

Sermon by Mr. MacKinnon, August 6, 1922, with transcript

SERMON BY MR MACKINNON Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Baddeck Sunday August 6th, 1922.

Many pulpits all over this and other countries to day will be taking notice of the death of the great man who has just passed away at Beinn Bhreagh. You all know, many of you better than myself, what he has been to Baddeck. I remember how I was struck by his first words on the occasion of the Thanksgiving service here when the Armistice was declared. He told me that he was ready to take his part in that service in any way he could. His first words were "See what God has wrought".

I do not know what Dr. Bell's religious views were; and I never felt called upon to ask; but I felt that here was a man who believed in God and recognized his hand in the affairs of the world.

Dr. Bell was one of the great men of the world and how kind and considerate he was to all who came in contact with him, you know better than I can, for he went in and out among you for more than thirty years of his busy life.

I can never forget him as I have seen him among his men, so frankly and vividly interested in them and the work, and how clearly he manifested that interest. What his presence here has meant to us we all know. It has drawn attention to Baddeck and made it widely known.

He was a great, loving, kindly, helpful man just and generous to everyone employed by him. I wish there were more like him in the world, it would be a much more peaceful and happy world if there were.

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(See also letter by Mrs Bell Aug 1922 to Mr MacKinnon re Bell's religious beliefs