

## City Clergymen Pay Tributes of Respect to the Unfortunates Who Perished in the Tragedy.

### Memorial Service At St. Michael's

At St. Michael's Church the solemn lessons and hymns for yesterday, and the purple hangings and veiled cross—all suggestive of the sorrow and grief of the Passion—were very fitting in keeping with the thoughts and feelings of the worshippers in this sad calamity.

The Pastor, Rev. A. G. C. Stamp, preaching from the Epistle, took as his text "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." He requested his people not to let this sad affliction pass in mere talk, but first, to pray for the stricken ones, and secondly, to show their compassion by doing what they can to help the fatherless and widows, remembering that the Heart of Jesus, who is the same yesterday, to-day and forever, is grieved by the sufferings of his people.

Great national sorrows are often the test of the real Christian spirit, which should be spirit of compassion for the afflicted, and a spirit of humility and submission to the Will of God.

### Services at Kirk Most Impressive

The services at the Kirk yesterday were of an exceptional character and dealt largely with the terrible calamity which has cast its mantle of gloom over our whole Colony.

At the morning service Rev. Mr. Sutherland gave a splendid and appropriate discourse on "Be ye also ready." It was listened to with great attention, and sore as were the hearts of his listeners, each one carried away bright gleams of comfort derived from his masterly sermon.

Mr. Sutherland always speaks with great earnestness and fluency, and yesterday touched the hearts of his people with a message not likely to be soon forgotten.

### Touching Tribute

While Mr. King reverently played the Dead March in Saul the entire congregation rose to their feet and with bursting hearts and agonized feelings the thoughts of all rose to the Great High Throne in search of comfort and peace during the dread first hours of our terrible disaster.

In thought and desire each hand clasped with the hand of bereaved mother, father, sister and brother throughout all our horror-stricken island in sweet human sympathy.

Tears rolled unchecked—sympathy beautiful and inspiring—humility and brotherhood, both noble and glorious poured from the hearts of the bowed figures.

Touching reference was also made to the sad death of Mrs. W. R. Warren whose sweet disposition and charity were so widely known.

In the evening Mr. Sutherland took as his text Rev. 21st, v. 4, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away," speaking on the words "There shall be no more death."

### Not an End, But a Sleep

With great skill and thought the preacher pointed out that death itself was not so terrible; it did not mean it was the end. He would rather we would remember Jesus' words "Not dead but sleeping." The old idea that as death separated us from our dear ones it also separated us from God, was wrong; it tended only to bring us closer to God, not alone the dead, but also the living. It showed us that death makes life worth while; that it was not loss but gain. We were also reminded of the idea that had there been no sin there would have been no Cross, but incarnation instead.

In part we were told that when death first manifested itself to the human race it created a new spirit in man. An example of this was quoted from the leaves of a modern writer. We were told to seek the higher things in life, not the lower ones, lest God should give us the lower things. He spoke beautifully upon the story of the young English lieutenant, who in leading his company through the watches of a dark Egyptian night in a victorious attack upon a port, and who was dying from his wounds, whispered to his General, "Yes, but didn't I lead them straight? The example to set was not wrong; but deeds, even though we do not understand God's ways.

Unfortunately space does not permit a lengthy report upon Mr. Sutherland's excellent sermons. The hymns were, at both services, in keeping

### Heart-Felt Grief Was the Keynote

The Rev. G. Hayward Hewitt officiated at the morning service, which was opened by the singing of the beautiful hymn:

### Solemn Services At St. Thomas's

The services at St. Thomas' Church were very solemn yesterday. The congregation, which was a very large one, was in deep sympathy with the victims of the fearful disaster; and tears flowed from many eyes while the service was being said.

The hymn "When our heads are bowed with woe" was sung. The pulpit in the morning was occupied by Rev. Hy Uphill, of St. Mary's. The sermon was a very touching one and shall long be remembered by the congregation who listened with eagerness. His remarks on the fearful disaster were very impressive. Scarcely a month passes when news comes dashing through space about someone being lost but the worst ever known came to us during the week; and may God our Father spare us from a more terrible blow and disaster which is hovering around our island to-day.

