbyterian churches in that city voted out of union and the minorities from both of these congregations joined with the congregation of which he is pastor.

The text of the morning sermon was found in Paul's prayer for the Colossians, written in Chapter 1, verses nine and ten of the Epistle to the Colossians. Mr. Ryan spoke of true prayer as requiring effort, concentration of thought, elevation of spirit and purity of heart and life.

KNOWLEDGE OF GOD NEEDED. In closing he declared that not in the preacher nor in the music would be found the means of attracting large

congregations to churches but that the churches would be thronged if all of the members had had the knowledge of the will of God, were fruitful in good works and walked worthy of their God.

In the evening Mr. Ryan spoke of Jesus as he appeared to the men of His time.

The anniversary observances will include a meeting of the Young People's Association this evening at which Judge George A. Henderson will give an historical sketch of the church and a meeting under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid on Thursday night when Mrs. C. F. Sanford will be the speaker and the senior C. G. I. T. group will present a pageant.

IN ST. DAVID'S.

St. David's church celebrated its 77th anniversary yesterday in a fitting manner, large congregations being at both services.

Rev. George G. D. Kilpatrick, of Chalmers church, Ottawa, was the special preacher. St. David's was organized in the fall of 1848, and held services in St. Stephen Hall, which was at the corner of Charlotte street and North Side of King square.

The first minister was Rev. John Thomson, D.D., who began his pastorate on the first Sunday of December, 1848. He resigned in May, 1851, and the following have ministered to this congregation since: Rev. Wm. Ferrie, M.A., August, 1851 to April, 1861; Rev. Neil MacKay, M.A., D.D., May, 1862, to February, 1873; Rev. David Waters, M.A., D.D., L.L.D., December, 1873 to July 1881; Rev. George Bruce, B.A., D.D., January, 1883, to June, 1889; Rev. J. A. Morison, B.A., Ph.D., D.D., December, 1889 to March, 1904; Rev. A. A. Graham, M.A., B.D., December, 1904, to June, 1911; Rev. J. A. MacKellan, B.A., April, 1912, to June, 1922, and the present minister, Rev. Hugh Miller, M.A., B.D., September, 1922.

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MORNING SERVICE.

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The choir under the able leadership of Mr. J. Bayard Currie, rendered special music at both services. In the morning E. C. Givran sang a solo and the choir sang an anthem.

In the evening a quartette consisting of Mrs. Blake Ferris, Miss M. Steven, E. C. Givran and Charles Case, sang very acceptably "The Holy City," and during the offering the choir gave the well-known anthem, "O Divine Redeemer."

MR. KILPATRICK HEARD.

At the morning service Mr. Kilpatrick gave a forceful sermon on The Unclaimed Heritage of the Christian, taking for his text 1 Kings, 22: 3, "Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we will kill and take it not."

At the evening service Mr. Kilpatrick drew a vivid picture of the incident which St. Paul referred to in his letter to Timothy, wherein he described how Demas had forsaken him, having loved this present world, 2nd Timothy 4: 10.

He made a special appeal to the young men to be steadfast to the church and not to be led away by the appeals of the world.

SPECIAL OFFERING.

The minister asked for a special anniversary offering, which amounted to a very substantial sum, in excess of what was given at a like service one year ago.

A complimentary banquet will be given to Mr. Kilpatrick this evening in the church recreation room by the session trustees and Men's Association.

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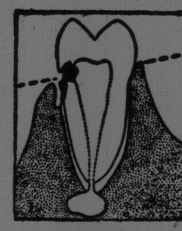


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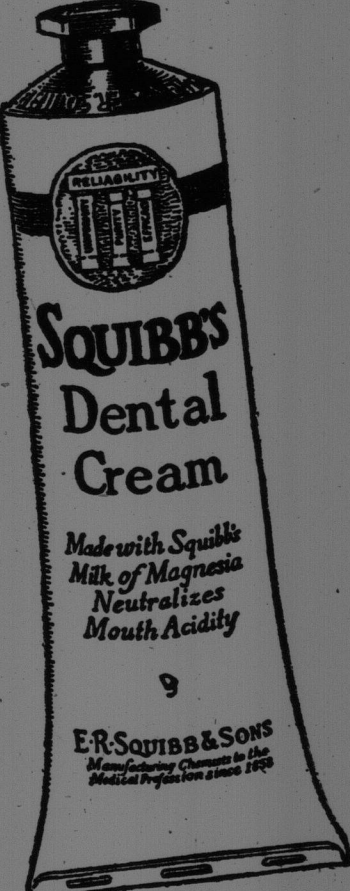
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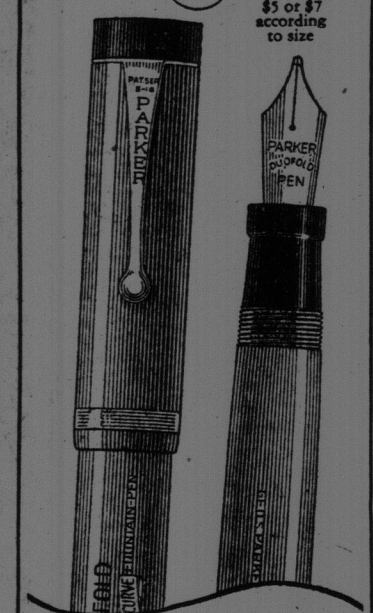
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