

Dr. Ker's Mission was, in those days, a rather difficult post: for, it embraced not only Sandy Beach and Douglastown, but the Peninsula and Little Gaspé on the north side of the Bay, where he ministered to two congregations worshipping in Churches nine miles apart.

There was a good deal of hardship involved in visiting the north side of the Bay. In the Fall and Spring, there was sometimes difficulty and even danger in getting across; and the passage was occasionally impossible.

This portion of the Mission now forms a separate cure, in charge of a young and active clergyman.

I must stop here.

My departed friend had many domestic sorrows; but with these "the stranger intermeddleth not." But in sorrowan! in joy he bore himself as a faithful soldier and servant of Christ, and always tried to do his duty.

I wish that this sketch were more perfect and more worthy of its subject. From memory's garden, I have only gathered a stray flower or two, albeit somewhat faded: yet, from distant Gaspé, where he lived so long and where he will not soon be forgotten, I ask leave to send them,—not a finished wreath indeed, but a few simple sprays, which I, not unmindful of kindness in the past, desire with loving hand, to place upon his tomb."

A Quebec Layman.

The following *In Memoriam* Notice of Mr. W. G. Wurtele, which appeared in the *Church Guardian* of the 31st of October, contains such a just estimate of the life and work of a characteristic Quebec Layman, that we reprint it in full for the benefit of our readers:

By the decease of the late William Godfrey Wurtele, the Church in the City and Diocese of Quebec lost one of her most devoted and honoured laymen; and it is due to this faithful servant of God and to the Diocese he loved so well that his earnest labours in its behalf, extending over more than half a century, should receive some more extended notice than the brief paragraphs which have appeared in the public press.

Some of Mr. Wurtele's earlier years were spent in Montreal, where he received from his friend, the Rev. W. Dawes, and

others, religious impressions which were deep and lasting. He removed to Quebec in 1842, and became a member of the cathedral congregation. Here his excellent business qualities were soon recognized, as he became a member of the Select Vestry. A few years later, Bishop Mountain, as Rector of the Cathedral, appointed Mr. Wurtele, Rector's Warden, and he remained so down to the Bishop's death in 1863, and many years after. In 1853, he became a member of the Church Society, and the next year was placed upon the Central Board. The Central Board of the Quebec Church Society was indeed in those early days a remarkable body of men, laymen, most of them, great merchants and able business men of the city of Quebec, who at the call of the Bishop and the clergy gave up much of their valuable time and their great abilities to the management of the Church finances. The success of their management is abundantly proved by the fact that, of all the funds entrusted to the Church Society during the last fifty years, not one dollar has been lost by bad investment. The economy of the management has also formed a conspicuous feature in its history; the cost from the first has not exceeded two per cent. of the revenue. Very touching evidence was borne to the value to the Church of the services of these gentlemen, by the fact that the late saintly Bishop Mountain, on his death-bed, desired his son "to convey to the treasurers and members of the Central Board his best thanks for the manner in which they had supported him in the conduct of its operations." The great work of William Wurtele's life, as a Churchman, was the management as treasurer of the large and important Trust Funds of the Diocese.

In 1857, the secularization of the Clergy Reserve was completed, and the sum paid by the Government as commutation handed over to the several church societies. Quebec received \$53,000 as its share, and this sum was placed under the management of a special committee, with Mr. Wurtele for its treasurer. That fund has, largely due to his splendid management, grown to the sum of \$160,000. In the same year, the Bishopric Endowment was received from the S.P.G., and entrusted to the same committee. Later on, the great movement was begun which resulted in the establishment of the Local Endowments which form so remarkable a feature in the financial success of this Diocese, and now amount to \$120,000. To the care and development of these great funds, Mr. Wurtele devoted himself with untiring