

THE LATE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

The following from the English press notices, very full and flattering, will not be unacceptable to our readers:

The *Times* says:—The Church of England, which within the past eighteen months has suffered a succession of severe and almost irreparable losses, has now once more to mourn one of her greatest names. . . . Archbishop Magee differed widely in all the qualities of his mind and character from Bishop Lightfoot, or Cannon Liddon, or Dean Church, but, without instituting any invidious comparisons, it will be universally acknowledged that the last loss is not the least of the four In eloquence he had no rival on the bench of Bishops—perhaps, in his own peculiar style, no match in either House of Parliament—but he was never merely master of rhetoric. His masculine and strenuous oratory was sustained by clear and cogent reasoning, adequately equipped, but not overburdened, with theological knowledge, illuminated with wide and various reading, shot through with a rich and genial humor, and adorned by a quaint and fanciful wit. The somewhat crude and uncompromising Evangelicism of his early days had been subdued and widened, and though the High Church party could never claim him as one of themselves, they did not resent his elevation to the Northern Primacy on the death of Archbishop Thomeon. The public generally welcomed the appointment as the merited and appropriate crowning of a brilliant career.

The *Standard* says: That he was essentially polemical, and was most happy and effective when he was refuting an argument or returning an attack. The misrepresentations by Nonconformist pamphleteers and publicists like Mr. Howard Mann and Mr. Miall of the position occupied and the work done by the National Church were analysed, exposed, and destroyed by him with a completeness which, independently of any sympathies with the cause he espoused, it was an intellectual treat to witness. In all matters of discipline and usage Dr. Magee was practically a High Churchman of the old orthodox type. Thus, he insisted upon daily services, except when any reasonable hindrance could be pleaded; upon the more frequent observance of the festivals of the Church, and especially of Ascension Day, which, he complained, was totally ignored in a hundred and fifty five of the Churches in his diocese; upon the extension of missionary enterprise at home; and upon the compulsory use of the Athanasian Creed.

The *Daily Telegraph* says:—Dr. Magee and his followers taught Churchmen to read and think and speak and write, to explain the history of the institution and to stand up manfully for its rights. As Ireland gave Wellington to lead English armies, so it sent Magee to teach quiet Englishmen the art of counter-agitation in the face of Nonconformist assaults. In all this there was a combativeness that seemed to many persons inconsistent with Quaker ideas of non resistance. Why should not Bishops be meek and mild, and turn the other cheek when struck? Religion, however, requires a Luther as well as a Melancthon, and outdoor work as well as cloistered virtues. Above all, an Establishment necessitates something beyond piety and devotion. If in its essence it belongs to the other world, in its accidentals it touches this on many points.

There has been so much mortality amongst Bishops since 1885 that Lord Salisbury has filled a large portion of the English sees. When he has found a successor to Dr. Magee he will have made two Archbishops of York. He sent Dr. Wescott to Durham, Dr. Thorold to Winchester, Dr. Lloyd to Bangor, Dr. Jayne to Chester, Lord Alwyn Compton to Ely, Dr. Moorhouse to Manchester, Dr. Stubbs to Oxford,

Dr. Davidson to Rochester, Dr. Festing to St. Albans, Dr. Edwards to Asaph, Dr. Wordsworth to Salisbury, Dr. Walsham How to Wakefield, Dr. Perowne to Winchester, and Dr. Bardsley to Sodor and Man—nearly half the Episcopal Bench.

The London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* says:—Theologically it was difficult to class Archbishop Magee. The intellectual foundations of his creed were those which Butler and Pailly laid and on which Whalley built. The associations of his early ministry were entirely with the Evangelicals, but Episcopal office had imparted, as it almost always does, a more Churchmanlike tinge to the theology, and some eight years ago he created some surprise by appearing in print as a champion of prayer or the departed. For some years past the Archbishop's health has not been robust. He had suffered from the damp and malaria of his home in the fens, and he looked forward to renewed vigour and greater activity in the drier and more bracing climate of Bishopthorpe. But it has been otherwise ordered, and the Church of England mourn to day not perhaps her most learned or most spiritual but certainly her most conspicuous prelate.

