

# SERVICE FOR AGED AN IMPRESSIVE ONE

## Gentenary Well Filled Yesterday Afternoon Despite Inclement Weather—Campaign Nearing Close

The service for the aged in Centenary church yesterday afternoon furnished a singularly beautiful and impressive prologue to the closing week of the evangelical campaign. None who were present will soon lose the memory of the rows of bowed white heads and shoulders heavy with the burden of years, the touching testimonials of old men and young women to the worth of the gospel that had carried them safely so long, the quaver of their voices in the old hymns of faith and praise, the compact of the sermon and the prayers, and the happiness in the faded faces that answered the message of hope and good cheer.

There was nothing of the theatrical about this meeting—no attempt to use the presence of the aged to play upon the emotions of the younger folk, who naturally formed the major portion of the audience, pit and galleries, in spite of the driving storm. The purposes of the meeting as Dr. Gray emphasized, was comfort. He liked to see all the old folks happy, wanted them all to look on the bright side of things like the dear old lady who had only two teeth, "But, thank God, they're mates," she said. But the sight of many so near the turnstile of night, and the sound of their voices chorusing their hope of the other side was enough, without any dramatic business, to tighten throats and moisten eyes.

The strongest and most affecting part of the meeting came right at the beginning. Songs, of course, opened the programme—old songs, take "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Shall We Gather at the River" while the coaches brought their loads through the rain and the old folks, some of whom had to be carried, were taken to their seats, wearing the white flowers given at the door. Then the tall choir leader leaned from his pedestal. "How long have you served Christ?" he asked. "Before we go farther we want to hear from you old servants of God. Tell us, some of you, how long you have been with Him and how He has helped you." And then the answers, sometimes three or four at a time—"Sixty-six years last November" said the first, a white bearded old patriot. "Sixty-six years and I'm following still." "Fifty-two years" said another, "and is He still with you?" asked the evangelist. "Yes, thank God, still with me." Then a faded little old lady in a widow's bonnet and black, quavered "seventy-five years I have lived to serve Him" "And has He always been with you?" "Always" came the answer, which a kindly attendant had to report so the preacher could hear—"Always, and through very great trouble," and the emotion of the audience found vent through clapping hands.

Others followed in scores. Over seventy, said one man; fifty-two an old lady; sixty-one, another, and then fifty-five, fifty, sixty-two, sixty, fifty-four, and so on, came the answers from all over the church. Dry eyes were few when this was ended and the service went on. A song "The Land Where We'll Never Grow Old", by Rev. Mr. Greenwood, a prayer by Dr. Winchester, a solo by Miss Conard; "The Sweet Bye and Bye," by the choir and audience. Then Dr. Gray took up the services, reading from an old Bible printed in England in 1607 and loaned for the occasion by Mr. Joseph Bullock. The story of Esther was his theme, an old story retold with emphasis upon the incident when the King, re-reading his palace diary, was reminded of the great service Mordecai had done him and saved the faithful old Jew from his enemy and set him aloft with honor. "Your King, has a diary" was his lesson. "Here you may be little known and what you have done for others. But your King knows, and for you who have served Him are the robes and crowns reserved for those whom the King delights to honor."

He closed with a story of an old Cape Cod carpenter, who, on his 80th birthday, wept because he thought someone had stolen his worn-out tools, and to find that friends had taken them away and separated them by new and better ones. "So, to you," he concluded, "your friend will give you better tools for other service. That's all death is, for the righteous—a change of tools and a change of work."

At the close of the meeting the choir sang, Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?, while hands by scores, of old and of young, were lifted in appeal for prayers. Dr. Smith concluded the service with a prayer that voiced without a jarring note the spirit of the meeting. Rev. Dr. Brewer gave benediction, and old and young fled out into the storm again.

In the evening Dr. Sykes announced as his subject, "The benefit, importance and power of confessing Christ before the world," basing his remarks upon the incident recorded in the ninth chapter of John; The man that was born blind restored to sight, whose agonistic parents referred the Jews to the man himself, who was of age and could speak for himself.

Those who truly stand and fight for Christ know Him best. Those who confess Him manifest His Spirit most distinctly. Public confession will establish and build one up as nothing else will. Public testimony is absolutely necessary to growth in grace and with it comes the completer revelation of the joy of the Christian religion. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

At St. Stephen's. St. Stephen's Church was crowded for the last meeting of the group. Before the address of the evening Rev. Gordon Dickie spoke of the regret at Mr. Winchester's departure from the city. During his short stay here he has endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact and his addresses have been helpful and inspiring. A resolution from the Evangelical Alliance, expressing appreciation of Mr. Winchester's services during the campaign was then read and Mr. Winchester expressed his gratefulness for the fellowship he had enjoyed. The audience then rose and sang, Bless be the tie that binds.

Mr. Winchester's address was on the Value of Religion. He said that men who would not think of taking a price for their souls were constantly giving themselves away to the world. Like Jacob, they sold their birthrights. Sometimes people trusted to the mercy of God to save them, but they should remember that while God's mercy reached to the clouds, His judgments reached to the great deep. "Let me explain what I mean," by conversion," said the speaker. "Some people about for joy when they are saved, others pray quietly in their own chamber. Experience must necessarily be varied. The main point to be remembered was, that both mind and will must be united in acceptance of Christ. There might be many too proud, or too high minded, but there none too humble to serve Christ."

