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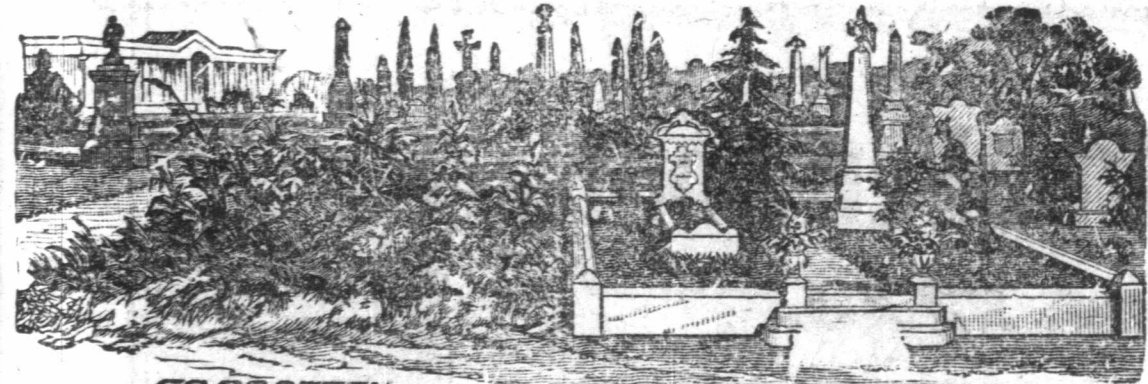
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AT COCHRANE STREET CHURCH

The services at Cochrane Street Church on Sunday while lacking the Anthems and Carols of former years that helped to make the services bright and attractive due to the absence of Mr. Mews through illness, yet, in spite of the handicap the singing was all that could be expected under the circumstances as well as the music production of Mr. Spry, who presided at the piano and organ. What the Choir may have lacked was more than made up by the sermons delivered by the Pastor, Dr. Bond. They were not only powerful and impressive but the thoughts given out were full of fertility that will bring forth fruit in their season if additional quantities of such spiritual and healthy tonics be given three times monthly particularly for those who may weary in well doing in a materialistic world full of compromise and shiftlessness.

The sermon at the morning service was based on a text from the 10th Verse of the 6th Chapt., Daniel, "When Daniel Knew the Writing was signed," the subject of which was "A Prime Minister in Trouble." The story briefly told referred to a decree issued by King Darius forbidding any petitions being offered to God or man outside himself for a period of thirty days. Refusal to comply meant being thrown to the lions, a cruel punishment possible only under an Oriental despotism. Daniel was Prime Minister at the time and the decree was the outcome of a trick of his coadjutor princes who were filled with that most cruel and devilish of human passions; jealousy. It was the finality of their enmity and malice. But no law contravening the law of God would alter things. It would not make black, white or white, black. Might would not make right. Laws on our statute books to-day relating to land and property are often ruthless. In Daniel's case he probably knew the machinations of his enemies from start to finish to get the law passed. Called a heretic, often an alien and worst of all, he was a good man. Knowing the plot, he made effort to prevent the issuing of the decree. He did no lobbying, there was no supplicancy, no cringing to stay it. His enemies were active and in a hurry. Sin is always in a hurry. Does things with a rush. But what reason had they to think Daniel would not obey the law to save himself from a cruel death. They knew him better. They knew he valued his privileges of communion with God and would consider them paramount. They wanted him destroyed, feeling the only good Daniel to them was a dead one. Daniel did not alter his course. Without bravado, indulging in no heroics nor hysteria he calmly went on as before. Did not argue with himself that God would surely deliver him. It did not matter, He would do what was right. In the end it would be alright anyway. He was not like some hardened saints who were good, true, pure, honest and Godly as long as they could not be anything else. Daniel, unlike them, had a will of triple steel.

Three things were to be learnt from this episode in Daniel's life, first, straightforwardness. Today was an age of compromise. An age of shifting. There are people today who would have given Daniel some advice. They would say: "See here Daniel, now it is all very well you can have your opinions and believe, but there is no need of running your head against a stone wall. Don't be conscientious. Don't be rash. Believe to a certain extent. Still another class would advise him not to give up his prayers but pull down the blinds. You can't be seen. Besides, you say them to yourself. The Lord knows your heart. But to all Daniel would say: I will obey God rather than man.

