

Trouters of the Late King in City Churches Yesterday

Elloquent Pulpit Orators Tell of The Life and Work of Edward The Peacemaker---Memorial Services to be Held at Hour of Funeral---Public and Private Buildings and Church Interiors Grabed in Mourning Draperies.

The city of the loyalists has, since Friday night shown many of the outward and visible signs of the deep grief felt by all loyal subjects of the Empire at the death of King Edward VII. The council chamber of the City Hall and the mayor's office have been draped, with folds of sombre black with knots of purple at intervals. Several private buildings and the principal stores were also garbed in the emblems of mourning.

The city churches were also draped yesterday, and in all of them some reference was made in fitting terms to the grief that has come over the Empire. What will be done in the way of special memorial services will not be decided until the date of the funeral is known.

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Africa has come, where even the highest flight of fancy never dared soar, into her inheritance of freedom of body, mind and soul.
The Boer has learned more of the magnanimous victor, who not only forgives and forgets, but whose daily prayers are for his highest and dearest interests.
It is to his own kith and kin, however, that the sorrow and the mourning is deepest.
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St. Mary's.

The service in St. Mary's church in the evening was a memorable one. The church was effectively draped in black and purple, and portraits of the late King and Queen Alexandra, of King George and Queen Victoria, and of Princess Mary, were grouped upon the wall between the two entrances.

St. Luke's.

At the morning service in St. Luke's church, the rector, Rev. R. P. McKim in the course of an eloquent sermon made feeling reference to the loss the British Empire had sustained in the death of the late King and laid stress on the efforts of his late Majesty in the cause of peace having been instrumental in the spread of the gospel in foreign lands.

Trinity Church.

In Trinity church, Rev. R. A. Armstrong preached a memorial sermon in the morning in which he referred to the great work for world peace accomplished by his late Majesty and also dealt briefly with the leading events in his reign. The service was very largely attended and special music was rendered. He also made a reference to the King's death at the evening service.

Mission Church.

In the mission church of St. John the Baptist, Rev. Fr. Converse said the British nation was stunned with grief at the death of their wise monarch, Edward the Peacemaker. The late King had by his sterling qualities of heart and mind, commanded not only the respect and loyalty of his people, but also their sincere affection. He referred to the published addresses made by the late King as showing him to be the possessor of a remarkable intellectual power, as well as a deeply sympathetic heart.

He asked for the prayers of the people of the congregation for the royal family and King George V., and announced that a requiem service would be held on the day of the funeral.

eth the times and the seasons; He rememeth kings and setteth up kings." The sermon dealt with the life of the late King as a splendid example of unselfish devotion to the welfare of humanity. The first thought in the minds of all, said Dr. Raymond, was that will befall the empire that has lost so wise and experienced a leader? But there is not the least fear for the future if the nation is faithful to God before whom all kings bow.

The hand of God is felt in human history. Their prayers would ascend on behalf of the one who is now called upon to take up the burden, that he may be a worthy successor of Victoria the Good and of Edward the Peacemaker.

St. James.

In St. James church in the evening the rector, Rev. H. A. Cody referred in the following terms to the death of King Edward VII.
"Edward the VII. was a noble king. He was not great in the sense of Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon or Nero. He led no armies to battle. Nay, rather, he restrained the dogs of war, and his voice was ever on behalf of peace, winning for himself the worthy title of the 'Peacemaker'."

We knew him not personally, but our grief is keen and real. Today four hundred million subjects mourn for him. Today the flag of the chaste and crosses hang half-mast throughout the world—and today in thousands of churches mention is made of him—whom we learned to love and whom future generations will honor.

St. Paul's.

In St. Paul's church, Rev. E. B. Hooper preached from Nehemiah II:2: "Why is thy countenance sad today, seeing thou art not sick? This is nothing else but sorrow of heart."
The hearts of British subjects, he said, are sad today—sad as from the sense of personal sorrow and bereavement. We can scarcely realize our loss, so swiftly and unexpectedly has been the passing of our beloved Sovereign, King Edward VII. Edward, the Peacemaker of blessed memory.

St. Peter's.

