

honour to be asked on this auspicious occasion to take part in the ceremony of unveiling the Tablet erected in this Church to the memory of the Rev. Richard Knight, D. D., who was the pioneer of Methodism in this place, one hundred years ago, the Centennial Celebration of which has caused this great congregation to assemble to do honor to the memory of this Man of God, who laid the foundations of Methodism in Grand Bank.

It affords me pleasure at this point to disclose to your view the beautiful monument whose chiselled epitaph reads:—

"To the memory of Rev. Richard Knight, D.D., born in Devonshire, England, in the year 1730. Died at Sackville, N.B., in the year 1860. He was the first Protestant Missionary to Fortune Bay, with headquarters at Grand Bank, being appointed by the Newfoundland District in 1816. This Tablet erected by the Congregation, Sunday School and Epworth League, and unveiled at Grand Bank in June, 1916, is respectfully dedicated to the Heralds of the Cross who have labored on this Circuit for over one hundred years."

Expressions of kindness, loyalty, generosity, and other graces have been indulged in this evening by former Pastors laudatory of the Methodist people of Grand Bank, which has its full meed of appreciation. The Methodist principles pioneered by the Rev. Richard Knight whose memory we delight to honor has in a very large degree made these virtues and graces possible. We claim that Methodism has done more for Grand Bank than Grand Bank has done for Methodism, notwithstanding her liberality and phenomenal success in education, liberality, fidelity to the cause, etc. Long may these Methodist principles live and sway the hearts and lives of the people.

A telegram was sent to Mrs. W. B. Knight, Moncton, N.B.

The pastor then read an appreciation to Mrs. Knight of Moncton for her dedicatory poem and well wishes for a happy eventide. It was endorsed by a rising vote.

Dear Mrs. Knight:

Grand Bank Centennial and unveiling of Tablet took place this even-

ing. We heartily thank you for your dedicatory poem read at the celebration. Convey our thanks to your relatives for their kind wishes. We wish you a happy eventide and a glorious sunset.

THE PRATT MEMORIAL.

The Rev. John T. Newman and Mrs. George C. Harris, daughter of the late Rev. John Pratt, then came forward. Mrs. Harris unveiled the Tablet. Mr. Newman said:—

"I am honored in being requested to pay my humble tribute to the memory of our departed brother, to our sainted brother. The inscription on the Memorial Tablet is as follows, viz:—

"In Memoriam. Respectfully dedicated to the Rev. John Pratt. Born at Barnard Castle, England, 1840. Died at Grand Bank, March 15th, 1904. President of Conference, 1901.

He alone was destined to fall at his post of duty during the century of Methodism.

He was a fearless preacher and a faithful pastor.

"He being dead yet speaketh." Heb., 11, 4.

"Brother Pratt was a servant of the most high God who loved to show men the way of salvation, and his spiritual children are not only found here but in all parts of the Island.

"He followed me in the chair of the Conference, when his health failed. I visited him in St. John's and also at Bay Roberts, and I found that the Gospel that he preached to others was all comforting and sustaining to himself.

"As it has been said, the pulpit was his throne. As an Ambassador he was faithful, and declared the whole counsel of God. He could say with the Psalmist: "I have preached righteousness in the great congregation. I have not refrained my lips, O Lord Thou knowest." May the mantle of this man of God fall upon the young men of Grand Bank. We thank God for these men whose memories we honor tonight. May we be worthy successors of them."

The congregation then sang hymn 601:

"Give me the wings of faith to rise,
Within the veil and see,
The saints above how great their joys,
How bright their glories be."