

LOYALIST DAY IS PULPIT THEME

Rev. C. G. Lawrence in Trinity Speaks of 142nd Anniversary

School Holiday in Saint John—Three Memorials in Remembrance.

On this day 142 years ago the United Empire Loyalists landed on these rocky shores and with steadfastness of purpose began the arduous task of making new homes in a strange land. Their ardent devotion to their King sent them forth from a settled land, what is now the United States, to brave the hardships of pioneering in what was then almost a wilderness. To honor the memory of these Loyalist founders of Saint John today is a holiday in the public schools of the city.

Four memorials have been placed to remind both citizens and strangers within the gates of the city's founders. One is the boulder recently placed by the Historic Sites and Monuments Committee of the Dominion and located in Market square, the landing place of the Loyalists.

The second is the fountain at the head of King street which commemorates the Loyalist women who suffered extreme hardships with untold bravery. Upon the fountain the Saint John High School Alumnae has this year placed a laurel wreath as a tribute of remembrance. The third is the Chimes in Trinity church. The fourth is a tablet in Trinity church erected by Loyalist Chapter, I. O. D. E.

Apart from the school holiday the only observance of Loyalist Day planned for this year is the "Loyalist Day" evening of the Women's Canadian Club at which Dr. Archibald MacMechan, of Dalhousie University, Halifax, is to be the speaker, taking as his subject three movements in Canadian literature with special reference to the influence of the Loyalists.

Following the established custom, the service in Trinity, the church of the Loyalists, yesterday morning was specially commemorative of them. Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence, the rector, himself a descendant of the Loyalists, took for the theme of his sermon the story of Jacob in the wilderness using a stone for his pillow and after seeing the vision of angels erecting an altar to God. Mr. Lawrence compared the lot of the Loyalists to that of Jacob, saying that they also had made a serious break with the past and could not return where they came.

LITTLE SETTLED.

The Loyalists, he said, had found themselves in what was almost an unbroken wilderness and they were very lonely. The great majority of them had been well-to-do, highly educated and refined. Many were graduates of King's College, which is now Columbia University or of Harvard. Indeed Archdeacon Raymond had said that there were at that time more graduates of Harvard in New Brunswick than in all the States of the Union.

URGES IMITATIONS.

Mr. Lawrence returned to the Loyalists as having kept in touch with God as they entered the new land and said that in Saint John, Kingston and Annapolis the erection of a church was their first consideration. As Jacob had made stones his pillow and of stones had erected an altar to God, so the Loyalists had turned their hardships into blessings

PREACHER COUNSELS STUDENTS TO RETAIN MIGHTY CONVICTIONS

Spirit of Individual, Quickened By Power of God, World's Greatest Need, Says Rev. D. R. Sharpe in U. N. B. Baccalaureate Sermon

FREDERICTON, May 17.—The baccalaureate sermon of the University of New Brunswick was delivered this morning at the Brunswick street Baptist church by Rev. D. R. Sharpe, M. A., B. D., in the presence of a congregation which filled the edifice. Rain which fell heavily in the morning marred the proceedings to some extent.

The usual academic procession was formed prior to the service and marched to the church in academic costume. The members of the faculty, class of 1925 and undergraduate body sat together.

The pastor of the church, Rev. G. C. Warren, pronounced the invocation and assisted otherwise in the service.

IS U. N. B. GRADUATE.

The preacher is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick in arts of 1908 and of Newton Theological School in divinity of 1911. He was pastor for some time at Moose Jaw, Sask., and for some years was superintendent of Baptist Home Missions for Saskatchewan. Recently he has taken up work in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. Mr. Sharpe was introduced by the pastor and prefaced his sermon with a few words of greeting to the class of 1925 and of reminiscence of his own college days.

AGE OF TRANSITION.

He took no text but announced his subject "The character the age demands." He pointed out that the present was the age of transition, of change in the home, the marriage relation, the Bible, the Church, the school, the college, business, the social order. The acid test "does it serve" was being applied to each. The outworn was being discarded, that which served was being retained. The individual would be judged by his desire and capacity to service to his fellowmen and great characteristics would be required. Personality would be one of those outstanding, said the speaker, who declared that in its account of every great movement. Each would succeed just in the proportion as he was great in terms of personal worth and in the manner in which he might invest his life for the good of humanity.

To be great in character, it was necessary to hold mighty convictions rather than mere opinions. Conviction would

save from blue ruin, pessimism and from blind and foolish optimism. There should be no evidence of the difficult. The age called for a faith that sees, a courage that dares, a will that executes.

To succeed it would be necessary to form judgments in life in accordance with the standard of the spiritual rather than the material. The most successful person in a community was the one which has the most in the way of sterling character, who has the most manhood, who knew how to give himself away in unselfish service for his fellows, said Rev. Mr. Sharpe. He was a success whether rich or poor. Material property was not to be despised, but it is not the criterion by which man should be measured. The new faithful to the highest ideals was the success and the man faithful to these same ideals was the object of the future.

RECOGNITION OF GOD.

The preacher proceeded to emphasize the necessity for the recognition of God. The successful man must put God above gold, character above cash, per-

sonality above property, life above livelihood.

In the home it would be the same. The happiest home was not that with the greatest material comforts but the one of which love reigned.

WORLD SITUATION.

"Look at the world's situation," said the speaker. "Labor and capital standing over against each other with eyes bloodshot with hatred and jealousy, tearing at each other's throats for supremacy. Race is set against race; east against west; rural against urban; alien against countryman."

"The church, the school, the home, a proper social and economic order along with many other factors, will do much, but I venture to suggest that the greatest force of all will be the individual spirit whose life is quickened by the power of God and who lives his or her life in the light of the principles of the great Teacher of Nazareth."

A person would be great in the proportion on which he was morally and spiritually strong, in which he combined in his own life those elements

which fit for the performance of God-given tasks.

SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD.

The spirit of brotherhood, of sympathetic understanding, of good will and of love which is really Christianity would be necessary for real success in life. Real triumph in life would be produced by religion. It was not the special passport for a selected few nor a special form of insurance guaranteeing immunity from suffering in hell and joy in heaven. It was what Jesus meant when He said, "without Me you can do nothing."

True religion would do much toward solving the problems with which the world was confronted.

"As Joffre said to his men, 'March as far as you can; when you can no longer march, hold your ground, you are to die.' So the Great Captain of men's lives said to each one to march as far as possible in the face of every

known wrong, every political evil, every economic ill, every social injustice," said Rev. Mr. Sharpe.

Then when one could no longer march the ground was to be held against compromise.

CALL TO MANHOOD.

Rev. Mr. Sharpe's eloquent peroration follows:

"So young friends, I think I hear matchless words from the great Captain of men's lives as He stands over you today. He is calling to you, 'March just as far as you can in the face of every known evil; just as far as you can against every political wrong, every economic ill, every social injustice, every bit of intellectual snobbishness, every religious sham and hypocrisy—march just as far as you can against hate, jealousy, war, intolerance and every evil, no matter how well organized or how deeply entrenched. And then when you can no longer march,

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