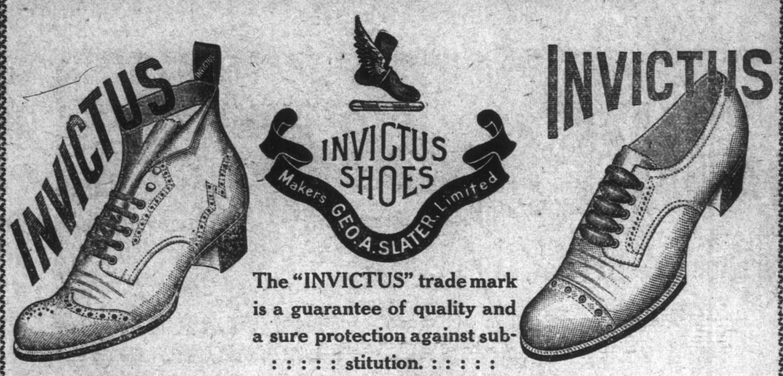


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# The Tribute of the Churches.

**C. E. CATHEDRAL—CANON WHITE.**

Canon White preached on the passing of the King. A common sorrow pervades the Empire. The death of the King has touched all hearts. The blow has fallen at a time when his guiding hand upon the helm of State seemed to be a prime necessity. In the homeland it must be to many, who are entrusted with vast responsibilities, an hour fraught with tremendous strain. Men have long known and acknowledged how fertile in resource, how ripe in wisdom, how sane in judgment, how clear in vision their Sovereign has been. To realize that a life so pregnant with all that made for the nation's welfare has been swiftly borne down in death, is to experience a sense of disaster which words cannot express.

To-day people are looking back across the years to the time when the King, whom God had restored to us from the jaws of death, was crowned in the presence of his people, who had asked him from God, and who believed that God had been gracious to their prayers. Since that day there has gathered round his throne and person a depth of personal feeling for the person of the Sovereign—not officially only, but personally, out of respect and affection for a great and noble Monarch.

Just now it is difficult to imagine that the death of any other Sovereign could have caused such widespread, such universal sorrow. Millions outside his own realm rightly regarded him as the real arbiter of their destiny. To-day they are experiencing a profound sense of loss—in short, a personal bereavement. And amongst other emotions which the King's passing will stir, a wealth of sympathy for the widowed Queen will be reverently tendered; for her charming personality has impressed itself upon the hearts of the people in whose sorrows she has always shared, and for whose welfare she has always given her very best. And now that an all wise Providence has touched the Royal home with a great bereavement—a loyal people who have learnt to love her will claim the privilege of being allowed to implore the aid of God the Comforter to sustain her and her household in their trial hour.

It has been well said, "From the very polgnancy of our grief, the very utterance of our sense of loss, we are to draw a strength and an inspiration for the days to come. He has not spent in vain, honest, thoughtful labor as a Christian ruler to promote the highest good of those over whom he was set. If we could think it came to nothing after all, then indeed it would be heartbreaking now—a gloom without relieving gleam. But we have not so learned our Christian faith, and in these years of faithful service to God and man comes the inspiring call to follow onward on the like pathway, for it is worth while. And our hopes and aspirations take shape at such an hour in larger and expectant prayer for him, for those upon whom the Providence of God has fallen, the splendid heritage of so immeasurable a trust, so boundless an opportunity. We have been thinking—is it not so?—in reverent thankfulness upon the answer given for years to the prayers offered for the Sovereign who has reigned in all our hearts. Be that memory an inspiration now. The loyalty with which every heart in the Empire is to-day aglow can speak in no other way so helpfully, so hopefully, so confidently as when it speaks in prayer. We look backward to-day with aching, yes, but with profoundly thankful hearts; and we look outward and onwardd, too. "They will go from strength to strength, until unto the God of Gods appeareth every one of them in Zion."

