London Pastors Point Lesson From Disaster

SPEND MILLIONS ON LAKE SAFETY BATTLESHIPS

Storm.

TOO MANY RISKS TAKEN HEROES OF THE MISSIONS

Subject of Discourse by Pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

"We who are ready to spend \$35,-900,000 on Dreadnoughts as auxiliaries protection of our sailor laddies, who brave the turbulent waters of our ineloquent and intensive sermon in the First Presbyterian Church Sunday

Rev. Mr. Knox took for his subject, "Why Disaster?" and preached from the text found in Judges, vi., 13, particularly that part: "If the Lord be taken 2,000 miles by rail to Aathabas-

"For some time past," he said, "the newspapers have contained records of the Zeppelin dirigible, mine explosions, with all the attending horrors, the burning of the Volturno, and other disasters to add to the dark side of history's pages. These catastrophes have awakened within us feelings of sadness for fellow men who have met their death by the hundreds in these tragic ways

Death in Storm.

"But the fact that these disasters were remote, lessens their awfulness to our minds. Close proximity, which adds realism like nothing else, does not link us with them. They are a spectacle of the distance, and, being so, their gruesomeness is less intense. One week ago while the people of this city were resting in contentment in their homes, shielded from the blizzard that was raging outside, an infinitely different scene was enacted on the bosom of our great lakes. There in land waterways in the history of the country. Fighting against unconquerable odds and falling at last, exhausted, after hours of strenuous effort, a prey to the shricking wind and dominating storm. In their homes the mothers, wives and children are mourning that night when their loved ones were snatched from them and carried to a watery grave. Their hearts are crying out for an explanation. Can we supply a sufficient reason for that awful loss of life? Too Many Risks.

"Disaster results from the risk that inevitably is attendant on progress. Following relentlessly the newly-beaten pathway of civilization's advancement is the loss of human life sacrificed in this cause of evolution. Vividly exemplifying this is the great loss of life of aviators, who have devoted themselves to attaining the supremacy of the air. Some day that supremacy will be a reality. Until then, men will give their lives in its cause, asking only that their efforts contribute to the solving of the complex problem. There is much disaster that results from causes which might be avoided," the pastor continued. "Even the recent lake catastrophes might have been lessened, if certain precautions had been taken. It is a marked fact that the vessels which were lost were, almost without exception, of the most modern construction. The older ships weathered the storm worthily. The tendency today seems to be to depend too much on mechanical contrivances instead of real strength. There is too much sham. Too much substituting of shoddy for wool. We can never build up a great country in this way. It is only substantialness that will stand the test.'

Preventive Measures.

Speaking of preventive measures that speaking of preventive measures that should be more numerous, the pastor stated: "Numerous life-saving devices that have been perfected within the last years, should be placed at every dangerous spot on our shores. Fog horns, lifesaving stations and oil ships were some of

The methods of conducting navigation were also responsible to a certain extent for the disaster. The love of money, the just for dividends, cause the companies to keep the boats on the lakes after the safety mark is passed. The captains of ssels are between two millstones They have owners to please and the safety f their vessels to consider. of the Titanic, received no orders or a record run across the Atlantic, he calized that on the maiden voyage of the leviathan it was necessary to demonstrate her powers to the speed-loving world. The result was the loss of 1,600 souls. Then, too, the pastor asserted, the crews are often incompetent in the late seasons. The men who have navigated the vessel during navigation months, have often saved sufficient of their remuneration to tide them over the winter months. The result is that often the owners are forced to fill thir places with less competent

There are also other disasters that are beyond the power of man. The San Franisco earthquake, which wrecked that city, leaving havoc and destruction in its wake,

originated from such a cause.

"Appalling disasters such as this can
enly be explained by God." said Mr. Knox.
"God clothes himself with mystery. There is no adequate answer. And although these men have been buffeted by the cruel storm and at last tossed up on the beach like the very driftwood, cold and still, they are yet triumphant. Their souls have triumphed over the elements, which are nowerless to do them harm." powerless to do them harm.'

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and Indians.

To Expand Work in the Far North.

That the Eskimos of the far north are embracing Christianity with a fervor that is astonishing during the past four years, after their many years of indifference to it, was one of the statein pursuing the deadly destruction of ments made by Bishop Lucas, missionwar, should be willing to contribute ary of the Mackenie River district, in that amount and much more for the a sermon at St. James' Anglican Church Sunday night.

