
William Bullock

THE oldest of our sweet singers of sacred songs is the late Rev. William Bullock, D.D., Dean of Nova Scotia, and for many years rector of St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, whose memory is still sacredly cherished in many places.

Dean Bullock was born in England, in 1797, and was, in early life, a sailor-boy. During a somewhat lengthened stay on the coast of Newfoundland he saw how spiritually destitute the hardy fisher-folk were, and his heart went out to them, and he longed to tell them of the One who could pilot them safely over life's tempestuous sea, and bring them at last to the heavenly haven of rest.

The sailor-boy's heart went out, also, to a lovely Christian girl who told him that she would not marry him till he had given up the sea. He loved the sea, but he loved this girl more. So the sweet constraints of heavenly love, and the sweet constraints of human love, combined to lead this sailor-boy to become a minister of the gospel.

In the first year of his ministry his congregation built for him a new church. For the dedication of this building, in 1827, the young rector wrote a hymn, which was sung from manuscript at the