

MANY ASSEMBLE IN STONE CHURCH FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Edifice Crowded at Services Which Begin Celebration of Centenary—Rev. A. L. Fleming Gives Historic Sketch of Parish and Erection of the Church

WITH great rejoicing and thanksgiving the congregation of St. John's (Stone) church yesterday commenced the observance of its 100th anniversary. Holy Communion was celebrated in the morning, Rev. A. L. Fleming, the rector, officiating and in the evening a large congregation assembled to commemorate the founding of the church. Preparatory to the centenary observances many improvements and alterations were made in the interior of the building and many beautiful memorials were installed and last night a memorial tablet erected to the memory of Mrs. William Wallace Turnbull was unveiled by her son, W. R. Turnbull and dedicated in a simple ceremony.

All of the Anglican clergy of the city and several from outside Saint John were present to take part in the service, and inspiring music gave added impressiveness to the historic occasion. Rev. A. L. Fleming, the rector, with great eloquence recalled the former days and traced the history of the church unto the present time. He declared his belief that with trust in the

Present Rector



Rev. A. L. Fleming who addressed large congregation last evening.

John, read the second lesson, the second chapter of Ephesians. The prayers were said by Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence, rector of the mother parish of Trinity, and Rev. R. Taylor McKim, rector of the daughter parish of St. Mary's. The announcement of the offertory was made by Rev. Canon Daniel, of Rotherham, son of a former church warden, and the benediction was pronounced by Ven. Archdeacon A. H. Crowfoot, of Saint John.

Rev. A. L. Fleming, the rector, expressed gratitude to those who had come to take part in the centenary service, making reference to the presence of Canon Daniel, son of the third warden elected for the parish of St. Mark's.

He referred to the work of the Church Workers' Association under the presidency of Mrs. G. Fred Fisher, in beautifying God's house; the work of the joint committee which decided the nature of renovations and the building committee of which W. E. Anderson was convener. Always had the congregation been proud of the history of the church but never had it been more proud of that edifice than at the present time. Mr. Fleming thanked Wallace Alward for his work in the centenary service, making reference to the new doors giving entrance to the parish house and designing the beautiful tablet erected to his grandmother's memory by her children. Mr. Fleming also spoke appreciatively of the work of the contractors who did the renovation. He was most deeply touched by the presence at that service of the children of his three predecessors, Miss Grace Kuhnring, Miss Madeline de Soyres and Miss Margaret MacLaren.

The unveiling and dedication of the tablet placed upon the western wall to commemorate Mrs. W. R. Turnbull was carried out with reverence and simplicity. The church warden, J. E. Seccord and G. A. Kimball, requested the rector to receive and dedicate the tablet. The act of unveiling was performed by W. R. Turnbull, her son. After the dedicatory prayer had been offered by Mr. Fleming he spoke of the one who had inspired and created. The name of Julia Caroline Turnbull, he said, was still held precious by many in the city. She was one whose heart the Lord had touched. She had left a bequest for the care of the poor and during her life had been very generous towards those who in the days of open bars had fallen before temptation. She had cared for the young women and the orphan, had established a sewing school for factory workers. What Josephine Butler had been to England, Mrs. Turnbull had been to Saint John. She had been a true inspiration to those who came after to see the need of perishing souls of today.

The inscription on the tablet, as follows: "In loving memory of Julia Caroline Hatheway, wife of William Wallace Turnbull, 1828-1906. She called our men to be temperate and our girls to help them through happier homes." "God finishes the work by noble souls begun."

The solo, "What Are These," was rendered with great beauty of expression by Mrs. Archibald Miller, Swampscott, Mass., whose father had been a member of the choir some years ago. The anthem was "Saviour When Night Involves the Sky." DeWitt Cairns was soloist. Mrs. T. J. Gunn was at the organ. The Psalms sung were the 15th and 84th.

FORMER CURATES.
Two former curates of the first rector of the parish, Rev. George Armstrong and Rev. William Armstrong, both of whom were curates of the parish of St. John's, read the lessons, Archdeacon Newham, St. Stephen, read the first lesson in Zechariah 8-9 and Rev. W. H. Sampson, rural dean of Saint John, read the second lesson in Zechariah 8-9.

DECIDED IN 1822.
So it came about that the good people of Saint John, who had been a part of the Corporation of Trinity Church, a new church was necessary, and at a meeting of the Corporation of Trinity Church, which was held on the 15th of April 1822, the decision was made to proceed with the matter.

