SUNG YESTERDAY BY THOUSANDS NEARER MY GOD TO THEE"

"THERE WAS NO REAR GROUND IN THAT BATTLE FOR LIFE'

Everyone Had to Face the Foe, Says Rev. Dr. Robertson-"Instead of All the Boasted Supremacy of the Sea We Have Lived in a Fool's Paradise."

A hugh-a sens of calmness and quiet seemed to hang over the entire congregation at the Sunday morning service in St. James' Square Presbyterian Church. The strangely sad yet beautiful strains of Chopin's Funeral March floated from the organ, and the solem-nity of the occasion was intensified when the choir began to sing Tenny-ton's "Crossing the Ear."

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In his opening remarks. Rev. Dr. Robertson drew attention to the call of Captain Smith to his men after the Titanic had struck the feebers. "Be British," was Capt. Smith's command, "and reports of survivors show that every man was at his book."

"It's no leasy task to be British on such occasions as that," said Dr. Rotertson, "Every dunce of manhood and womanhood is needed.

"Our hearts are full of sorrow this morning on account of the tragic events of the past week. Mitho one of us were present, we can in imagination see the awtick conflict that was carried on in all its bakedness and truth. In that battle for life there was no near ground. Everytooky had to face the foe. It does seem as if the stab of last Sunday night was thrust at each of us individually. Instead of all our boasted supremacy of the see, and rescurcefulness, we have been enclosed in a tool's baradise. There is but a step between us and death. Lord, teach us to to count our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Warmen Spurned Death.

"In those four awful hours that must have seemed like eternity, there was all the terrible events of that night among the ley waves of the Atlantic Ocean, there was nothing done to stain the name we bear; nothing to reflect on the proud position that our isce has held of braving for a thousand years the battle and the breeze.

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Power was demonstrated in the country and faith in God.

ed, "Why hast thou forsaked Me?" and even in that awful hour of darkmess and uncertainty He had said, "In-to Thy hands I commend My spirit." Must Discourage Speed.

In concluding his remarks, Rev. Dr. Robertson paid a tribute to the bravery and heroism of the veteran philanthro-pist. Isador Strauss, who refused to enter a hieroat while there was a woman left on board the ship, and also to the heroism of his aged wife; who preferred to stay with her husband till the end.

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"I would not blaspheme God's name," said the speaker, "by believing that He would send such lives as these into utter darkness."

Dr. Robertson implored the congregation and the whole public not to en-courage speed and luxury in the building of ocean liners. Safety and provision for all emergencies were the es-

Tribute to Dead.

At the evening service Rev. Dr. Roberison paid a tribute of respect and admiration to the life and work of William T. Stead, the famous English cess Theatre, and F. C. Whitney, on movement, and many other of the various civic holdes of the city will be

William T. Stead, the famous English cess Theatre, and F. C. Whitney, on publicist, who was also among the victims of the Titanic disaster.

"There were many things about Mr. Stead that were hard to understand," said he, "but what interests me, all thru his life and in his death, was his company and stating faithful God."

The three cardinal princiles of his hard to the theatre and the company and all the theatre staff, the big orchestra of the theatre and the method of disposing of them will be announced later. It is proposed to have volunteered that any volunteered th

The three cardinal princiles of his faith was that he believed in God, in England and in humanity. He oclieved that the great will of Providence was working incessantly among all the three cardinal princiles of his have volunteered their services, so that the hold an auction sale in the theatre on Thursday afternoon, but this has not yet been definitely decided upon.

The entire proceeds will be turned any kind.

Board of Trade to Join. stummell and trials of life, Mr. Stead condemned the crimes and follies of I'nglish-speaking men, because he hid deals of what they should be. His is wonderful. In comparison with a "Ideals were strong and he never was faith like that, jingoism-bastard paattaid to fight for them. He once triotism-dies." grossed; swords with Rudyard Kipling Dr. Robertson related some of the because Kipling said that God was the God of things as they are, whereas Mr. career, mentioning how he became an to upwards of \$400,000. The fund at Kread declared that God was the God of avowed Christian at the age of 12. things as they should be. Link this "The influence of that conversion," said day amounted to \$200,000.

man with Milton Tennyson and Words- he, "shaped his whole future career, Among to day's subscriptions to this with. and he had access to almost every life latter fund is \$5000 from Lord Sarth. "His dream of Europe as it lis to be, in this world."