### Affecting Sermon

Rev. Uphill's discourse was a masterpiece, and it was delivered in such a manner that even strong men wept.

At the evening service the pulpit was occupied by the Rector, Rev. G. R. Godden, M.A. Taking for his text part of the 6th verse of the 11th chapter of the Book of Exodus, "And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land."

His remarks on the great calamity moved the hearts of all. Our prayers we offer to God for his will to comfort the widow and orphan who now mourn the loss of a dear husband, father or brother.

### Referred to Late Mr. Pinent

The Rev. gentleman in his address also referred to the late Chas. E. Pinent. He was a good Church worker and to his Master rendered faithful service and to friends their due. The hymn "Eternal Father; strong to save," was sung at the end of the sermon. The final hymn was "In Time of Disaster":

Amidst the roaring of the sea  
Our souls still hand their hopes on  
Thee;  
Thy constant love, Thy faithful care  
Alone can save us from despair.

The Dead March was played after the service by the organist.

### Touching Sermon At R.C. Cathedral

After vespers at the R.C. Cathedral last evening, Rev. Fr. McDermott occupied the pulpit and delivered a very impressive sermon on the Gospel of the Day (Palm Sunday) dealing with the triumphal arrival of the Saviour into Jerusalem, the multitude of people that spread their garments and threw boughs along the roadway, and afterwards the sorrow that prevailed.

The Rev. preached also referred to the present gloom that overshadows our Island home, which is but part of the many of the trials that must be expected. He encouraged the friends of the relatives of those who will suffer directly through this terrible calamity, to assist them in bearing the burden, by appealing to the Almighty in their prayers, and to help themselves to bear this cross as the Saviour did on his march to Calvary.

### Word of Consolation

He said it was indeed a consolation that the victims were not called to the other world without having sufficient time to ask the Almighty's mercy.

At the conclusion of his sermon he announced that a Requiem High Mass would be held in the Cathedral at 8.30 Tuesday morning for the repose of the souls of the faithful who perished in the disaster.

Rev. Fr. Conway then imparted benediction, and after the services Mr. C. Hutton, choir-master, rendered the Dead March in Saul, whilst the large congregation stood silently in their places.

The service was indeed a very touching one. At the various masses during the forenoon the prayers of the congregation were interceded for the bereaved and sorrowing.

### Wesley Services Solemn, Touching

At the Methodist Church both the services were most solemn and impressive. In the evening the Rev. F. R. Matthews, M.A., referred in the most touching terms to the terrible calamity, and announced he would preach especially upon that subject in the evening. It being Decision Day in the Sunday School, the sermon dwelt particularly upon the care of the children in the Church, the duty of securing them from evil influences while they were impressionable, and their consciences tender.

### Divine Love

The Saviour displayed a special love for them; and they should not be hindered in the slightest degree but encouraged to decide very early to follow Jesus and serve Him. Their place was in the Temple, where they were on the first Palm Sunday, crying "Hosanna, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."

### More Nearly Concerned

Touching on the great disaster which has befallen our people at the sealfishery, the preacher showed how much more we were afflicted than we were by greater tragedies, such as the Titanic, for the blow comes more closely to our home life.

The Greenland disaster is past history on the minds of some people, but the disaster of to-day makes men long and sympathetic. He suggested that all help in some way and pray for those who are afflicted and distressed. Hymn 595 was then sung:

When the dark waves round us roll,  
And we look in vain for aid;  
Speak, Lord, to the trembling soul—  
"It is I; be not afraid."

### Evensong

The Rector, Rev. Hy. Uphill, conducted the service at Evensong. Special hymns were sung. For those at sea:

Eternal Father; strong to save,  
Whose Arm doth ind the restless  
wave,  
Who id'st the might ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

### Prayed for Aid

Speaking of the great storm Tuesday last he thought many prayers went up that night "for those in peril on the sea" but we expected the crews would be on board in as much comfort as it is of wireless telegraphy, through which when another steamer heard of disaster it was soon known here, and in a short time by cable the whole world knew it, bringing back messages from the King, to the East, and from a wealthy man in Vancouver to the West.