FINANCING IT.
The third question was: How was the church to be paid for? We learn from old records that it was erected at great expense through the liberal contributions of the inhabitants of this city, aided and assisted by a munificent grant from His Excellency Sir Howard Douglas. The grant, by the way, was for 600 pounds sterling out of the King's casual revenue on condition that a double pew on the floor of the church be reserved

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR CENTENARY

The special services for the centenary observance in St. John's (Stone) church will be as follows:
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning service. Laying up of the vestments of the 3rd Medium Brigade C. A. Sermon by His Lordship Bishop Richardson.
2.30 p.m.—Children's service.
7 p.m.—Evening service. Sermon by His Lordship Bishop Richardson.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Preacher, Rev. Dr. Pilcher, Toronto.

for the Governor's use, and accommodation be provided in the galleries for the centenary troops.
Thus did St. John's church become the garrison church of the City of Saint John.
In these days the troops were, I believe, stationed at, or near, Fort Howe, and they paraded to church every Sunday morning.
Later, about 1850, when the garrison was moved down to Lower Cove, and the population in that section of the city seemed to warrant it, St. John's church was built and became the garrison church with the Rev. John Armstrong as chaplain.

FIRST RECTOR.
Thus, the Rev. Benjamin Gerrish Gray became the first rector of both Trinity and Saint John's churches.

SECOND RECTOR.
The second rector of both churches was Dr. Benjamin Gray's son, the Rev. John Gray, who had been curate for 15 years under his father. The son was a graduate of King's College, Windsor, and as the rector of Trinity Church, he was known as "the rector of the old church," and as a "re" scholar, and an able divine, an uncompromising defender of the Protestant faith, kind and generous, he lived below and revered, and died universally lamented.

INTERIOR CHANGES.
Other changes made were the building of the present parish house, the restoration of the church fabric. The old box pews in the galleries were removed, and the present ones substituted. New stairs were built leading to the galleries, and the vestibules altered. The electric light was installed, and a number of handsome memorials placed in the church, including our beautiful holy table, pulpit, lectern, reading desk, east window, and many other improvements were made.

CANON KUHRING.
Most of you within the sound of my voice this evening knew and loved the Rev. Canon Kuhnring who followed Dr. de Soyres as fifth rector of this church, and third rector of St. Mark's parish.

PARISH IS DIVIDED.
Exactly six years later, all the details connected with the dividing of the parish having been completed, the Rev. George Mortimer Armstrong entered the parish of Trinity Church, and the Rev. Canon Kuhnring entered the parish of Saint John's Church, and first rector of the Parish of St. Mark, which included all the city north of Union street from harbor to Courtney Bay.

REV. J. DE SOYRES.
Mr. Armstrong was succeeded by the Rev. John de Soyres, of Cambridge University, England, one of the most brilliant preachers and scholars who has ever served the church in Canada.

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Social Notes of Interest

On Thursday afternoon at the Riverside Golf and Country Club, a mixed foursome match was played and was won by Mr. and Mrs. John Sayre. Mrs. W. B. Tennant and Mr. J. Pope Barnes, Mrs. Andrew West Murray and Mr. W. B. Tennant. Miss Frances Kerr and Mr. F. M. Keator tied for second place. Those playing the match were Mrs. A. D. Harwood and Mr. A. P. Paterson, Mrs. J. Pope Barnes and Mr. John McAvity, Miss Pauline Blederman and Mr. R. M. Fowler, Mrs. Ralph Robertson and Mr. A. C. Fraser, Miss Audrey McLeod and Mr. Donald Skinner, Miss Helen Cudlip and Mr. Harold Peters, Miss Joan Foster and Mr. Murray Vaughan, Mrs. R. M. Fowler and Mr. A. O. Harwood, Mrs. Otto Nase and Mr. A. Murray, Mrs. George Noble and Mr. Frank Peters, Mrs. George Fleming and Mr. E. J. Terry, Mrs. Stanley Smith and Mr. A. C. Currie, Mrs. Russell Sturdee and Mr. Ralph Robertson, Mrs. Daryl Peters and Mr. E. B. Harley, Mrs. Atwater Smith and Mrs. Shirley Peters, Mrs. Jack Davidson and Mr. Waterhouse, of Honolulu.

Mrs. Charles Wilkinson is expected from Halifax on Monday and will be a guest at Mrs. C. J. Coster's, Princess street for a few weeks.

Mrs. Herbert Taylor, of Moncton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hooper, Pine street.

Miss Ann Armstrong entertained at a delightful small tea yesterday afternoon at the family residence, Queen Square in honor of Miss Elsie MacLaren and out-of-town visitors. Mrs. James R. Curry presided at the table which was prettily centred with golden glow and hide bachelor buttons.

