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DEVOTED SUBJECTS OF EDWARD VII.

Commemorate His Funeral Day With Ceremonies Appropriate to the Sad Occasion, as Last Tribute of Honor

A world-wide Empire united in the observance of the funeral day of our late lamented King, Edward VII. In great cities and in rural communities alike the people gathered to pay honor to the memory of the departed ruler.

In Bridgetown the day was most becomingly observed and the surrounding villages were well represented in the throngs that filled our churches and the crowds on the streets at time of the parade. The public schools were closed and all business suspended.

The Funeral Service in St. James Church attracted many and commenced at 10.30 the bell tolling at minute intervals from 9.30.

The service coincided with that by which King Edward was buried, omitting the "committal" and adding certain hymns. The following gives the order; and the service lasted about one hour.

Hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee"
Opening Sentences of "The Office for the burial of the dead," (Book of Common Prayer)
Psalms 39 and 90 to Chants no. 77 and 185 Cathedral Psalter.
Lesson, 1 Cor. xv.
Anthem "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" J. T. Field.
Address by the Rector, Rev. E. Underwood
Hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past."
Prayers.
Anthem "Blessed are the dead."
Benediction
Organ Voluntary "Dead March in Saul."

Very tasteful decorations, with hangings and draperies of black and royal purple, added an emblematic feature to the ceremonies making them thus more impressive. The floral decorations also were in excellent taste. The congregation filled the church and overflowed into the Sunday-school room adjoining. The Mayor and councillors and town officials occupied seats reserved in the front of the church. The musical numbers were effectively rendered by the choir with Miss Madge Morse as organist and one of the most impressive features was the rendering on the organ of the Dead March in Saul at the close while the congregation stood in motionless attention. The address of the rector paid a graceful tribute to the memory of the late King, and was listened to with marked appreciation.

Before the hour for the Memorial Service in the Baptist church the procession of school children, led by the Bridgetown Brass Band, militia of the 69th under the leadership of Capt. J. E. Morse, the Town Council and officials, formed on the school grounds. At the head of Washington street they were met by the Oddfellows and the Masons in regalia.

Arriving at the church the militia

and Band and the Oddfellows formed lines through which the school-children passed. Mr. M. McLeod acting as marshal. They were followed by the Masons, Oddfellows, Militia and Band and as many of the citizens who thronged the streets as the spacious church edifice would contain. The decorations of the church were of purple and black draperies with floral emblems, and cut flowers. Before the pulpit was a floral bier and above it a black shield with Edward VII in gilt letters. The pulpit was occupied by the clergymen of the various churches with the exception of Rev. G. F. Johnson, who through illness was unable to be present.

The following program was carried out:—
Quartette.—"Blessed are the dead"
Miss Bessie Crowe, Mrs. Congdon
Mrs. Chute, Mrs. Brown.
Prayer by Rev. Mr. McNeill.
Hymn, "How firm a Foundation"
Reading of scripture by Rev. E. Underwood.
Hymn, "Peace, perfect Peace"
Address to children by Rev. W. H. Warren.

Quartette.—"Nearer My God to Thee,"—Messrs. Dixon, Hall, H. Chute, A. Clariton.
Address by Rev. A. F. Thompson.
Hymn.—"Crossing the Bar."
The music was excellently rendered by a full choir under the leadership of Mr. G. H. Dixon. The organ accompaniments were rendered by Mrs. Bishop and Mr. Kinney. Rev. W. H. Warren addressed the children, adapting to their youthful understanding the memorable features of the occasion and the lessons to be derived from the late King's life and character. Rev. A. F. Thompson addressed the elder members of the congregation and dwelt upon the admirable traits of King Edward's character and the part he played in bringing about the happy relations that exist between the nations today.

