

1879, he consented to go into the city council, where he served for two years as chairman of the finance committee. So well did he fill that responsible post, and with so much satisfaction to the people, that at the end of his second year Mr. Jones, in April, 1881, was elected mayor without opposition, a mark of distinction never before witnessed in St. John. His excellent business capacities and fine executive talents, show themselves to good advantage in his present position, and he is one of the most popular chief magistrates that St. John has ever had.

Mayor Jones holds one or two other civil offices of minor consequence, hardly necessary to name; he has been for several years a vestryman of Trinity (Episcopal) church, and is a generous supporter of religious and benevolent societies of various names and worthy aims; he is never backward in contributing to any enterprise designed, in any way, to benefit the community.

The wife of Mayor Jones was Annie M. McLaughlin, daughter of Daniel J. McLaughlin, of St. John, their marriage being dated in January, 1861. They have five sons and two daughters.

MOST REV. JOHN MEDLEY, D.D.,

FREDERICTON, N.B.

THE oldest bishop in British North America is the gentleman whose name we have placed at the head of this sketch, the Metropolitan of Canada. His reputation extends over the whole Dominion, and his name is familiar to British ears. He was born in London, England, on the 19th of December, 1804; was educated at Wadham college, Oxford, and graduated with honors in 1826, and became a master of arts four years later. He was ordained deacon in 1828, priest in 1829, and was minister of St. John's chapel in Truro, Cornwall, from 1831 to 1838, having previously been a curate in the county of Devon. He was vicar of St. Thomas, Exeter, from 1838 to 1845, having previously been made prebendary of Exeter cathedral. His reputation as a preacher, and "wise master-builder," had now reached beyond the eastern continent, and when the diocese of Fredericton was formed in 1845, and a bishop was required, the most suitable person to occupy that See, according to the judgment of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was the Rev. John Medley, who was consecrated at Lambeth palace, and was installed in the parish church, Fredericton, in June of that year.

Here Bishop Medley has labored diligently for thirty-six years, meeting St. Paul's idea of such a church officer, he being "vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach." Without striving to be eloquent, he is eminently instructive, his sermons being full of "strong meat." His published works, also, are of the same character. His last work on "The Book of Job," is critical. The bishop aims also at a more literal translation of the Hebrew. His life-aim seems to have been to teach the people the "better way," and to guide them into "the higher life;" nor has he labored in vain. He has lived to see wonderful progress in spiritual as well as material things, in New Brunswick, his See including the whole province.

At the meeting of the Provincial Synod in 1879, the bishops of Canada elected our subject as their Metropolitan, his claim to that position being that of seniority. In June, 1881, Bishop Kingdon, recently from the old country, and a learned and most worthy man, was appointed coadjutor of the Metropolitan—thus greatly relieving the latter, in his old age, of the weighty responsibilities resting upon him. Although seventy-seven years of age, he does not walk like