Miss Harriet Alward, who has spent the summer with her sisters, Miss Frances and Miss Louise Alward, returned last Monday to Elizabeth, New Jersey, where she will teach Household arts in the new Junior High school.

Miss Elizabeth Armstrong was a hostess one day this week when she gave a luncheon at the family residence, 27 Queen Square in honor of Miss Betty Thomson. Those present were Mrs. Thomson, Miss Helen Alward, Mrs. Charles Bestwick, Jr., Miss Ruth Robinson, Miss Julia Angus, Miss Kathleen Blanchet, Miss Florence Puddington, Miss Constance White, Miss Doreen McAvity, Miss Margaret Tilley, Miss Rachel Armstrong.

Mr. Elmer Puddington gave a most enjoyable picnic on Thursday evening at Duck Cove in honor of Miss Elsie MacLaren.

Independent parish, with the then beloved curate of Saint John's church, the Rev. W. O. Raymond, as rector. St. Mary's has so grown, first under Dr. de Soyres and now under the Rev. R. Taylor McKim, that tonight we have with us not only the Corporation of St. Mary's Church, but representatives of the club of the daughter churches, St. Bartholomew's, Coldbrook, and All Saints' Church, East Saint John.

Other changes made were the building of the present parish house, the restoration of the church fabric. The old box pews in the galleries were removed, and the present ones substituted. New stairs were built leading to the galleries, and the vestibules altered. The electric light was installed, and a number of handsome memorials placed in the church, including our beautiful holy table, pulpit, lectern, reading desk, east window, and many other improvements were made.

On one occasion of the opening of the church after its restoration, the Right Rev. Maurice Scollard Baldwin, the Lord Bishop of Huron, preached. Dr. de Soyres was honored by being invited to return to England and preach at the 50th anniversary of the founding of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, in 1898, and received the degree of L. D. from the University of Cambridge.

His death was a severe loss, not only to the church in this diocese, but to the community as a whole.

Most of you within the sound of my voice this evening knew and loved the Rev. Canon Kuhnring who followed Dr. de Soyres as fifth rector of this church, and third rector of St. Mark's parish.

For 16 years Canon Kuhnring labored for the uplifting of the Kingdom of Christ in this parish and city.

If Dr. de Soyres was famous as a preacher, then Canon Kuhnring will go down in history as a wonderful Bible class teacher. At one time he had 500 men and women coming, more or less frequently to Bible classes, and some 160 attended all the sessions one year.

During Canon Kuhnring's term of office, the new Canadian Hymnal was published and to this church belongs the distinction of being the first in the diocese to bring it into actual use in the services of the church.

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Mr. Gordon and Mr. George Wilson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Wilson, Queen Square, who went out west with the harvesters, have returned home.

Last Wednesday at the Riverside Golf and Country Club the lady members of the Westfield Country Club were guests of the club at luncheon. In the afternoon Westfield played a return match with Riverside. The guests were entertained at tea before returning home. The John players were Mrs. David Likely, Mrs. Philip Nae, Mrs. H. L. Abramson, Mrs. W. D. Foster, Mrs. Kenneth Creighton, Miss Dorothy Robson, Miss Christine Crawford, Miss E. Crawford, Mrs. Warwick, Mrs. Norman Sanction, Mrs. E. Bowman, Mrs. F. Barbour, Mrs. Frank McDonald, Miss Allen Morrison, Mrs. S. McAvity.

Mrs. Chubb McLeod, of Chatham, was the guest on Thursday of her brother, Mr. Cecil West and Mrs. West, Princess street.

Mrs. W. J. Hamilton and son, Mr. Gray Hamilton, have returned home after spending three months abroad.

Mrs. B. E. Claridge, formerly Miss Helen Richardson, and her little daughter, of Matane, Que., are visiting the former's parents, His Lordship the Bishop of Fredericton and Mrs. Richardson, at the rectory of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton.

Master Willard Carvell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carvell, of 38 Wellington row, left yesterday for Rotherham Collegiate School to resume his studies for the fall term.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Wilson, of Fairville, have announced the engagement of Mrs. Wilson's cousin, Mrs. A. W. Hatch, of the Federal Bank of Boston, has returned home after spending her two weeks' vacation with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Coggins, of Spring street.

Rev. Dr. Herbert E. Thomas, editor of the Wesleyan, Sackville, was in the city this week, a visitor at the exhibition, en route home from Centerville, Carleton county.

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