During the past year 266 have been brave the turbulent waters of our in-land seas," said Rev. W. J. Knox in an mos have also donated considerable towards the upkeep of the mission. He also announced that the boat which is being built at Collingwood to make the trip in search of the blonde Eskimos into the far north has been donated to the missionary cause, but that it will take about \$5,000 to convey it to the far north country. The boat has to be with us, why then has this befallen ca, and the rest of the journey is made by water. An appeal to Londoners to donate something to defray part of this cost, and an appeal to the con-gregation to pray that more young women and men will take up the work gruesome tragedy. The explosion of in God's harvest fields, was also made.

Stories of the Arctic. Bishop Lucas has spent 22 years in the north country, part of it in the Arctic Circle, and he told some won-

derful stories of the work going on there and of the implicit faith of the Taking his text from the 35th chapter, and first verse of Isaiah, 'The wilderness and the solitary places shall

peaker said: "In the vast land so far to the north the Blond Eskimos. Ten were selected once a year, from 450 to 2,000 miles the darkness and the storm, men were of hearing it. And today even in that civilized world were contributing to fighting for their lives against the vast wilderness there are many hearts keep us in their country to spread the vast wilderness there are many hearts keep us in their country to spread the and Saviour.

> Hunter's Great Work Archdeacon Hunter made that memyears ago with letters to the Hudson Bay officials commending him to their And while in the district through which he passed a short time ago, I saw some results of that first country knew nothing of until

> reached there. Archdeacon Hunter sent back letters to civilization saying the Indians should have the gospel and in 1869 a young man from Lincolnshire was on his way from Engand to Winnipeg, and thence to the north country by dog sled to take up the work. For 35 years he labored in the fields past Great Slave Lake and up as far as Fort Simpson. That was Bishop Bumpus. Later Archdeacon McDonald and Bishop Reid followed, and all have labored long in that

"Died on Duty." "A short time ago I passed through the district where Inspector Fitzgerald and three men of the mounted police lost their lives while carrying mail. Over their graves at Fort McPherson three words, hewn on a headboard tells that the men 'died on duty.' graves is another grave: that of Rev. V. Simms, who laid down his life for the Indians. Before he died he wrote from the 'Great Lone Land,' and while reading them. I received the call from God 25 years ago to go to the north country. I never regret that call. It is a great honor that God gives to any man to allow him to do His work in the great north. Such a call came to take place at the anniversary supto Archdeacon McDonald, and he worked there for 42 years. I saw him Bishop Stringer and myself brought morning service. Preaching from the messages to him from his friends, the just before he died in Winnipeg and Indians, but he was too far gone to relanguage of the Indians, and today they carry the books with them wherever they go. They are not little books like we carry in this country, but weigh as heavy as four pounds each, and their Bibles are twice the size of the ones we carry to church. I

every day in the year and the deadly germs claim more victims in cities than in rural districts, due no doubt to the increased number of indoor workers in confining quarters and their lack of sunshine.

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know a Government inspector who spent six weeks amongst the Indians going to Dawson City, and when interviewed by a reporter at Winnipeg as to what impressed him most about the northern country he said the religious zeal of the Indians. He told his interviewer that he never saw an Indian go to bed at night before first kneeling and saying his prayers and reading out of their books, and that before and after meals they gave thanks to God.

Indians and Sabbath. Rev. W. J. Knox Urges Measures
To Prevent Disaster by

Gospel Amongst Eskimo

and Indians.

"Once several years ago some Indian friends of mine, whom I had not seen for some time passed my house on their way to the Hudson Bay stores to dispose of their furs. It was a Saturday night, and I ran out to shake hands with them, but they asked to be excused so they might leave their packs in the store over Sunday. They would not think of trading on Sunday, and wanted to be sure they could leave their furs some place un-Recent and Numerous Disasters Appeal Made For Special Funds til Monday. The next morning 50 or nore of them came to church.

