

TRINITY

THOMAS BEST OF EXETER, 1722. Although the County of Devon was well and creditably represented in Trinity in the eighteenth century, there is only one man in the old Church Registers who is recorded as having come from Exeter in that county, and that man was Thomas Best. The city of Exeter is situated on the river Exe, that empties into the English Channel at Exmouth. There was no ocean trade-route between Exeter and Newfoundland, and those who came to us from Devon were largely from Torquay, Brixham, Devonport and Plymouth; and the majority of those came to us as youngsters who had become attracted to us by the coming and going of the shipping between Newfoundland and those seaport towns of Devon.

Thomas Best was born in Exeter in the year 1752. His father was the owner of a wood working establishment that gave employment to a hundred workmen. He had served an apprenticeship under a former owner of the factory, and then upon the death of the owner he had bought the factory for himself and his boys. Those of us whose grandfathers came from the Old Country, know how deeply seated in their make-up was the idea that every boy should learn a trade before going out from under his parents' roof. This idea was handed down by them to the fathers of the next generation; and though it largely died out with them, yet there are a score of men in and around Trinity to-day who learnt a trade during a five years' apprenticeship, solely because their respective fathers said they had to do so, and their boys had been taught to obey. Yet of that score, the majority ceased to work at the trade thus learned, when they became men. Thomas Best served an apprenticeship under his father's foreman; and at the age of twenty-three found himself a skilled wood-worker, and a foreman in his father's factory. Then, during a period of trade depression, having decided to go far-ther a-field for employment, he was advised to go to one of Britain's Colonies, where wood-workers were in demand.

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that he could never make up his mind to break with it. Now, at the age of fifty-two the home he had been preparing for, came to him in a way that he had never thought of, and through the loss of a friend who was like a brother to him. Life went on with much of happiness and contentment for the next seven years, and then the following entry appears in the Burial Register: "1811, Interred: Thomas Best, of the City of Exeter, Devon, England, aged 59 years." With the death of his widow a few years later, the name Best ceased to be on the citizens' roll of Trinity. The thirty-four years of life, however, thus lived here by Thomas Best, attested him to a place in the grateful memories of those who were privileged to live in Trinity as his contemporaries. The good results of such a life as that of Thomas Best, though lived so many years ago, have come down to us, and have had more or less to do with traits in the formation of character, such as Trinity-farians are proud of to-day. Hence in grateful recognition of all this, I bring him back from the dusty past in the old registers, so that we may think of him, and render to him the respect and thanks that are due to him. Peace to his ashes, and rest and refreshment to his soul.

(The name Best is, I understand, still represented in several places in Newfoundland.)

VISITING SPORTS.

Last week some seven or eight of the Cable Staff of Heart's Content, on pleasure bent, came to us in a fleet of motor boats, and spent the night and a part of the next day with us. We were delighted to have them sup with us at Garland Hotel, and by every means within our power we endeavored to cause them to feel at home. A few of our citizens who had arranged for a private dance in the Parish Hall that evening, were more than pleased to extend an invitation to the visitors, and their present resulted in a series of mutual pleasures, and a good time for everybody. The next morning one of their boats was found to be leaking a little, which necessitated the boat being beached. This did not take long to do, for the Chief of Police, the Magistrate, the Banker, the Parson, and a half-dozen of other prominent citizens were on hand to assist. Each gave orders in turn and out of turn and a few simple turns of the wrist and a monkey wrench by Mr. Stenford did the trick, and the boat was declared to be as tight as a drum and as staunch as the church. Our visitors then left for Trouty, Pope's Harbour, and every other place where a trout was ever heard of on this side of the bay. They took with them our best wishes, and we shall be glad to have them come again.

