

SPECIAL SERMON REFERENCES IN SAINT JOHN CHURCHES SUNDAY

BISHOP ROBINS OF ATHABASCA, HEARD IN CITY

At Trinity and Stone, Tells of Missionary Progress in His Diocese

85TH ANNIVERSARY IN CARLETON UNITED

Series of Talks on Religious Difficulties Begun at St. David's

The Rt. Rev. Edwin Frederick Robins, D.D., Bishop of Athabasca, was the special preacher in Trinity church yesterday morning and in St. John's (Stone) church last night and his addresses made a deep impression upon the large congregations present.

He told of the great progress being made in the missionary diocese from which he comes and in the foreign mission fields throughout the world.

In Trinity church Bishop Robins was introduced by the rector, Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence, who conducted the service. The bishop took for his text, "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea," and he declared that majestic as was the thought conveyed in that text as a missionary bishop, he could say devoutly that he had seen already such measure of fulfillment of the prophecy that he could have no misgivings as to its ultimate accomplishment.

He spoke of his work in the mission fields of India 20 years ago and how a tremendous sacrifice a high caste Brahmin and a notable Mohammedan had been converted to Christianity, bringing to pass a greater harvest of souls and he reminded his hearers that at that very moment in India, Africa, China and Japan there were native preachers and native bishops who were maintaining the service of the church and preaching the gospel.

EXTENDS THANKS.

As coming from one of the missionary dioceses of the church in Canada he extended thanks for the gifts of money, prayer, sympathy and work bestowed by the people of the older congregations in the more settled parts of the Dominion and undertook to give information concerning the work being carried on in his diocese in order that those who are assisting may find in knowledge of the facts, inspiration for still greater efforts.

He had labored 17 years in the diocese of Athabasca, he stated, and in that time had witnessed the passing of the country from a primitive land inhabited chiefly by Indians to a thriving, growing and expanding agricultural country with wheat fields extending throughout the southern districts.

In his week-end summer journey he said, he would sometimes travel 500 miles, visiting the scattered congregations and holding services at evening hours in churches or school houses or any place of assembly along the way. The automobile, he said, had greatly eased the task as a means of travel in that territory and the clergy had parishes measuring about 40 miles each way.

The problem there was the increase of population and how to care for the spiritual welfare of the people who had come to new homes in that country.

In May of this year he had ordained as deacon a young clergyman from whom he had heard the day before, saying that the new church that was talked of in June was almost completed. That church was 358 miles north of the most northerly railway station in the Dominion and for months that young man would never see another clergyman. Dr. Robins said he had been asked why churches were put in such remote places and he stated that it was because the people were there. He declared there would never be such a thing as the last great west for always further off there appeared new lands.

SPEAKS OF DIOCESE.

In his diocese of from 200,000 to 250,000 square miles in extent there was vast forest land, much prairie land and lakes teeming with the fish and westward lay the shadow of the Rocky Mountains with their snow-capped peaks. The congregations were few and which had inherited so much he thought could have little conception of the life in a missionary diocese, where each church was new, crude, cheap and utterly simple. They were mostly wooden shacks built by the members of the congregation after work day hours, he said, and he described how with devoted care those churches were erected.

As fast as they could be built more churches were going up and he was obliged to face the fact that he had not sufficient funds to meet the salaries for his clergymen. But he declared that drawing back was impossible.

"We will never turn back," he asserted. "While there is possibility of establishing a church further on, we will establish it" and in the light of God's past blessing upon the work he looked confidently ahead assured that the support for the work would be provided.

85th Anniversary

Large congregations attended the 85th anniversary services in Carleton United church yesterday. Rev. Henry Mahon, of Douglas avenue Christian church, conducted the morning service. The subject of his address was "The Courage of a Great Conviction."

Enoch Thompson gave a historical sketch of the church. Miss Mabel Sharp, organist of church, presided at the organ. The choir furnished an anthem.

At the evening service a choir of 28 male voices led the singing and sang two anthems. The Dr. Baker quartette gave two selections. F. J. Punter and Arthur Long gave a duet. Solo by J. Stewart Smith.

Albert Punter presided at the organ.

NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH FEAST SERMON TOPIC

References Made at Sunday Services in Saint John

The first of a series of sermons on "Modern Religious Difficulties," especially intended for young people, was delivered in St. David's United Church, last evening, the subject being "Bible Difficulties."

The subject was introduced with a brief account of the composition of the Bible. It contained various kinds of literature, history, poetry, folk songs, patriotic songs and hymns, biography, law, personal letters, etc. These were written at different ages by different writers for different purposes. This was followed with a brief account of the collecting of these into one volume—the Bible.

Rev. Mr. Miller treated his subject under three heads. First, the difficulty of the authority of the Bible. It is the infallible rule of faith and conduct. The second difficulty came from the interpretation of the Bible. Different interpretations confused the mind of sincere youth. Genesis was not written to teach science, but that God was the creator and sovereign of all and that man was made in His image. There is no conflict between religion and science when both are understood.

The third difficulty came from the morals and ethics of what seemed to be condoned by certain passages. Many top at the recital of the passage, while if they continued they would find that the Bible condemns all immorality and all false conduct.

Rev. Mr. Miller concluded with a tribute to the Bible and its worth. It was the Word of God, he said.

Next Sunday evening the subject will be "Miracles." St. David's choir contributed several hymns, such as "Father of Heaven" and "From Egypt's Bondage." Mrs. Blake Ferris, the choir leader, sang a pleasing solo.