"There is one Indian woman there who annually makes a trip of 600 miles to receive communion. Some times she brings a child with her to be baptized. On her return home after the last trip her husband wrote the last trip her husband wrote day evening to a very large congregation on "Great Lessons From the Disasters of and had made it in 24 nights. The a Week." The text was taken from I. honesty of the Indians is proverbial. The police in my district are 1,500 miles apart; yet we never think of locking our door or barring our windented. Surely such terrible happenings dows. Often I go away for a long must lead the most thoughtless man to time and leave my wife alone and she is not a bit afraid. In times past the Indians used to kill the old people, and strangers in that district wondered why they never saw any old people. Such is not the case today however I. He pleaded for greater care and super-Such is not the case today, however, I know one man whose sons are 50 years old, and the way they care for their father is wonderful

At Fort McPherson. "In the northern mission at Fort McPherson I have seen congregations of from 150 to 160 and 106 of them take communion. Three members are Eskimos. A few years ago when the Eskimos came to do any trading they locked up their wives and children until they finished for fear of us, but four years ago they started to take an interest in our work, and today the Eskimos are rapidly embracing Christianity. The first year nine came to us; the second years we had 30, the next we had between 60 and 80, and last year the congregation numbered 266. The Eskimos now show pleasure and joy in their countenances and they are the happiest and most enthusiastic Christians I have ever met. When you are preaching to them their eyes never leave you, and they be glad for them, and the desert shall give vent to their feelings at the serrejoice and blossom as the rose," the vices. Last year 200 volunteered to go with a missionary in search of

of what is termed civilization, out of and they started along the Arctic the way of railways and agricultural coast, but after many storms and districts, and where mail comes only breakdowns they were forced to turn from the nearest railways, are your of the Mackenzie River. Next summer representatives, working singly, and they are going back. The Eskimos carrying the gospel of God to them are also generous. When Mr. Whitwho would otherwise have no chance taker told them that the people in the ejoicing in their newly-found King gospel they asked to be allowed to give. The first year they contributed \$305, and last year they handed me skins valued at \$560. I expect that orable first journey into that country 55 within 25 years, if they keep on at that rate, they will be a self-supporting parish."

Rishon Lucas then made an appeal to Londoners for special funds to help take the new boat to the far north, journey, in marriage licenses and and for young men and women to other things which the people of that offer themselves for work in God's he harvest fields.

COLBORNE ST. CHURCH HAVE SPECIAL SERVICE

Twenty - Fourth Anniversary Marks Freedom From Debt of the congregation.

Colborne Street Methodist Church celebrated its 24th anniversary Sunday. Rev. F. E. Malott, B. A., B. D., a former pastor of the church, was Three or four miles to the west of their the special preacher at both services, which were largely attended. Special music by the choir, under Mr. Leslie a number of letters about the country. Roberts, was also a feature of the They were later published as letters day. It was announced that the church was now practically free of debt, the special collections of anniversary day being expected to completely wipe out the remaining encumberances. burning of the mortgage is scheduled

"Business and Religion" was the theme chosen by the preacher at the in spirit, serving the Lord," he urged ceive them. He was the man who his hearers not to divorce business translated God's messages into the and religion in their everyday life, but to carry their religion into their business, and let it become a part of their lives. "If your business freees your religion, it's either a pretty poor religion or it's a very bad business.

he said. The old idea that business was a sort of substitute for warfare, was rapidly dying out, he continued. Men were getting away from the thou-be which impelled to write over their places of business, "Business Is Business," and over the church door, "Religion Is Religion."

The church was not the only sacred place. The home and the business office should also be regarded as sacred, he averred.

Business and daily occupation should not be looked upon as a painful necessity, but as a blessing from God, for through contact with the cold business world character is formed, that could never be formed in monastic seclusion. He did not wish to belittle the value of prayer and meditathere was little enough of it, but he wished to point out the necessity of going at one's business in the

proper spirit. If that were done all became dignified and a blessing from God.

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Rev. Dr. McCrae, of the Hamilton Road on "Great Lessons From the Disasters of a Week." The text was taken from I. Samuel, xxx., 3: "There is but a step between me and death." Dr. McCrae spoke of the appalling disasters of the week just ended. They were unprece-dented. Surely such terrible happenings He pleaded for greater care and supervision in connection with dangerous occu-pations. He emphatically denied that most of these great and increasing calamities were due to "a visitation of God."
He felt there was no greater blasphemy than to ascribe to God disasters which were man-made, and which could and ought to be prevented by man. Dr. Mo-Crae agreed with that.

Man's Carelessness.