**ST. THOMAS'S—CANON DUNFELD.**

The church was draped in black, appropriate music was played, and at the close of the service the congregation stood while the strains of the Dead March in Saul came forth from the organ. Canon Dunfield took as his text, "Know ye not that he is a prince and a great man fallen this day." In touching words he preached a most affecting funeral oration. He referred to the sudden, startling and sad news which had almost struck the nation dumb with sorrow. A Prince had fallen in Israel. A great man had passed away.

Although some had misgivings when King Edward ascended the Throne, especially as the times were difficult and full of trouble, it was soon felt that a wise, good and great King was seated on the Throne. A King of old had won the title of Edgar the Pacific. No King, however illustrious, however great, had done more noble things than King Edward in working for the peace of the world. Than the title of Peacemaker, no more honourable title existed, and it was conferred on him by the world at large. "England expects every man to do his duty," and no man had ever done his duty more faithfully than the Prince who had just passed away. Honestly might he say, "Well, it is all over, but I think I have done my duty"; and no one would question his judgment. The words themselves would thrill for many a day prince and peasant, and inspire them with a high devotion to duty. In the times of stress he had come to the throne and risen to the occasion; in times of stress he had been called away, and at a time when some thought he was indispensable. But God in his wisdom, which may appear inscrutable, knows best. May he inspire the new King with the great spirit of his father.

The new King has entered upon the duties of his exalted office and will bring to it much in experience that will be beneficial for the better performance of difficult tasks. His familiarity with the oversea domains of the Empire and the fact that many of us in this Colony have been privileged in recent years to grasp his Royal hand, must arouse sympathy for him, while the loyalty of the nation as a whole will be extended to King George in a measure as large and full as to his distinguished predecessors.

**ST. MARY'S—REV. H. UPHILL.**

The Rector, Mr. Uphill, preached a fine sermon eulogizing the greatness of the late King Edward. The congregation were much affected, especially as he showed how Edward had won the title of Edward the Peacemaker.

**ST. MICHAEL'S—REV. JAS. BELL.**

At the evening service Rev. James Bell took as his text, "Blessed are the Peacemakers." The preacher dwelt on the suddenness of the call, and the sad startling intelligence which stunned the world.

"But yesterday the word of King Edward the Peacemaker might have stood against the world,
Now lies he there a corpse, in death's cold embrace."

In ten years he has revolutionized the diplomatic relations of England with European powers by unravelling the tangled skein of fierce petty jealousies. At the beginning of his glorious reign the headquarters of the world's grandest empire stood, as it were, in "splendid isolation," but soon after his accession by his constant tact, magnetic personality and charming courtesy, she gradually rose to her rightful place, pre-eminent among the nations until she became the centre of the mightiest forces for maintaining and preserving the peace of the world. Not only so, but she has become the rendezvous of reigning monarchs, ruling heads, royal princes, foreign potentates, state diplomats and accredited ministers, all of whom flocked to the presence of His August Majesty for counsel on international affairs.

It has been aptly remarked by someone that King Edward was a diplomat among kings and a king among diplomats. To give one single concrete feet in connection with this stirling tribute to his sagacity, I have only to mention the name of France. When he ascended the throne the French nation was at enmity with England, viewing her openly with suspicion. But what a change has been wrought! How different things are to-day! France is one of the warmest admirers of the British nation, and in recent years has on more than one occasion displayed the friendliest attachment and affection towards the person of King Edward, the maker of peace among all nations. And is it not written, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God?" If the ordinary peacemaker is blessed, how much more one in such a kingly exalted position? It is no secret that our own vexing French diplomats. To give on single concrete in a quiet unostentatious way mainly through the instrumentality and personality of the King. He has made peace for us.

**R. C. CATHEDRAL.**

His Grace the Archbishop ascended the pulpit in the Cathedral after Vespers last evening and delivered the following panegyric on the late King Edward VII.

The news of the death, unexpected as it was, of our late King Edward VII threw the whole community into consternation and grief:—The personal sentiments aroused by this great National loss may vary in character and intensity according to the circumstances and dispositions of individuals, but speaking here from this pulpit on behalf of our Catholic people and expressing as I may presume to do the feelings of our Catholic citizens as a body, I am sure I may say that our feelings are those of deep sorrow for the National loss and condolence with the members of the Royal Household who though exalted in rank and placed aloof as it were from the general population, yet on an occasion like this, when the pale messenger of death knocks at the door without respect for the "Castles of Kings and the huts of the poor," they must for a moment come down to the level of ordinary humanity, and the humblest in the land may presume without danger of insult or intrusion, to offer a sincere expression of sympathy and condolence.