There was the lesson faith to be learned. Faith, the basis and motive of all life's activity. Daniel having faith in God believed for God. Next was courage. Daniel did the brave thing. It required great moral courage—something greater than physical courage. Many men are willing to lay down their lives for their country, but to live for Christ and confess Him before their fellow men by their conduct in the every-day life they were lacking in moral courage. The Rev. gentleman closed with a selection from the well known poem "Give Us Men."

In the afternoon the Sunday School White Gift Service for the benefit of the poor and sick took place. The pulpit and Communion rail were tastefully decorated in white with beautiful flowers spread around. The Pastor and Supt. Peters were desirous that the service should be all that was expected and they had no reason to feel any disappointment for the many gifts brought piled up to the top of the front part of the pulpit. They represent offerings from the lit the one on the cradle roll right up to the adult in the Bible Class and

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN RICE

The death of Mr. John Rice, an esteemed resident of the higher levels, occurred at his residence, 59 Harvey Road, at 7.45 last night. Deceased was sixty-six years old, and his death was the result of a stroke of paralysis which he received while flooding the Parade Rink four years ago since which Mr. Rice has been practically incapacitated from attending to his former duties. For about twenty years previously he was manager of the Parade Rink and in this position he became well known to all sections of the community. He was a man of sterling worth whose word was his bond, consequently he was held in the highest esteem by citizens generally and his death will be heard of with regret by his many friends all over the city.

During his four years illness at times he was able to be out around but he never recovered his former health and vigor. Before his death he was confined to his bed only a week and on Christmas night he passed peacefully away fortified by the consolations of the Holy Catholic Church of which he was a devoted and exemplary member. He leaves to mourn him an aged mother, a devoted wife, one son, Mr. Andrew Rice, two daughters, Mrs. T. Connors of this town, and Mrs. Herbert Brooks, of Montreal, also one brother, Mr. Art Rice of Freshwater Road. To the sorrowing relatives *The Mail and Advocate* tenders its sincere sympathy. The funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon.

AT GOWER STREET CHURCH

The service at Gower Street Church was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. B. Hemmenon, who took for his discourse "The Golden Streets of the New Jerusalem." The treatment of this subject was masterly, and many very timely lessons were suggested. gold with its purity, the street with its tragic, and the city with its populaces, were each symbolic of that time when the gospel shall have renewed the world, and transformed society. It was a symbol of the best that men attain, and was of greater value than mere wealth or renown.

The music and anthems were rendered under the direction of Private Roy Kendall, and were in keeping with the season, and showed much careful preparation on the part of the choir.

At the R. C. Cathedral.

A vast congregation filled every part of the spacious Cathedral at Midnight Mass Christmas morning. His Grace, the Archbishop occupied the throne, being attended by Father Pippy with Fathers Sheehan and Conway assistants. Rev. Mgr. McDermott celebrated High Mass, Dr. Green being Deacon and Dr. Carter Subdeacon.

The High Altar was beautifully decorated and with a myriad of lights, presented a magnificent sight. The rendition of Gounod's Mass of the Sacred Heart by the choir was majestic, and the sweet strains of the *Adeste Fideles*, that most loved of Christmas music, could not fail to inspire every heart with love and adoration. After Mass the C.C.C. Band rendered Mozart's 12th Gloria in a manner that enhanced, if such were possible, the grandeur and sublimity of the magnificent composition. Music is one of God's choicest gifts to man and what soul is there that could not be inspired by such music as was heard at the Midnight Mass.

A Guard of Honour from the C.C.C. was present and presented arms at the Elevation of the Sacred Host. At High Mass, 11 o'clock, on Christmas Day Rev. Dr. Greene was the celebrant, Father Conway Deacon and Dr. Carter Sub-Deacon. The Rev. Monsignor McDermott and Fr. Renouf assisted at the throne. The same musical programme as at Midnight Mass was rendered by the choir.