There are calamities which are "the visitation of God," and which no power of man can prevent. But nine-tenths of all the calamities in commerce and industry are the result of human carelessness or greed. Why is it necessary for trains to make time in awful storms, when it was beyond human power to manage things without certain danger to human life? When disaster comes, the whole traffic has to stop. But then noble Man's Carelessness. manage things without certain danger to human life? When disaster comes, the whole traffic has to stop. But then noble men's lives have been sacrificed, and the financial loss is greater than it would have been through the halting of traffic through the worst hours of the storm. Why should some of these big vessels venture out on Sunday morning into the treacherous waters of these great lakes, in the face of such a storm? Or if they were out, why did they not make at once in the face of such a storm? O' at they were out, why did they not make at once for the nearest shelter? Were not danger signals there? Did they not warn them of a terrific storm? I read that Jesus said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Were the sailors to blame? The Sallors' Excuse,

An old sailor writes to say that every aptain knows that to be in port for half a day or a day might mean the loss of his job. I do not wish to attach blame where it is undeserved, but I do say that the safety of the men on our railroads and on our lakes must be the first consideration. "Safety first" is a fine motto for the men on our railroads and lakes, and for our big corporations, too. The dreadform own blood? Why in 10,000 pulpits of ful waste of human life in Canada, which might be prevented, must be stopped, Dr. McCrae praised the heroism of Engineer Hall and Fireman Holding, of this city. He could see that lad Holding working against the devouring flames for the life of his engineer, and he could see the engineer with both legs broken and his houlder dislocated, cheering and encour aging him on. These were two of as noble heroes as he had ever read of. And if the story of the last dread hours on the lakes could be written, he felt sure many deeds of heroism would be told. He knew many of the men who lost their lives. Capt. Bruce Cameron was one of his old Sunday school boys, and his father and mother were members of his church while he was minister of the Presbyterian Church at Collingwood. Bruce Cameron was a fine seaman, and a splendid man, liked by all who knew him. He pleaded for sympathy and prayer for the homes and families so terribly bereaved. It was well to help with our money if we could, but they need our sympathy and our prayers, that they might have the wonderful compensations of God and his great comfort. There was the need of every man living such a life as to be prepared for death when it comes. "There s but a step between me and death."
'Be ye also ready," are the solemn words

Mr. Leonard Burr sang two solos most impressively, and the choir, under Mr. Stein, rendered a most appropriate musi-

Rev. Mr. Cosens Draws Lesson From Tragedies of Great Lakes Disaster.

Preaching on the subject, "The Story of a Storm," Rev. T. Wesley Cosens, in Empress Avenue Church, graphically described the story of Paul's shipvreck as recorded in Acts, xxvii. "Life is not an excursion to the Thousand Islands," said the pastor, but a voyage on the tempestuous seas. Paul had a premonition that the voyage would end in disaster, and acquainted the sailors with that fact. But as is often the case, the preach er's advice was disregarded. gentle wind was soon followed by a fearful storm and crew and passengers lost their reckoning. To save heir lives the ship was lightened by throwing overboard the cargo of wheat. In this hour of danger no value was placed on the commodity which they had risked their lives to obtain and carry." "There is too much materialism to

lay," the pastor declared. "Materialism often leads to spiritual neglect. The vessel was strengthened by the use of girdle chains. When the sands of life are exhausted, it is then too late to use the girdle chains of faith in God." Recent Disasters.

Rev. Mr. Cosens gave a graphic description of the recent disasters at Wanstead, Lobo, and on the great lakes. He referred to the loss of property, but of greater importance, he stated, was the loss of life. He pictured, strongly, the loss and sorrow in the homes. The wives and mothers who were left desolate through the cruel fury of the storm, their stricken souls and their anguish, when news of the great marine disaster was made known.

The pastor made an eloquent appeal for practical sympathy to be shown

Pastor of Hamilton Road Church Powerful Evangelical Address by Rev. John MacNeill, of Toronto.

JESUS

Saviour Both Numerous and Convincing.

Rarely does one hear a more impressive and convincing exposition of evangelical Christian faith than that made by Rev. John MacNeill, of the Walmer Boad Baptist Church, Toronto, preaching on "The One Alterna. tive," in Adelaide Street Baptist Church, on Sunday evening. Few were there in the audience that crowded the church who were not touched by his strong argument in favor of the exclusive claims of Christianity for Christ as the supreme and solitary Saviour of mankind. Rev. Mr. MacNeill preached from the text, St. John, vi., 68: "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom

shall we go? Thou has the words of eternal life." Victor Hugo, he said, tells how Naoleon, before Waterloo, inquired of a peasant regarding the sunken road in Which so many French soldiers perished. The peasant, either in a mistake or deliberately, said there was no such road. "It was as if Waterloo turned on the nod of a peasant's head," says Hugo.