At the close of the service the procession reformed and marched back by way of Queen street to the school grounds, where with effective ceremonial an elm tree was planted and dedicated to King Edward VII. This was the most picturesque feature of the day and hundreds of spectators watched the interesting ceremony in which the red-coats of the militia and the Band formed an effective background. The Mayor and members of the school board took part in the ceremonial and the tree was dedicated by Rev. Mr. Underwood in the following words:—

"Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His mercy our Sovereign, the King, Edward VII, of blessed and glorious memory and affectionately known by all his loyal subjects as 'King Edward the Peacemaker,' we here, on behalf of the citizens and children of this town of Bridgetown, dedicate this tree, now being duly planted under the name of and to the memory of King Edward VII, in the fervent hope that it may be to them and to the generations yet unborn an inspiration to follow His example in His great trait and in every department of life to 'Seek peace and pursue it.'"



IN MEMORIAM, KING EDWARD VII.

LONDON, May 20.—The body of King Edward VII was carried through the streets of the capital today in the presence of many hundred thousands of subjects, and with the kings of nine European nations, several future rulers, members of the royal families of the world, and a former president of the United States, following the casket from Westminster Hall to Paddington station.

ALL COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE PROCESSION.

No such processional spectacle had been witnessed in London since Queen Victoria's jubilee. The parade included many of the greatest men of the kingdom, with representatives of all arms of the service, and delegations from the most famous regiments of the empire and representative groups of foreign armies and navies.

Behind the casket upon which rested the imperial symbols, followed the late king's charger, while his favorite terrier was led by a Highland soldier just before the imperial ensign.

King George, Emperor William and several other members of royalty wore the uniforms of British generals.

The representatives of the two great republics—France and the United States—were given a position at the rear of all the royalties and the princess of all the European states. Their carriage followed those carrying the royal ladies, and they were the last in the line of the repre-

sentatives of foreign governments. The Duke of Orleans was given precedence as the envoy of the French people.

MANY BROKEN LIMBS AND OTHER INJURIES.

The booming of minute guns and the tolling of bells accompanied the movement of the procession, while the bands in turn played "The Dead March from Saul" and "Chopin's Funeral March."

The morning was clear and a hot sun beat upon the great mass of humanity that lined the route of the procession. It is doubtful if so many people were ever before seen in London. At the Mall, in St. James street and at Hyde Park the throng almost overwhelmed the procession. The police and soldiers had to fight to prevent the lines being swept away by the crush. There were many broken limbs, and other injuries were received.

Hundreds of persons fainted, and especially among the women, who had been standing on the pavement for hours before the procession left Westminster Hall.

King George, the Queen Mother, Alexandra, and the Princess Victoria, entered Westminster Hall, before the procession and spent some minutes before the casket.

Emperor William, who was at the entrance as they appeared, dismounted, and waving the hackneys aside, opened the door of the Queen Mother's carriage, helped her out, and then kissed her on the cheek.

The procession started from the hall at 9.50 o'clock, just as the first minute gun boomed. The precedent afforded by the funeral of Queen Victoria nine years ago was closely followed.

The onken casket with the crown and cushion, regalia and insignia of the Order of the Garter thereon, was borne on a gun carriage the same as was used at the funeral of the late Queen.

The procession proceeded through Parliament street and Whitehall. The public buildings were heavily draped with black and purple throughout the route.

The route was lined with thousands of troops, behind whom were massed countless thousands of people in deep black, on the pavement below and the house fronts above, with the balconies, windows and roofs crowded.

Every branch of the defensive forces of the empire was represented in the long column which preceded the gun carriage. An officer of the headquarters staff mounted, headed the procession with the bands of the household cavalry. The territorials and colonials came just behind the bands, then other volunteer corps, the honorable artillery company, officers of the Indian regiments in their picturesque uniforms and turbans, followed by detachments of infantry, footguards, royal engineers, garrison, field and horse artillery, cavalry of the line and regiments of household cavalry followed.

MASSED BANDS PLAYING SOLEMN FUNERAL MARCHES.