His friend, Henry Goldworthy, with whom he had come to Trinity, had married and settled down in Trinity, and Thomas Best lived with them for years; and it looked as though he would remain a bachelor all his days. In the year 1808 (twenty-five years after Best had come to Trinity) his friend Henry Goldworthy died, and in the marriage register of the next year is the following entry: "1809, Married: Thomas Best, of the City of Exeter, Devon, England, and Jane, widow of Henry Goldworthy." Thomas Best thoroughly enjoyed life in Trinity and never regretted having come to it. He had always hoped to have a home of his own some day; though there was so much of happy home-life in the home of his friend,

Mrs. Jenkins, have had many opportunities to realise the fulness of truth as embodied in the saying that was familiar to the general public of Trinity sixty-five years ago, viz: "that to be as good natured, and obliging to everybody as William Jenkins was—was good enough." This regulation is still maintained. We congratulate you upon the fifty-years of your wedded life; and whilst we realize that they have been—Fifty years of married blessings, which in fulness still abide.

We pray:—

Peace be with you in the gloaming, And God's Light at eventide.

Kindly accept this little golden token of our love and respect, and good wishes.

July 30th, 1924.

Five years ago Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Earle celebrated their golden wedding in Trinity, by a family gathering; but this, of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins—owing to their long association with the general public—is the first time the citizens of Trinity have felt called up to act with the family, since the golden wedding celebration of Doctor Robert and Mrs. White nineteen years ago. After the reading of the address by Canon Lockyer, an offering of thirty-five dollars in gold was made by Mrs. Pittman to Mrs. Jenkins, and all present sang a verse of "Should auld acquaintance be forgot, etc." Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins then thanked the friends thus assembled, for their thoughtful kindness, and their kind recognition of the day, and of the private and public contributions to the best interests of Trinity. Refreshments were served, after which all went away with the feeling that they were the better for their kind interest in another's welfare, thus expressed by their actions during the afternoon; whilst Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins more fully realized that in the flight of fifty years: "Time has but added increase to its truth, and given to their minds what it took from their youth."

LOCAL ITEMS.

The next outstanding annual event in Trinity, please God, will be "the Flower Service and special commemoration of the faithful departed," on Sunday, August 3rd, in the Mortuary Chapel. And the eighty-ninth anniversary of Mrs. Pittman's birthday, on Saturday, August 9th, at her home.

Mr. Graham Balfour, of St. John's, who has been assisting Manager Rankin in the Royal Bank, owing to the illness of Mr. Freeman, returned to St. John's on Monday last. Mr. Balfour made many friends in Trinity during his stay, and we are sorry to have him go. Yet, no one is more sorry than Mr. Balfour himself, and we are willing to leave our reputation, and all that we claim for Trinity, in his keeping, assured of the fact that he will do us full justice, prove a good advertiser of us and ours, and will come back again whenever opportunity offers. "We are advertised for our friends," Mr. Freeman has reported for duty. Glad to see him.

Messrs. Joyce and Davidson registered at the Garland this week. They represent "the Newfoundland Silver Mines Syndicate," which controls areas in South Lorne, Ontario, and which, they claim, are the largest silver areas in the world.

Mr. George DeGrish has erected an appropriate headstone in the C. of E. Cemetery, in memory of his wife Bertha.

Since our last report Mr. George Leppard of St. John's, and Mr. A. Hann, representing the Royal Stores, St. John's, registered at the Garland, and their many friends were glad to see them.

The Trinity Enterprise was published yesterday. The Proprietor, Mr. Fred. T. Brady, offers to send it to any address in Newfoundland from this date to the end of the year for 50 cents.

Mr. Harry Rowe's new dwelling house on the Fort Point is nearly completed. It will be a fine structure and an ornament to the crest of the hill on which it stands. It is encouraging to see some one building.

Mr. Aubrey Crocker, Mr. James Collis, Mr. Thomas House and others have improved the town by an attractive coat of paint on their dwelling houses, respectively.

Rev. Canon and Mrs. Jeeves and children are spending a holiday at the rectory, Trinity Estate.

Mrs. Makin and Miss Mary Broderick are registered at the Garland Hotel. They are from Savannah, Georgia, U.S.A. Mrs. Makin is a daughter of Thomas and Margaret White of Bonaville, and hence a sister of Mr. Walter N. White, Trinity. She has been away from Bonaville for twenty years, and after spending a few weeks with relations and friends in Newfoundland, she will return to Savannah about the last of August. Miss Broderick is a distant cousin of Mrs. Makin. We are glad to have them with us.

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