At St. Andrew's

An overflow audience in St. Andrew's church last night heard Rev. F. S. Bonnell speak on "A Gentleman in Prison." He told the life story of Tetsuichi Ishii, Japanese criminal, who had spent 20 of his 48 years in prison. He was a murderer. A new testament sent him by a woman missionary brought about his conversion. It was the story of the crucifixion and Jesus' prayer for the forgiveness of his enemies that changed his heart. The conversion of his life was spent in writing his life story. The conversion of this man caused a sensation, not only among Christians of Japan, but even in Buddhist circles. The music of the service last night was in accord with the sermon. A duet, "Rock of Ages," was sung by Miss Blenda Thompson and Murray Thompson. There were two anthems by the choir, "Everlasting Mercy" and "Just As I Am." Rev. Mr. Bonnell announced that on next Sunday there would be two special Armistice anniversary services.

At St. Luke's

Yesterday morning in St. Luke's Rev. Canon McKim preached the second sermon in a remarkable series of treatises on some characteristics of a real Christian. Last Sunday's subject was "getting," yesterday's "giving."

Canon McKim said in part: "These are not contradictory but complementary terms; they go together as natural impulses of life. The lady gets food and care, he gives it. He grows in action and as a result he grows. The two principal bodies of water in the Bible land are typical. The Sea of Galilee gets water from the mountains and gives it out for the watering of the land. It is instinct with life. The other sea gets the inflow of the Jordan but only gives out what is taken out by evaporation. It is known as the Dead Sea. Giving is a characteristic of everything that lives and moves, and is a required accompaniment of getting."

"The car gets gas and electricity and is expected to give service. The baby gets food and loving care; how disappointed we should be if there is no smile on the little face. The boy gets schooling and then goes to the store or office to give of his work. Something similar is expected of the Christian. Our Lord said 'by their fruit, what they give, shall ye know them.' The fig tree may be covered with leaves and most attractive, but if no fruit the mandate 'cut it down.' God has no place in His economy for a Christian who does not give; in fact such is a contradiction."

"The Bible has much to say about giving. We read of God's giving with David. (Continued on Page 11, second column.)"

The Kitty-Katy Letters

Confidential Communications Between Two Charming Girl Friends—One Married

DEAR KATY:—

Our neighbors, the Lumpkins, have bought a new house, you know, and are going to furnish it from top to bottom. Mr. Lumpkin recently came into considerable money and felt like splurging themselves. They went to Boston and other places hunting for the furniture and furnishings they wanted. But they finally decided that they couldn't do better than buy everything right here in Saint John. That speaks pretty well for our Saint John stores, doesn't it?

Mr. Lumpkin knows Mr. Ellsworth, Senior, very well and has met Mr. Jack several times. He isn't sure, but he thought he saw Queen Street in Fredericton. He was in an automobile and went by so quickly that he can't be sure. I told him that you hadn't heard from your Jack and were worried about him. But Mr. Lumpkin shut up like a clam and I couldn't get another word out of him.

Doesn't it seem mysterious, Katy?

Lovingly yours,

KITTY

NOTE—He shut up like a clam, did he? Why all the mystery? Where can Jack be? Don't miss tomorrow's letter.

(Reply Tomorrow)

Teacher Honored By Sunday School Class

The presentation of a gift to Mrs. Douglas Clark, one of the teachers of St. Andrew's Kirk Sunday school whose marriage took place during the summer months, was a pleasing incident at the rally program in the Sunday school yesterday. The presentation was made by John Magee on behalf of the teachers and officers of the school. J. H. Murphy, superintendent, was chairman of the rally, and the program prepared by the United Church of Canada was carried out. The Rev. F. M. Milligan gave an address on "Service" and in the program which was appropriate to that theme the following numbers were given: Recitation, by Natalie Givow of the primary department; hymn, by the primary department; exercise by four boys, John Moore, Frank Donegan, Harry Wilson and Douglas Smith; scripture reading, by Martin Winchester. There was a large attendance and the rally program was carried out admirably.

URGES HIS FLOCK TO OBSERVE LAWS

Rev. A. L. Fleming Speaks on Prohibitory Law and Protestantism

In Saint John's Stone Church last evening the Rev. A. L. Fleming, pastor, preached an eloquent sermon from the text, "Ye are not under the law, but under grace."—Romans 6:14.

At the last meeting of the Anglican clergy of the Rural Deanery of Saint John, a resolution was passed calling upon the rectors to bring before the notice of their respective congregations this urgent duty of Christian people to keep the law, especially with respect to the prohibitory law, he said.

The speaker dwelt for some time on the subject and counselled his hearers to obey the law as it was constituted, even if they did not personally approve of it. The law, might not be good or it might not be bad, but at the same time it was a law and they should obey it.

MAHONEY BAY MAN KILLED

Knocked Down by Car While Walking to Church With Wife; Inquest Ordered

MAHONEY BAY, N.S., Oct. 31.—Dennis Shupe, 45, was knocked down and killed by a motor car as he walked to church accompanied by his wife this afternoon. Three cars were passing at the time and it was not established which car struck him. He was instantly killed. An inquest will be held tomorrow morning.

BAPTISTS DEDICATE McADAM CHURCH

New Building Consecrated in Presence of Large Congregation

McADAM, Oct. 31.—Sunday, Oct. 31, will be a memorable day in the history of the Baptist church at McAdam. Though the weather was not favorable, a capacity audience assembled for the dedication service at the new church edifice. The outstanding features of this service were the sermon by Rev. E. S. Mason, D. D., using Psalm 137:1 as the text. God as a builder, he stated, was evidenced by the history of individuals and nations; to build well men must build with God, and to do so was to build eternally.

The music consisted of an anthem by the choir under the leadership of Mrs. L. F. Wallace, a duet by Mrs.

Glenn Barr and L. Ryder, and a solo by Mrs. K. V. Travis.

The special dedication service was led by Rev. T. E. Gosline, newly elected pastor, and responded to by the entire audience. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. T. D. Bell.

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