THE DUKE'S MESSAGE

Dear Sir,—I am desired by the Governor-General to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17th inst., and to inform you in raply that His Royal Highness would like you to read the enclosed message from himself at the memorial service in Massey Hall on Sunday next. Yours faithfully, Arthur F. Sladden, Private Secretary, Government House, Ottawa, April 18.

"As patron of the Canadian branch of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, I desire to express my deepest sympathy with the relatives of those who lost their lives in the disaster to the steamer Titanic and to say that my prayers will be united with those of the many attending the memorial service in Massey Hall."

St. James' Cathedral for many years years the battle and the breeze.

"The foundations of our supremacy rest on the sacrifice and death of our men—every achievement of this kind is a monument of some British dead.

"For the empire no price is too much. But for mere speed and luxury in ocean travel, we begrudge every life that was sacrificed in the disaster of last Monday morning.

"C. M. Hays said a few hours previous that some great calamity would seemed to emphasize the stiliness. His "C. M. Hays said a few nours previous that some great calamity would come as a result of the craze for speed and luxury in steamship building. The disaster came, and more than 1000 lives have been laid down to teach the very lesson that Mr. Hays spoke of."

Praised the Newspapers.

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There is no flame like the kindled captured for the preacher's answer to the interrogation, "Why art thou cast lown my soul, and why is thy spirit disquieted within thee?" proclaimed the question of the assemblage. Its context, "Hope thou in God." appeared forgotten in the cagerness with which the congregation listened for the preacher's answer to the interrogation, "Why art thou cast lown my soul, and why is thy spirit disquieted within thee?" proclaimed the question of the assemblage. Its context, "Hope thou in God." appeared forgotten in the cagerness with which the congregation listened for the preacher's answer to the interrogation, "Why art thou cast lown my soul, and why is thy spirit disquieted within thee?" proclaimed the question of the assemblage. Its context, "Hope thou in God." appeared forgotten in the cagerness with which the congregation listened for the preacher's answer to the interrogation, "Why art thou cast lown my soul, and why is thy spirit disquieted within the question of the assemblage. Its context, "Hope the cagerness with which the congregation listened for the preacher's answer to the interrogation, "Why art thou cast lown my soul, and why is thy spirit disquieted within the question of the assemblage. Its context, "Hope the cagerness with which the congregation listened for the preacher's answer to the interrogation, "Why art thou cast lown my soul, and why is thy spirit disquieted within the the context, "Hope the cast lown my soul, and why is thy spirit disquieted within the context, "Hope the cast lown my soul, and why is the still mean."

tanic. He said the newspapers had covered themselves with glory during the past week.

One question some men can't get Psaimist proclaimed to the individual

had embarked on their final voyage.

Nobody knew that that great mass of ice had torn itself free from the mainland and was being carried down the was it permitted? No man can apswer was it permitted? No man can answer Our valuation of our power is at the that. It is not wise to judge the whole same time our valuation of ourselves.

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Group of Foreigners From Titanic



ocean currents to come into collision with this ship and send to eternity over 1000 unwitting travelers of the sea."

"But God was somewhere in the shadow. He knew what was coming. His judgments are righteous and true, and we must allow time for the working out of His plan. He does not close his account with the closing of any ship—even the she's the biggest that ever sailed the seas."

Dr. Robertson then drew a comparison, when Christ on the cross exclaimed. "Why hast thou forsaked Me?"

that. It is not wise to judge the whole when one can only see a part.

If you know a man, you judge his dangerous thing in the world. Love without power is the most pitiful thing in the world. Love without power is the world. Love with power is God-like.

"The congregation stood while Dr. Ham played the Dead March in Saul, in place of singing God Save the King.