Critical Moments. There were critical moments in the life of the disciples when Christianity and the early church hung in the balance. In the stormy Sea of Galilee, if the little boat in which the disciples were had foundered, what would have becomt of the Christian Church? An other critical moment was when Jesus said to the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" The crisis was saved by Peter. who answered in the words of the text. It was as if the kingdom of Christ hinged on the nod of a peas-

ant's head. Either God must be spelled for the disciples in the name of the Lord Jesus, said Mr. MacNeill, or be spelled with a small "g" for evermore. Why Why in 10,000 pulpits of the Christian world were men proclaiming the gospel of Christ? reason was because Jesus was so absolutely sure of his mission himself. He stood with a profound conviction in his heart that he was the world's great Saviour.

Christ Not Deluded Ingenuous minds, Mr. MacNeill said, try to believe that Christ, although absolutely perfect, was yet the victim of a great illusion. If Christ was perfect, he was not deluded. If he was deluded, he was not perfect. The only other conclusion then is that Christ was the one great Saviour of the world. Such great and sweeping claims

Christ made for himself, rom the lips of any other man would be absolutely repulsive. The world's supreme and solitary Saviour, he knew iat Calvary was He rises conscious that he is the conqueror of the last great enemy.

Death. Christ holds the solitary and supreme place round which the hopes of all other men revolve. He himself had a supreme consciousness in his own nature that he was the Savior of men. And the human soul in its pris- tured parts that you can work right along proof, and easily kept clean. tint wistfulness will always rise up to recognize its Lord. As at one time England turned to William Pitt as her only hope, as once the United States turned to Abraham Lincoln, so the world turns to Christ now and always. Twin Souls.

Rev. Mr. MacNeill referred to the belief in twin souls seeking each other through the universe. As one soul turns to another, believing that it can satisfy all the other's longing for hu- days. man soul, and as soul instinctively responds to soul, each recognizing its mate, so the soul of man was made for Jesus and Jesus for the soul of man. Goethe somewhere tells of how he opened his soul to a friend, and the friend responding by opening his own soul to the poet, interpreted Goethe's own heart better than he could do himself. So Christ, whenever one turns to him, interprets that one's heart better than he himself can do. Some Certainties.

The first great certainty that Jesus s the world's Saviour grows out of his own consciousness of it. The second great certainty grows out of man's own spiritual concciousness. But Peter had another reason. In a moment he took a swift view of all the eternities. Where else could the disciples go? Where could they find another leader? A question for all to stop and ask themselves is where, if Jesus Christ is blotted out, they can turn? If they turn from Christ where can they worship? Sabatier once said that man is incurably religious. It is the law of nature that man will worship, and also that he grows like that which he worships. Once Charles Lamb said: If Shakespeare were to come into this room, we should all rise up to meet If Jesus Christ were to enter, we would all go down on our knees." man turns from Christ, where will he go with his sin? Who else will break the chains of the thraldom that sin always brings?

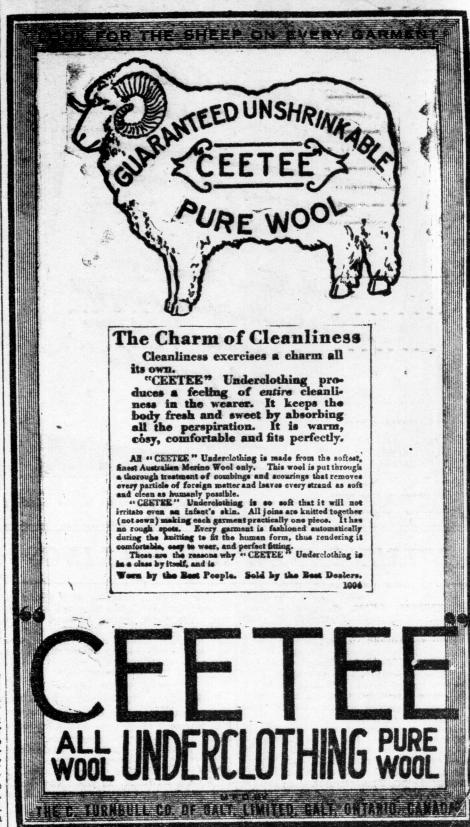
At Hour of Death. Rev. Hugh Falkner in "The Great Unfinished Symphony," tells of going with the great philosopher, Pfleiderer, to the deathbed of an illiterate quarryman. He spoke to him of love, mercy, confession, the fatherhood of and roughly illustrated it, so that the the new organist and choirmaster of dying man could understand. When the church.
he died at peace, Pfieiderer said, "The Sunday's services marked the 36th doctrine that can meet human need

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