The Catholic Church has ever and always impressed on her children the great maxim and precept of loyalty and obedience to lawful Sovereigns. She takes as her motto the words of the Apostle (Romans XIII. I) "Let every soul be subject to the Higher Powers; for there is no power except from God, and those that are; are ordained of God. . . . The Prince is God's Minister. Therefore be subject of necessity, not only for wrath but also for conscience sake."

Again the Catechism of the Council of Trent (Part III. de IV. Mandato) which is the manual and guide of all our Moral teaching expatiates upon the words of the Apostle:—

"The worship and reverence which we owe to Kings and Sovereigns is referred to God, for this high degree of dignity commands the veneration of men because it partakes in a measure of, and resembles, the power of God."

Therefore in honoring the King we are venerating the Divine Providence which has confided to him the care of the public welfare, and which uses him as an instrument.

But beside these broad principles of morality and economy there are other and more particular reasons why we should lament the death of Edward VII.

He was a good, just King. He was a man of rare prudence, of singular evenness of mind and temperament. Among the Nations of the world he exercised a great and powerful influence and that influence he exercised always in the interests of peace and harmony; and so marked was the effect of his diplomatic action that he acquired the well-merited and enviable title of "The Peacemaker." A title far more glorious than that of the "Conqueror" "the Great," "The Strong and Mighty" and so forth: with which so many Rulers have loved to adorn their names.

We, as Catholics, have every reason to revere his memory. It is thoroughly well known that when at the commencement of his reign he was forced by the exigencies of his position to make on oath that vile and unchristian declaration which is an heirloom of the savage times of persecution, and religious bigotry, that he publicly expressed his abhorrence of the Act which he was forced to perform, and that all through his too short reign he endeavoured to atone for it by showing every kindness and friendliness towards his Catholic subjects. One act of his which stands out in bold relief, and in sharp contrast with the conduct of certain other public men, was his great respect and personal esteem and friendship for the Head of Our Church, Our Holy Father the Pope. He did not for a moment pretend to dictate to the Pope on what conditions he would consent to honor His Holiness with his presence. He did not question the etiquette of the Vatican Palace or refuse to comply with the rules of the Pope's Court; on the contrary he forestalled the slightest wish of the Holy Father and took extreme pains to avoid in the smallest way hurting the feelings of the aged Pontiff whom he felt it an honor and a privilege to visit. In this course he acted not only as a King but as a Christian and a **gentleman.** And it must be said of a gentleman as of a poet **nascitur non fit.** The instincts of a gentleman are inborn, and cannot be acquired by a superficial education.

To the country of our forefathers, to long suffering Ireland and her people he always showed himself sympathetic and would, if he could, remove that heritage of woe which centuries of prejudice and tyranny have fastened upon her shoulders, but which in the present state of circumstances he was powerless to alleviate. May we not hope that some of the outcomes of the present crisis may be the removal of that obnoxious oath by which the loyal and faithful Catholic subjects of the Empire are insulted and maligned; and the restoring to Ireland of the long lost gem of her local Parliament and Home Government.

For us here in Newfoundland, the memory of our deceased Sovereign has more than a passing claim to endearment and reverence. He was the first of Britain's Sovereigns who ever set foot upon the shores of Newfoundland. And Newfoundland was the first spot of the New World on which the future Sovereign of England stood on terra firma. That very spot on which nearly four hundred years previously the brave Mariners of Bristol landed from their frail caravel and claimed for the Crown of England the great Western World. And now, my dear people, he has passed off the fleeting scene of this world, as far as the world is concerned, it is, as he is reported to have said in his dying moments: "It is all over." The great unknown Eternity commences. He goes before the Tribunal of the all wise Judge who "knows the secrets of hearts" **(qui novit abscondita cordis.**"—Ps. XLIII-22.)