The doors of the cathedral had to be locked before the service commenced to keep out the crowd which would have through the hour of deadly peril on the great vessel in the keeberg studded sea, when men died because they were men. Owing to the death of his brother, pline, rich and poor alike going down tharmon, was represented by H. R. Thee." What was it all but the collections of the strains of the Thee." What was it all but the tri-

over to the mayor, or to any one whom

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LONDON, April 20.-The various re-

of learning stood back and let not only their own wives pass out to safety, but the poorest woman who chanced to come up from the steerage quarters, had the same chance as the woman of millions. The lesson comes from the pitiable impurity of man in all his might, with his advanced scientific development, how insignificant his puny effort is when matched with the forces of nature. Millionaires, financially and otherwise, were as útterly helpless in their awful plight as the naked stoker who crawled from the coal hole. "And." continued the speaker, "the time comes

to each one somer or later when we, ench individual here must, too, stop short and, being rid of all our investments, pass on, the only thing we can take with us is the character we have formed and are forming each day. All We Can Do. "In concluding let me say there is only one thing we can do, and that is extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who were bereaved by the impact of the terrible blow, and I pray that the iron-hand that tore them from their loved ones may resolve itself into the gentle fatherly hand that strokes the brow of these poor stricken souls." Dr. R. P. Mackay said he was strick en dumb by this appalling loss of human lives. "None of us," he said, "ever met before under such a heavy

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persistency. Such a critical time always shows the best that is in us. And it is not possible to laud too highly the commendable work of the captain and officers, and the bravery of the real men and devoted women who went down to an icy grave. Generous Welcome.

"One beautiful part of the ghastly affair I like to thing of is the welcome prepared for those poor survivors when they reached New York, destitute of friends, money, home; yes, 'even of clothing; how they were cared for and aided by the people who were touched by their grief and responded to that something common to humanity. That something that responds to such a case when it says 'Chords That Were Broken Will Vibrate Once More.'" Representative members of the clergy and numerous organizations occupied the main platform, while the music was led by the choir of St. James' Cathe-

FROM SIR JAMES.

Dear Mr. Hall,-I have your of to-day with reference to the loss of the steamer Timemorial service.
I regret very much that unavoidable circumstances will render it impossible for me to retend the memorial service on

I am sure that the service will

Sunday.

meet with the approbation of our reople. The public mind is still staggering under the la-mentable shock and it is fitting indeed, under the circumstances, our people should come together with the purpose of expressing their condolence and sympathy. hope and certainly believe that the meeting will be a thoroly representative one and I can only express m express my extreme regret impossible for me to be present. Yours very truly, J. P. Whitney.

Glory for the Cautious, as Well as the Brave Man, i Says Archdeacon Cody -St. Paul's Church Crowded

was discussing with a fellow passenger; this mania for speed on land, and he said. We have to yield to the public craving for the speed and I am agraid that some day we will have a terrible disaster. He was speaking of his own domain of land transportation. The craze for speed and the craze for hisness, bigness and transportation. bigness-bigness and luxury! We have had it impressed upon us in awful fashion that there is something better -that human life is of infinitely great-

"The Breton fishermen go out in it tle boats in the bosom of the broad At-lantic, and they have this song-'On God, Help Us, For Our Boats Are Small and Thy Sea is Large. Even the mightiest product of human genius is as a cockleshell before these giant forces of nature. Even our Titanics are small, and the sea is targe. But man's God-given spirit is forever overcomir disaster, and he will set himself, doubt not, to overcome once again the in the most hardened heart. Surely dangers that beset the traveler by

Legacy of Inspiration "In all this horror and tragedy we may still thank God that increasing wealth and luxury has not weakened the spirit of service and salvays been known in our race. They have known how to die! Pos-sibly we might hope that death is not the worst that can befall man, and that out of this expenditure of human life, however unnecessary it may seem, may live some legacy of inspiration. At Balaclava, after the charge of the Light Brigade, a French general said: 'It is magnificent, but it is not war.' Perhaps a larger view will show that it was more a agnificent than war in the inspiration it has been, for we are truly proud that men of our race know how to die. If blood is thep rice of admiration, how nobly it has been pur-chased."

Mission Work in Keewatin. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Keewatin, who has spent 26 years in that remote diocese, laboring chiefly among Indians and Esquimaux. to whom he paid the tribute that among them he has found greater examples of sacrifice in the interests of God's work than in the civilized communi ties. He is now seeking a man and money with which to open a mission at Chesterfield, almost on the shores of The closing hymn of the service was

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