In St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock mass Rev. A. J. Duke alluded in touching manner to the death of the King. The whole nation and in fact the whole world, he said, owed the late King a debt of gratitude for his labors which contributed so much to promote and maintain peace among the nations.

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we give thanks to the King of Kings for the great blessings vouchsafed to the Empire in the reign just ended, let us earnestly beseech Him to bless abundantly the son who so sorrowfully turns from his father's tier his father's throne, that he too may be fitted for his high position and may be able upon the throne of the force which beats upon a throne.

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dress on the life of King Edward, laying emphasis on the fact that through Christian training in his home life he had been equipped for the high office to which he was eventually called, and which he so capably filled.

The lives of his father and his queenly mother were feelingly referred to by the speaker, as was also the death of the late King. Queen Alexandra had exerted on the career of the late monarch. Sympathy was expressed for the bereaved Queen and other members of the household, and prayer was made for the guidance of King George who has so suddenly been called to a position of great responsibility.

At the opening Miss Hea, who presided at the organ, played Beethoven's funeral march. The Dead March in Saul was played during the service and Chopin's funeral march at the close.

Queen Square.

Rev. H. D. Marr, pastor of Queen Square church in the course of his sermon in the evening, referring to the death of the late King, said in part: "It would not seem fitting if I did not make some special reference to the death of the King—an event so national in its effects and so world wide in its significance."
When his illustrious mother was crowned Queen the old German street Methodist church was in the place in this city where that event was recognized in a religious way and the pastor of that day called the congregation together to pray that the divine blessing might be granted to the youthful sovereign and that God would make her a source of great good to the nation.

I do not know what action, if any, was taken by this church at the coronation of the late King but I do know that among the millions of his subjects throughout the Empire none have been more loyal to their King during his brief but brilliant reign than those who were present on the day when he ascended the throne. It is a source of sincere sorrow the intelligence of his death than those represented by the Methodist church not only in Canada and in the mother land, but throughout the bounds of the Empire.

That the late King proved himself a great sovereign and wise ruler has been fully demonstrated. From the day he ascended the throne to the hour when he laid aside the Empire's sceptre the eyes of the whole world were upon him. Many were skeptical of his ability to govern a nation. But no one today will doubt that for more than nine years he had upheld the highest traditions of the Empire and in every way justified his claim to the crown by showing that he has ruled wisely and well.

"One of his last words reveals the kind man that he was and how he regarded the great responsibilities of his exalted office. 'It is all over, but I think I have done my duty.'"
"The late King was a sovereign always and a patriot by nature. He has cast a gloom over the nation but in the present time in the midst of so many political agitations and national perplexities the death of the King can be regarded as little less than a calamity."

Portland Street.

Speaking from the text: "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel." Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian church, said in part: "Today we are sorely stricken in the death of our great King. When he came to the throne he had a hard role to fill in following his illustrious mother, but he filled it magnificently. His fact was clean and honorable. His heart under most difficult circumstances won the admiration of the best minds in the world. His knowledge of state affairs was marvellous. His peace-loving qualities have been a blessing to the world, and repeatedly saved Europe fearful carnage and bloodshed."
"He died when his services seemed indispensable. Storms and perils of our times may be in store for the British nation. But God rules, and has raised the British nation to lead the other nations to a higher and nobler destiny and the nation is able until that mission is accomplished. Farewell, King Edward the Seventh. We shall miss you in your grave. We hail with loyalty your successor and son, King George the Fifth."

Fairville Methodist Church.

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Charlotte Street.

In the Charlotte street Baptist church, West Side, in the evening, Rev. M. E. Fletcher took his text from 1st Peter, II:17: Honor the King.
He spoke of the great loss to the Empire and the world in the death of King Edward VII., and called upon his hearers to honor the King.
First, as the ruler of the greatest empire the world has ever known, not only in territorial expanse and population, but in wealth, commerce and the administration of law and justice. Second, as a ruler who recognized, appreciated and encouraged all that was good, great and brave in his people.
Third, as a ruler who showed his practical sympathy in times of national disaster.
Fourth, as a faithful business man in the transaction of the affairs of state.
Fifth, as the greatest influence for peace in the councils of the nations.
"Finally," said Mr. Fletcher, "we may honor the late King by keeping intact the British Empire, by purifying our political life, by giving our hear-

METHODIST.

