

LEADERS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH

To this the Bishop made the following touching reply:

The ships steer out and in open sea
Grow dim to the eyes on shore;
But ere long will come back with their message for me,
And sail out as they sailed before.

One would like to give more careful consideration to Bishop Carmichael's preaching than space will permit. It must be said, however, that many as his gifts undoubtedly were, it was as a preacher that he attracted the most marked attention. Of striking personal appearance in the pulpit—delicately handsome in early life and picturesquely so when his abundant hair had become white—he had also a magnetism about him that could be felt rather than described. His intense humanism seemed to radiate itself in all public addresses; this awakened in his auditors a spirit of sympathy and confidence. More than what he said at any particular time, it was the man that impressed people. Always earnest—sometimes impassioned with earnestness—he compelled people to feel that he represented truth even when he may not have been altogether successful in persuading them by reasoning that they should follow his particular action. These two factors—humanism and earnestness—were the real strength of his preaching. Nothing that was human failed to attract him—he loved human beings, delighted in all human activities and aspirations, had sympathy for all human sorrows and was ready to help all who felt the faintness of human weakness. He entered feelingly into so many experiences of human life that he seemed to be able to touch all sorts and conditions of