### Lessons to Learn

Lessons will be learned as the result of the catastrophe which will issue in the greater safety of our brave seafarers for many years to come. What I am now anxious to impress upon your minds is this, that this awful event has taken place, not by a divine intervention, but in the process of the working of those laws of nature which we believe to be the thoughts of God.

### Spiritual Destiny

The Rev. gentleman briefly touched on the question of the spiritual destiny of those seafarers who were suddenly overtaken, and who with but brief warnings were ushered into the world beyond. This was a most delicate and difficult matter to the thinking of some people, but in regard to which he had absolute quiet and rest. Our Christian standpoint, said Mr. Thomas, and position, is Evangelical, and let me remind you, how, occupying that standpoint, we view the salvation of a human soul. No man is ever accepted by God, or brought into the dwellings of light because of years of Christian experience of fidelity. To put the matter personally.

### Depends on Tollers of Sea

Newfoundland has still to depend on her fishermen who DARE the elements too often hazarding their lives to win from the treacherous sea a living for themselves.—Those men died

### Services Were of a Memorial Nature

The services at Queen's Road Church yesterday were most impressive, being of a memorial nature. At the morning service the text was taken from Isaiah, 26th chapter and 9th verse, viz., "With Thy spirit within me, will I seek Thee early, for when Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world shall learn righteousness."

### Evening Sermon

At the evening service Mr. Thomas chose as the basis of his remarks the first paragraph of 13th chapter of Luke, as follows, "Now there were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, suppose ye that these were sinners above all, the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? 'I tell you, nay; but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen upon whom the town in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men, that dwell in Jerusalem? Reverently continuing the thought, or those seafarers belonging to the Newfoundland who perished on the ice floes—suppose ye they were the greatest sinners on the ocean? I tell you, nay; but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

### Practical Discourse

The preacher in his opening remarks said that he had read this passage—not for exposition—but for service in one application, and cast himself upon the patience and sympathy of the congregation, whilst he spoke of some of the things that were in his mind in the presence of the catastrophe that has plunged our Island into a sense of awe and sorrow.

The first thing he desired to say was that those of us who are Christian men and women need to be very careful what we say about this disaster, and how we receive what other people are saying concerning it. This is not an act of God. This is not a divine judgment. We are face to face, of course, with the infinite mystery of the meaning and method of the divine government at such a time as this, and we are almost compelled to ask ourselves—for I am going to be quite candid to-night—"Why did not God interfere?" I have no detailed or immediate answer to that enquiry, said Mr. Thomas, which satisfies my own mind and heart. The only assurance that steadies my faith and confidence is this, that from everlasting to everlasting He is God, and that his acts are governed, not by the cry of anguish of a moment, but by the necessities of the processes which make for the realization of ultimate purpose. Beyond that I cannot go.

### Splendid Music

The choir then sang that very beautiful hymn "Peace, Perfect Peace" and after the lesson "A few more years shall roll" with its very solemn chorus—

Then Oh my Lord prepare  
My soul for that great day,  
Oh wash me in Thy precious blood  
And take my sins away.

The audience were much moved as the preacher announced his text: Jeremiah 31 and 15th verse: "Thus saith the Lord, A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitterness, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted because they were not."

### Speech Inadequate

So great is her present calamity that the cold symbols of speech cannot adequately express the strong emotions of sorrow and of reverence which fill her very heart and vibrate through her whole body. To her weak vision dimmed with tears to-day the cloud is exceedingly dark. Oh, may God in His gracious mercy grant that this dark cloud may stream this evening some ray of His infinite love that fills Heaven itself with an exceeding and eternal brightness of glory. "That God is good sufficeth me

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—He can bring good out of apparent evil."

May our hearts ring true as they have before in the strain of sympathy. Generous help the strain of submission, faith and sublime confidence which would never have been heard in the calm hours of prosperity.

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After the singing of "Lead Kindly Light" the service was brought to a close when all heads were bowed while the organist, Mr. G. B. Lloyd, played the Dead March in Saul.

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