At the evening service in Centenary which took the form of a memorial, the pastor, Rev. C. R. Flanders, was assisted by Dr. Geo. M. Campbell. The congregation was a large one and the service throughout was most impressive. In addition to several appropriate selections by the choir, and hymns suitable to the occasion, Mrs. A. P. Crook very feelingly rendered Crossing the Bar.
The church was draped, pictures of the King in the vestibule and in the choir loft being surrounded by simple folds of black and purple, the effect being quiet and thoroughly in accord with the architectural design of the church.
Dr. Flanders took as his text II Kings, 22:2: "And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left."
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Victoria Street.

In Victoria street Baptist church a special service was held in the evening. The Dead March in Saul was played, the people standing with bowed heads. A prayer by Rev. H. H. Nobles, the pastor, for the Royal Family, the Empire and the world followed.

In beginning his sermon Rev. M. E. Fletcher said the reign of King Edward was so closely interwoven with that of his sainted mother that he would first consider both reigns together.

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In his evening sermon, Rev. W. R. Robinson of Ludlow street Baptist church, West side, referred in eloquent terms to the loss sustained by the Empire in the King's death.

He said in part: "The whole civilized world shares our loss in the departure of a good and wise ruler. To his own people of the British Empire Edward VII. proved himself a worthy son of a noble mother, with prudence and wisdom, displaying the highest gift of statescraft and diplomacy in dealing with all questions affecting his peoples interests."
"Only when the inner history of many nations is written will the world fully realize the power of our late sovereign and his right to the title of Edward the Peacemaker."

Main Street.

In Main street Baptist church, Rev. D. Hutchinson at the close of his evening sermon said: "I feel that I ought not to close this sermon without making a brief reference to the death of our late beloved sovereign King Edward. It seems only a short time since as an empire we were called upon to mourn the death of his illustrious ruler who for more than sixty years ruled so wisely and well. For her death owing to her great age we were in a sense prepared, but we had hoped that King Edward would

have occupied the throne for many years.

"For less than a decade he reigned but short as his reign was we have every reason to be proud of it. It was no easy task for him to succeed Victoria the Good. But now that he has left the throne of earthly rule we have no reason to be proud of it. It was for nearly ten years he was king of the British Empire. His reign was all too short, but it was characterized by wisdom and a love of peace which has been felt throughout the world."
"For her majesty Queen Alexandra and the members of the royal family our hearts go out in deepest sympathy and for George Frederick, Prince of Wales who now succeeds his honored father in the regal office, with united hearts pray 'God Save the King.'"

CHRISTIAN.

Douglas Avenue Christian Church. In Douglas Avenue Christian church, Rev. J. C. B. Appel in the evening referred feelingly to the King's death. "The entire world," he said, "mourning the death of our good and great King Edward the Seventh. He has passed away at a time when the nation most needed him. The people of Great Britain looked to the King to bring about peace between the warring political bodies in Britain today. His past ability in bringing peace was a promise of success in the future. Whatever plans he may have had in mind he was unable to put into practice. It devolves now upon his son to continue the great work so nobly carried on by his father."

CONGREGATIONAL.

Congregational Church. Rev. S. W. Anthony of the Congregational church took for his text in the evening, Daniel 2:21: "Samuel died, and all Israel mourned for him." "Samuel," he said, "was a man who filled a large space in the life of his people—one of those whom Carlyle called a natural King, as opposed to the artificial. The word 'natural' means leader—one who has helped on the cause of the people. Ruler is only a secondary meaning. The leader became ruler because he was the ruling or controlling spirit, and in this sense Edward VII. was King."
His leadership revealed splendid elements of greatness, which lightened the records of monarchical rule. Those who possessed wide historic vision claim that he was a great man, and a great King, whose name will be mentioned among the illustrious of the earth. By his service to humanity the late King has gained immortal remembrance.

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