There his merits and demerits will be weighed without respect or partiality, and we may rest assured that not one good act of his life will pass forgotten or unrewarded.

It is to be regretted that the unfortunate divisions of Christendom exist, and that this great King and good man should have died outside the fold of the Catholic Church.

But I would wish you all, my dear people, to understand that while this lamentable fact prevents us from offering up in an official and liturgical way, the public Offices of the Church —yet we can **privately** pray for the eternal repose of his soul. The Catholic Church while acknowledging in all their fulness the virtues and merits of departed souls, does not however immediately canonize them and place them at once in the category of the blessed. She recognizes that nothing bearing the slightest stain can enter into that heavenly kingdom, and not until the soul has been purified "so as by fire," and the last farthing of debt has been paid, shall the final reward be granted, and so she never ceases to pray for the souls departed, for we know not whether we are worthy of praise or blame (Eccle. IX-I.) Let us then leave him in the hands of the Judge whose mercy is above all his works "and who will reward everyone according to his merits."

**GOWER STREET.**

Rev. W. T. D. Dunn who was the preacher at Gower Street Church at the evening service preached an excellent sermon appropriate to the occasion, taking his text from the 1st Book of Samuel, 30 chap., 2nd verse. "I said indeed that thy House and the house of thy father, should walk before Me for ever." The rev. preacher debated on the text so as to make it most applicable to the deceased King, and showed how the law herein referred to was exemplified in the life of Joseph from the time he was sold unto Egypt by his brothers till he became the ruler in that land. He did the best that he foresaw under all circumstances and accepted submissively the ruling of Divine Providence. He possessed a spirit of manly resistance that enabled him to overcome ance that enabled him to overcome self, to his country and his God. He thus showed his fitness for the highest office in the State. The same principle that actuated Joseph should be found in every true man in every walk of life. The attendance at this sermon was very large, as well as at the morning service when the "Dead March in Saul" was played by Mr. King, the organist.

At the night service the Funeral Marches of Chopin and Beethoven were rendered, and the choir sang "Crossing The Bar."

**COCHRANE STREET**

At this church the regular services of the day were conducted by the Rev. Chas. Hackett, and also by the Rev. A. M. Bamford, but it was at the closing of the evening service that special reference was made to the death of the King.

The address was fittingly entrusted to the Rev. Dr. Cowperthwaite, whose years and mature judgment added much to the impressiveness of the occasion. The. Rev. Dr. paid a touching tribute to His late Majesty, and showed the great responsibility that was vested in him, and how faithfully he bore it. His Majesty's influence was vast, and while yet a King, he was in all, a man. His personality was a marked feature of his reign, and his subjects seemed to know him as their frend. In his death the nation has sustained a severe bereavement, and the world has lost one of its best rulers. To the Royal Household the suddenness of the blow had intensified its sorrow,—a sorrow too deep to be dwelt upon at length.

His Majesty was also a man of literary tastes and poetic inclnations. When asked what hymn he liked of all in modern times he replied that Newman's, "Lead Kindly Light," was to him a favourite. The speaker then read the hymn, and closed his address by a feeling reference to the last sentiments of the King, as expressed in the words, "Well, it is all over, and I think I have done my duty."

The choral portion of the service was in keeping with the occasion, both in Anthem and Solo. In the Anthem there was volume, and withal harmony; and a climax that seemed to lift every heart above the things of daily life. The solo, "Angels ever bright and fair" was rendered by Miss Herder; and was one of that talented lady's best efforts in the use of her gift of song.

The congregation was a large one and as the gathering rose, and with thoughtful mein listened to notes of "The Dead March in Saul," we felt within ourselves that when the call comes to us, we, like our late King, would desire to be able to say, "I think I have done my duty."

