

When the vacancy occurred, several members of the congregation happened to be in England, and knowing of Mr. Carmichael's presence in London, went to see and hear him preach, and upon their strong recommendation, a call was forthwith extended to him.

Mr. Hartley Carmichael was born in Dublin in 1854. After due preparation he entered Trinity College in that city, where he graduated B. A. in due course. Having completed his studies in divinity he went to England, and was ordained by the present Archbishop of Canterbury, who was then the Bishop of Truro. His first appointment was to a curacy at Helston in Devonshire, from whence he removed to a similar position in Derbyshire, and thence to London.

Having accepted the call to the Church of the Ascension, Mr. Carmichael came with his family to Canada, arriving in Hamilton in the early part of December, 1882.

He at once set about his parochial duties with earnestness, displaying from the first much energy and ability in the administration of the parish. In place of the Sunday morning lectures to men, which had been such a successful feature of the Rev. James Carmichael's work, an adult Bible class of a more general character was organized and carried on during the winter months. In order the better to reach the young men, a Literary Society was formed, which soon became a great centre of usefulness in binding its members to the church, and tending to

promote a more friendly and sociable spirit in the congregation.

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Heart Worship.

In a certain congregation may be seen regularly an aged man silently following the course of the service, kneeling in prayer, standing in praise, and sitting patiently through the sometimes lengthy sermon; yet all the while there is visible on his countenance that pathetic, passive calm, indicating a deafness that is all but total.

"Do you not find church-going very uninteresting now?" asked a friend recently.

"Yes," answered the old man, "I cannot deny, I do weary sometimes when the service is long; I go for three reasons: First, I can at least honor God with my presence in his house; second, I can worship Him in spirit, if in silence; third, every church-goer, if regular and faithful, may influence some one who is less so."

What a lesson for those who offer God a grudging, reluctant and irregular attendance at His house, and go home perhaps grumbling over a sermon less interesting than usual, or a service not altogether up to the mark.

Well, undoubtedly, "the Lord knoweth them that are His," and how justly, therefore, will He discriminate between the true and counterfeit worshippers that assemble continually in His house of prayer.