At St. Andrew's. In spite of the disagreeable weather St. Andrew's church was well filled and Mr. Gray's address on the text "Prepare to meet thy God" was very well received. The speaker treated his subject in a masterly way, and his words left a good impression on the minds of his hearers. At the after meeting a large number expressed their wish of serving Christ.

Brussels Street. In Brussels Street a large number was present and Mr. Cameron spoke eloquently on the Power of the Cross. At the conclusion of the service a brief after meeting was held, a large number being taking part. Rev. Dr. Phillips was present and delivered a short address.

With Mr. Matheson. Mr. Matheson addressed a good sized audience at the Metroplex on the story of the imprudent man at the pool. His address was delivered in eloquent terms and his hearers were much gratified.

### A Woman Who Sees This Washer

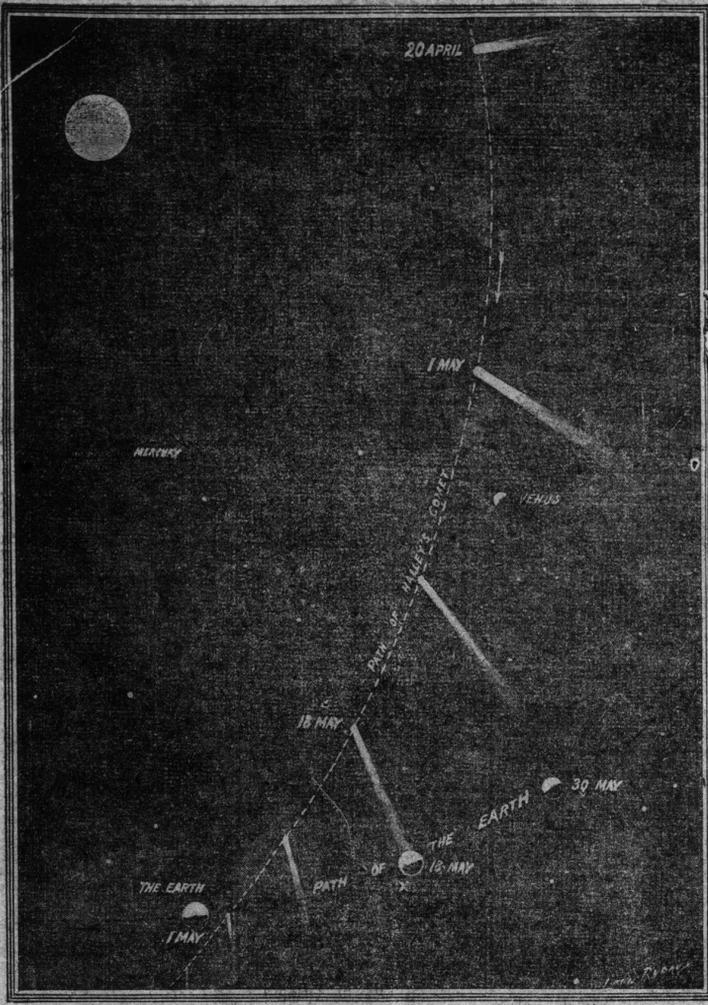


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# STRONG PRESSURE TO INDUCE THE PREMIER TO RESIGN AT ONCE

## Budget Must Come First, Says Mr. Asquith--Irish Demand Lords Reform First

### STIRRING SESSION OPENS

## Unionists May Help Pass Budget, but Lords Will Reject Reform Bill and Force Another Election

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The players in the game of politics threw their cards upon the table in the House of Commons today. The government is without the allies necessary to carry legislation and the present prospect is that the country will be stirred up by another general election within a few months. Premier Asquith announced that the financial legislation would be put ahead of the proposals to curb the power of the House of Lords. John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, declared flatly that the Nationalists would not support that programme. The Labourites are holding a meeting to decide their course. They probably will follow in the footsteps of the Irish members.

The government may be able to adopt the budget by the grace of the Conservatives, who possibly will vote for it in order to avert financial chaos and keep the wheels of the Empire turning. But the abandonment of the budget will as Mr. Redmond pointed out, leave the winning cards in the hands of the Lords, who then will be free to reject the bill for the reformation of their house and force another election.

The meeting of parliament today was a momentous one for the cabinet's policy was not revealed to the country until the moment Premier Asquith took the floor. Seldom in the history of the House of Commons, have the proceedings been watched with more intense interest by the small but distinguished assembly of spectators who were able to gain admission and the millions who depended upon newspapers for their information.

Mr. Redmond and his Irish colleagues controlled the course of events. His pronouncement that the Irish members would not support the prime minister was the sensation of the day and it appears to have settled the administration's fate. It is reported that 25 Radicals have declared their intention of supporting Mr. Red-

mond against the government's course and that great pressure is being brought to bear on the radicals to induce Mr. Asquith to resign forthwith.