Home Department. The programme consisted of Recitations by Mabel SALTER, Edward Milley; Solos by Misses Olive Taylor and H. Vincent; Readings by Misses Flora Curtis, Gwen Mews, interspersed with new hymns selected for the occasion. It was a decided success and the losers of the congregation were those who were unfortunate to be absent.

At the Evening Service Dr. Bond again occupied the pulpit, delivering a discourse on "There was no room at the inn." A strong plea was made to the congregation to find room for the One whose birthday we celebrate and the old question, "What will we do with Christ," was again repeated and brought home closely to every hearer; a question not easily to be set aside by those who have any real interest in the life and teachings of Jesus.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH

Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Advent, was also the Sunday in the octave of our Patronal Festival.

In the morning Rev. C. A. Moulton, taking as his text the words of St. Thomas' confession, "My Lord and My God," showed that on this the one incident in the life of our Patron Saint when he comes prominently to the front of the apostolic band, that though his doubt is more often spoken of, it is his confession, the most unequivocal confession reported from any apostle, which is even more striking. And our Lord's saying on this occasion, "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed," is as applicable to us in the twentieth century, who though we do not see Christ, come nearer to Him in His Sacraments than ever St. Thomas did, as when it was uttered.

Sunday was also Christmas Eve, and the first evensong of that Festival was sung at 6.30 p.m., Rev. C. A. Moulton being the cantor. The violes of Advent was changed to festal white on the altar, which was chastely decorated with flowers. The Rector preached an appropriate sermon on Child life and the Incarnation and the relation of the Cradle of to-day with the Manger of the first Christmas. The peroration of Dr. Jones' address was very fine. There are some who want to find the Christ Child to-day and these can find Him at His altar, when His broken body and outpoured blood are dispersed to the faithful. Though he believed that men might and did find Christ in other ways, that at his table there was certainty. He urged every one present to make a good communion this Christmastide.

Ten o'clock brought the Carol Service, some very beautiful carols were sung to a large and devout congregation.

For the first time in the history of the Parish, there was a midnight celebration of the holy mysteries, which was held at St. Thomas Church, Quidi Vide, one of the parochial chapels of East, the Rector being celebrant. The little church was crowded to its utmost capacity with devout worshippers, and there was a large number of communicants. A service of this kind in a fishing village has a very impressive character, and this service will long be remembered by those who took part in it.

At 6.30 and 8 a.m. on Christmas Day there were crowded altars. At the former service Rev. C. A. Moulton celebrated, at the latter the Rector.

At mid-day the Litany was again performed, Mr. Moulton celebrating. Matins which immediately preceded, was opened with the *Adeste Fideles* as Processionals; the introt being "Christmas, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn." At the offertory, an anthem "Alleluia" was finely rendered by the choir. The Rector's sermon from the text "We have seen His Star in the East and are come to worship Him," dealt with the three wise men, who offered gold, myrrh and frankincense as being emblematic of three types of Christians. The practical Christian who offers service to his fellows for Christ's sake, the penitent Christian to whom a suffering Christ appeals specially, the mystic Christian, who above all sees the transcendent goodness of Christ. For these types and all other types of Christians, there is room at the one altar. Christ will accept the sincere worship of all, and all are invited to come to His holy table.

Evensong was said at 5 p.m. and thus two happy days were brought to a close, with, we hope abundant blessing.

To-morrow, St. Stephen's Day, Wednesday, St. John's Day, Thursday, Holy Innocents' Day, the Eucharist will be offered at 7.30, followed by Matins at 8 each morning.

The Crib at Belydere Orphanage was visited yesterday by a large number of people. Twice a day the orphans sing before the Crib, at noon and at 4 p.m. The Crib will be open to visitors during the twelve days of Christmas.

All work on Bell Island did not close down for the Xmas holidays, only the slopes stopped working. While the slopes are stopped work still goes on in the machine shops and advantage is being taken of the stoppage of the slopes to do a lot of track relaying and repairing in the mines. Many of the miners are engaged at this work.

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