**GEORGE STREET.**

After reading the lesson at the service in George St. Methodist Church last night, Rev. C. Hackett made a pathetic reference to the death of the King. "We were unable to realize just now what the death of King Edward VII. means to the Empire and to ourselves. We need to view it from the right perspective, and time alone can bring about this. The deceased monarch has shown himself to be a King among kings and a beneficent ruler. When the great Queen Victoria died about ten years ago we all believed that we dare not hope for another such glorious and prosperous reign. We look back to-day, however, and although the span was shorter that marked the King's reign, it was not less glorious and not less pregnant with doings that made the Empire great. It was not an easy thing to follow a great predecessor, but King Edward fulfilled his responsibilities in no less a brilliant manner than Victoria the Good, and we thank God for our great King. The nine years during which he reigned were important in the history of the Empire. History has been made and the time crowded with potent incidents. The South African War was raging when the King came to the Throne. To-day it is developing into an empire and Boer and Britain are working side by side building up the United States of South Africa. No doubt the sorrow felt among the subjects of the King there is as great as it is amongst ourselves. King Edward has won deservedly the title of the Peacemaker. He took a deep personal interest in the people and his sympathy was ever on their side. There has been a great social revolution going on in England and where it is going to end no one can foretell. The King's pacific influence has been felt in keeping down dangerous agitations no less than in international affairs. His rare tact has averted many quarrels. His death occurs at a time when he can ill be spared, for the problems to be met, with in the near future are such as will require that tact and diplomacy which the King possessed in a permanent degree. But we must trust to a higher power and pray that the Almighty will give comfort to the King's sorrowing family and will give the new King wisdom and strength to be a worthy successor of his father."

Mr. G. Christian rendered the Dead March in Saul, and in the evening "Abide with me" and "Now the laborer's task is o'er" were rendered by the choir.

**ST. ANDREW'S.**

Rev. Mr. Strathie preached at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. He referred to the great National bereavement in a few heartfelt words and offered prayer for the Queen and the Royal Family. He eulogized the late King and showed in a few words why he was accredited to the title of Peacemaker. His wonderful personality caused him to be believed as a man as well as honored as a King. His wisdom and kindness were exercised for good at all times in national affairs. At the offering Mr. Mawer, the organist, rendered Chopin's Funeral March and the choir sang "Now the laborer's task is o'er." After the Benediction the congregation remained standing during the playing of the Dead March in Saul. The service on the whole was most impressive. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**

Rev. J. Thackeray preached at the evening service a sermon having special reference to the death of the King. He reviewed the life of Edward the VII. since his ascension to the Throne and showed that his health ever since the acute illness of 1902 had been a subject of keen interest to all the people of the Empire. His illness on that occasion wrung every heart with grief. The crisis passed and the King recovered, having endeared himself more than ever to his subjects by the manner in which he bore his sufferings and resigned himself to God's will. Last Friday night the whole Empire was again thrilled with the news that flashed across the wires that the King was dying. But the deep sorrow was purified and exalted by the report of the King's heroic submission and resignation to the will of God as suggested in his last words, "It is all over, but I think I have done my duty." And so the Peacemaker breathed his last, but Divine Providence writs to shine through the life of his successor, George the Fifth, and in him to realize even more brilliant achievements. "I ask your prayers now," said the preacher, "for the bereaved Queen Alexandra. Never did she need them more than now. We must all bow before the will of God and believe that He doeth all things for the best." At the conclusion of Rev. Mr. Thackeray's remarks the choir rendered "What are these?" by Stainer, and "Now the laborer's task is o'er." The Dead March was also played.

**SALVATION ARMY.**

Lt.-Col. Rees, at the Citadel, preached from Jeremiah, 14th chap., 9th verse: "Leave Us Not": Jeremiah asked to have a helper in the hour of trouble. We as of the British Empire need the presence of the Almighty to guide us in trouble and sorrow. Our great King Edward, now deceased, was a great power and help in the world. He was trusted by foreign nations and beloved by all his subjects. He was a true friend of the poor as evidenced in the Prince of Wales Hospital in London. General Booth had been encouraged and given helpful recognition by King Edward who entertained him at Buckingham Palace, and did many other acts of kindness to him. In the death of the King the Army had lost a true friend. Tender references were made by the Lt.-Col to the bereaved Royal Family. "The Dead March in Saul" was played.


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