Austen Chamberlain will propose an amendment to the King's speech in favor of tariff reform and imperial preference at the same time deploring the failure of the ministers to recognize in the speech, the nature and gravity of the state of trade and employment.

The King's speeches usually are prosaic, but one clause in his speech today is regarded as most significant.

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Referring to the proposed reform of the House of Lords, the speech contained the qualifying clause: "In the opinion of the advisers, which is interpreted as meaning that the King wants to disassociate himself from such proposals.

Prince Henry of Prussia rode in the royal procession and attended parliament. He appeared in the uniform of a British admiral and the crowds gave him a reception less warm than members of visiting-royalty families usually receive.

Mr. Asquith in rising to speak in the debate on the address was loudly cheered. He supposed that the king's speech was the shortest on record. Apart from the financial provisions the only question on which the government introduced legislation, was the relations between the two houses. Nothing more would be introduced this session.

"The House of Lords," said the Premier, "last year rejected the budget—a glaring breach of the unwritten constitution that was the climax of a series of acts by which the Lords claimed over-riding authority over the decisions of the popular chamber, and the government's appeal to the country was primarily an appeal to give them authority to put an end to that state of affairs."

"I have said that we must have legislative safeguards, but some of my friends say that I talked about guarantees of the exercise of the royal prerogative. If I had said such a thing, I would not now be standing at this box. I received no such guarantee. I asked for no such guarantee. It is the duty of a responsible minister, so far as it is possible, to keep the name of the sovereign and the prerogative of the crown outside the domain of party politics."

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In a measure not yet submitted to the House, was a request, Mr. Asquith declared, a minister could not properly make.

The Premier said that the House would possess on the question of the Lords by resolutions which would be laid on the table soon, discussed before the Easter recess, and passed with all possible speed.

Premier Asquith stated that he had neither received nor asked "guarantees from the king." No constitutional statesman could demand such guarantees in regard to a measure which had not been submitted to the House of Commons, he said, and added that resolutions dealing with the veto powers of the Lords would be carried before the Easter recess and later embodied in a bill.

Lord Rosebery said that as a matter of courtesy and privilege, the bill for the reform of the House of Lords ought to have been introduced in that House. Instead of this, they had the promise of a bill somewhere between summer and mid-winter. He would not inquire whether this was likely to satisfy the wilder spirits of the Liberal party, but he considered that the Lords ought to have their own plan of reform, which the country could compare with the government's plan. He appealed to the Lords to take their own salvation boldly in their own hands.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—King Edward this afternoon opened in state the third parliament of his reign. In a momentous speech from the throne His Majesty outlined the plan of the ministerial campaign against the house of lords as follows:

"Recent experience has disclosed serious difficulties due to recurring differences of strong opinion between the two branches of the legislature. Proposals will be laid before you with all convenient speed to define the relations between the houses of parliament so as to secure the undivided authority of the house of commons over finances and its predominance in legislation. These measures, in the opinion of my advisers, should provide that the empowered, so as to exercise impartially in regard to proposed legislation the functions of initiation, the revision and subject to proper safeguards of delay."

UNUSUALLY BRIEF. The King's speech proved to be unusually brief and made plain that the work of the session would be confined to the matter of finance and the question of the house of lords.

The financial estimates for the coming year were next set forth. "These," said His Majesty, "have been framed with the utmost desire for economy, but the requirements for the naval defense of the Empire make it necessary to propose a substantial increase."

### Help You to Remember

TELLS HOW FORGETFULNESS, POOR MEMORY, AND LOSS OF WORDS CAN BE CURED.

The experience of George P. Chandler, who is a well-known resident of South Plainfield, is convincing evidence that the uncertain memory of elderly people is something that can be largely overcome.

"I was forgetting really important duties and my occasional inability to supply a certain word that would make my meaning plain—these were the first signs that something was very wrong with my nervous system. I had always been an alert, capable man, capable of doing things as well as the average man, but it began to look as if I would have to abandon my working habits and retire to my room. I did not like to consult local doctors, being accustomed to hitting my trouble. I was in another city and decided to see a physician. He told me I had poor blood which caused an anaemic condition of the brain. My blood was thin, ill-nourished, incapable of maintaining the strength and activity of the body. What I needed was a blood-forming and nourishing tonic. I decided 'FERRO-ROZONE' was the best, and took nine boxes before I was cured. When the third box had been used I could see a difference in my strength—I felt better, had an enthusiasm in doing things. My color became quite good, and my fortifying tonic effect of Ferrozone was all I needed."

Mr. Warburton of Prince Edward Island, who resumed the debate in the afternoon, was followed by Mr. Cowan of Vancouver this evening, and Mr. Ralph Smith of Nanaimo had just got nicely started when the house adjourned. He will continue tomorrow. A listless quorum of members kept watch during the five hours of talk.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—The Commons today got well into the doldrums of the new year. The pro and con of the subject were pretty well exhausted with the speeches of the past two weeks and today the debate resolved itself into a beating back and forward over the old ground without even the enlightenment of another new policy being shot from the opposition lockers.

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