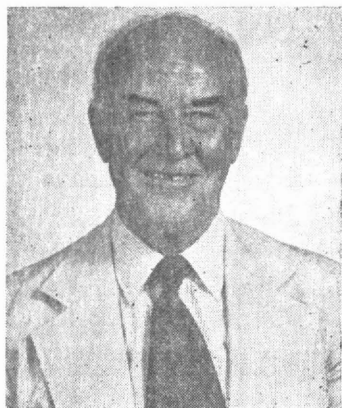


NOTES

(Recently we brought to the notice of our readers the passing away of Prof. John Tuzo Wilson, Honorary Fellow of the Society in Toronto at the age of 84 years. We reproduce below the photograph of Prof. Wilson along with a brief extract from a Homily presented at his funeral).

—Editor



We are here to give thanks for the life of John Tuzo Wilson, and to bid him *au revoir*.

By our presence in this chapel we pay him honour before people and before God, and we support his family in their grief, a grief made harder by the suddenness of Tuzo's death.

Dr. Wilson died during Easter Week and, as normal in the cycle of the Church's year, there are a number of interweaving themes, particularly at this time of life, death and resurrection. And as usual, the readings set for this time of year have something relevant to say for this day.

The 121st psalm, for instance, which we have just sung, starts in the King James Version of the Bible with the words,

‘I will lift up my eyes to the hills’.

a thing Tuzo did very many times in his life; and not only to the hills, but to the plains, the seas, the ice, the oceanic islands; and, much more. he reasoned why the mountains and islands were where they are—and what to expect next. He loved the earth, and telling others of it.

But how does this tie in with another passage of scripture for this time, the Book of Common Prayer Epistle for Easter Day, in which St. Paul writes,

‘Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things’

Let us go back to the 121st psalm, whose second verse is ‘My help cometh from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth’. Learning about the earth, learning about the universe, finding the truth about it, is learning about God's truth and so about God. Geophysics is necessarily earthy but, as with all other matters where we are trying to find the truth, it is also heavenly.