The *Yorkshire Post* says:—A blow as sudden as it is severe has fallen upon the Church of England. It seems but a few weeks ago that amidst the applause of High Churchmen and Low Churchmen, and Churchmen who represent no party save themselves, William Connor Magee was called from the Bishopric of Peterborough to fill the chair of Paulinus. . . . Here in Yorkshire we are said to make friends slowly to examine, and weigh, and test any man before we offer him the regard and admiration which had long been received by the late Archbishop Thompson, but Archbishop Magee was a prelate whose qualities appealed in a very direct and convincing way to the Yorkshire nature. His strong self reliance, his sturdy independence, his frank acknowledgement of an opponent's position, all marked him as a Primæ in whom Yorkshire Churchmen would soon feel a strong proprietary right and sense almost of personal relationship which had distinguished for so many years their attitude towards Dr. Thompson. And now he is gone, after a rule beside which even the short tenure of Archbishop Longley seems considerable, and to Lord Salisbury is come the responsibility, as perplexing as it is unique, of finding a new Archbishop of York twice within twelve months.

We have hardly ceased to write of the 'new Archbishop of York' when we have to record his death. It is a sudden and melancholy ending to the high hopes that were built on Dr. Magee's tenure to the great Northern see. There has been no time in which to reap the fruit of that statesmanlike instinct, that wide observation, that sound judgment of which we were writing only four months ago—none in which to profit by the services he seemed so well fitted to render to the Church. In only two instances has he been able as Archbishop to give proof of the strong sense and keen logic which distinguished him as Bishop of Peterborough. One was immediately after his enthronement, when he made short work of the sentimental commonplaces about union with Dissenters which are sometimes uttered by men who ought to know better. The other was the carefully reasoned defence of the Clergy Discipline Bill which he addressed to the Convocation of York last month.

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NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PORT MEDWAY.—*Obituary*.—The congregation of the Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Eagle Head, Parish Medway, N.S., has again met with a sad loss in the early decease of Miss Edna L. Hemeon. Apparently never of a very strong or robust constitution, she nevertheless found strength enough, as she had indeed the strong will to spend and be spent in the services of the Church. She had a mother who was a devoted churchwoman, and Edna learned to love the Church and her services. Many years ago she learned music in order to play the organ in the Church services, and the clergyman then in charge of the parish of Port Medway, gives this account of the way in which it was done: 'Edna was the sly girl who learnt music on the sly and then came forward to play our Church organ and relieve Mrs. G. It was a beautiful act of thoughtfulness that was graven on my heart, never to be forgotten.' I am sure every successive clergyman here has had many reasons to be most thankful for the ever-ready help which Edna was so able to give. She was the main stay of the music of the services, and the leader and designer of the decorations which beautified the Church at our Festival services. But in her personal character she was most humble, gentle, most thoughtful and considerate for others, and only glad to be made an angel of mercy to some suffering or bed ridden person. She was, of course, universally liked and beloved, and many a one, not of kith or kin, dropped a tear on seeing her lifeless form just within the church door where it is the custom here to leave the dead. She died at Liverpool, N.S., on the evening of the 8th of April, and her funeral took place at the parish Church at Eagle Head on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. The body was brought down from Liverpool early in the forenoon and placed in the church, where many friends, who gathered at the funeral, were privileged to take a last look at her who was so dear to them all. We hope there is some one coming up to take her place, for such an one is very much needed. We do not wish her back, but we wish her love and interest and spirit would quicken some others to endeavour to be as helpful in the work of the Church as Edna was. R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—*Trinity Church*.—The sixty fifth anniversary of the Sunday school of this parish was celebrated on Sunday evening, the 17th May inst., by a special service which all the scholars attended. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. Canon Brigstocke, who reviewed the work of the year, and showed what had been accomplished.

The entertainment and sale Wednesday evening in the schoolroom of Trinity Church, under the auspices of the Young Women's Guild, was a grand success. The sale was well patronized, and a good musical and literary programme was carried out.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

MAGOG.—The organist of St. Luke's Church, Miss Gertie Lindsay, on taking her seat at the instrument on Whit Sunday morning found a surprise purse of \$53.25. An accompanying note explained that it was a Whitsun present from the congregation in token of their appreciation of her faithful and efficient services as organist, and expressive of their heartiest and best wishes.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

BOLTON.—The Bishop of Montreal paid his annual visit to this mission on the 5th of May, when a service was held in the pretty little Church at Bolton Centre, consisting of Confirm.