The royal marine infantry and artillery and naval representatives came next, with the military attaches of the foreign embassies, the officers of the headquarters staff of the army, the field marshals and massed bands playing solemn funeral marches.

The field officers of the royal house of England, headed by the earl marshal, the Duke of Norfolk, and followed by a non-commissioned officer of the household cavalry bearing the royal standard.

THE ORDER OF THE PROCESSION.

The king rode between the German emperor and the Duke of Connaught, all in brilliant uniforms, and next in line was the group of rulers, heirs to

FAREWELL TO HALLEY'S COMET

The Celestial Visitor Behaved with Eminent Consideration and Passed Harmlessly by This Planet of Ours.

Halley's comet has passed around the sun and is now proceeding on its way back around the circle it traverses. Seventy-five years will elapse before it again reaches the space visible to our planet.

A report from Halifax says:—
Large crowds assembled on the Citadel Saturday evening to get a glimpse of the comet. It appeared about nine o'clock and was visible for about half an hour. It was frequently hidden behind a cloud, but when the clouds broke away it was plainly visible.

IMMERSED IN THE TAIL.

Geneva, N. Y., May 20.—Dr. Wm. R. Brooks, director of Smith Observatory believes that the beam of light seen in the Eastern sky yesterday morning was a branch of the tail of Halley's comet, that the earth had really passed through the preceding portion of the tail and that we were then actually immersed in the hollow part of the tail as indicated

in the black streak previously observed, extending ten to twelve millions of miles back from the nucleus.

NO COLLISION WITH EARTH.

New York, May 20.—The comet came, the comet went and the old earth is no worse and no better, and very little wiser. There was no collision as the superstitious and ignorant feared, and now that the comet is headed away from us there will be no recurrence of the manifestations of terror that were recorded from all parts of the country and of the world. The earth did pass through the tail of the comet, but none of the auroral effects which some astronomers were willing to concede might be visible were in evidence. Nor did anybody suffocate from deadly cyanogen gas. Comet parties were held everywhere in the streets, on roof tops, but for all that was visible to the naked eye, the tail of the comet was indeed "the veriest approach to nothing set in the midst of naught."

Chamberlain is Improving

British Statesman is at Cannes and is much Improved in Health

Cannes, May 19.—Joseph Chamberlain, the British statesman, appears to be much improved in health. He may be seen almost daily promenaing the boulevards.

Mr. Chamberlain, who had been in ill health for a long time, came here on February twenty-first to recuperate. A rumor originating in London last night had it that Mr. Chamberlain had died suddenly at his home in Birmingham.

the throne prince of great states and special ambassadors.

The mounted group was followed by twelve state carriages. The first was occupied by the Queen Mother, Alexandra, the Russian Dowager, Empress Marie, the Princess Royal and the Princess Victoria. The second carriage contained Queen Mary of Great Britain, Queen Maud of Norway, the Duke of Cornwall, heir to the British throne, and Princess Mary.

The next four carriages carried royal ladies and ladies in waiting. The seventh carriage carried Prince Tsai Tao of China and his suite.

The eighth carriage was shared by special American Ambassador Theodore Roosevelt, M. Pichon, French foreign minister, and Sanad Khan Montazem, Sultan of Persia.

(Continued next week.)

An Old Annapolis Co.

Editor Passes Away

A Caledonia despatch of May 23rd says:—This community was startled this morning by the announcement of W. H. Banks, editor of the Annapolis Journal and Spectator of that town. He came to Caledonia some twenty-two years ago, and established the Gold Hunter. Mr. Banks was a man of kindly and genial disposition and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and two sons, one in Caledonia and the other in New York. The passing of Mr. Banks will be a severe loss to Northern Queens and a matter of great regret all over the county. Mr. Banks was about sixty years of age.

THE PREMIER'S CONDITION.

Premier Murray continues to make substantial progress toward recovery. His condition shows satisfactory improvement as rapidly as could be expected after such a serious operation.

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