

One Mediator.

BY REV. THOMAS CLEWORTH.

All praise to the Lamb on his heavenly throne,
Who trod for our race the dread wine-press alone;
Whose person, all stained with his own precious blood,
Now speaketh for men in the presence of God!

He reigneth above in his lawful domain,
Acknowledged by all as "the Lamb who was slain!"
By angels, who sang at his wonderful birth,
By saints, whom his mercy redeemed from the earth.

All glory to God for the gift of his Son!
Who gladdens the world by his victories won;
Whose love among men shows the fruit of his grace,
And raises thanksgiving in every place.

The foes of his kingdom may rage for an hour,
But Jesus still triumphs in glorious power!
The flow of the ages he claims as his own,
And the world shall be blest at the foot of his throne.

By the brightness of truth he shines from on high!
The demons of hate and destruction must fly;
To the standard of grace let the nations repair,
For Jesus brings triumph o'er sin and despair!
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The Ryerson Statue Unveiled.

The number of truly great men is not large in any country.

Ontario is not old yet in its physical and intellectual development, and yet it is with pride her people recall the memory of a few great men who are now with the overwhelming majority.

Among the greatest of Canadian public men was the Rev. Dr. Egerton Ryerson, the founder of the Ontario Public School System of Education. Posterity recognizes this, and posterity seeks to perpetuate his memory in that loving manner which bespeaks gratitude, thankfulness, and patriotism. The generation that now is speaks affectionately and reverently of him, who, by sheer force of character, founded a system of education which places the child of the poor man on an equality with that of the rich, and who so admirably developed his system that every office in the State is open, through a complete system of elementary and secondary education, to all classes in the Province. But this generation has done more. It erected a monument to the great man, so that generations yet unborn may not be unmindful of the heritage which shall be theirs, as the result of the untiring zeal and ability displayed by the first Superintend-

ent of Education in Ontario for the moral and intellectual advancement of his country.

The unveiling of this monument, fittingly erected in a commanding position of the Normal School Grounds—which were the scene of the labours of the grand teacher—took place on the Queen's birthday, before a large concourse of people.

There were there statesmen and politicians, presidents of universities and eminent divines, men learned in the law, and merchant princes, manufacturers and agriculturists, teachers and pupils—all being assembled to do honour to the name of him whose monument was unveiled, and whose virtues were extolled.

The gathering was truly historical and unique in its character, there being seen representatives of the old class of teachers who presided over the school-houses of the country when there was no system of education in Ontario, and who, therefore, could the more appreciate the revolution wrought by the master-mind of Dr. Ryerson, when he undertook to mould into shape the heterogeneous elements of public instruction over forty years ago.

Then, again, it is seldom in the history of a nation that all classes, creeds, and colours, could be got together to do honour to the memory of one man, and seldom could there be seen such an array of intellectual leaders, in all the walks of life, as held seats on the platform when Her Majesty's representative unveiled the form of him whose memory is sought by it to be perpetuated.

The sky itself seemed to favour the auspicious occasion. The weather could not have been finer if it had been designed to gladden and rejoice the hearts of those who were present, and thereby to assist in making the proceedings pass off as pleasantly as possible.

THE STATUE UNVEILED.

After suitable addresses from leading men assembled on the platform, the Lieutenant-Governor was invited to unveil the statue, who, before doing so, turned to the audience, and said, in feeling terms:—

"Dr. Ryerson was known throughout the length and breadth of this Province. No representative of Her Majesty has had ever as pleasing a duty given to discharge as that which falls to my lot in unveiling the monument of that great man."

The Lieutenant-Governor, accompanied by the Minister of Education, proceeded then to the statue, and the work of unveiling it was only the question of a few moments. As soon as the Canadian flag, which aptly covered the massive form of the statue, was raised, the audience raised a cheer which is rarely heard within the Normal School grounds. It was the reflex of the inner gratitude of the sharers in a great heritage.

The sculptor, Mr. McCarthy, did his work well. The height of the bronze figure is nine feet six inches, and of the pedestal ten feet six inches. The statue faces Bond Street, and can be seen from Queen Street easily. Dr. Ryerson is represented in the pose of addressing the legislature in behalf of popular education, his right arm and leg being advanced, his lips slightly apart, and his face having that animation arising from the consciousness of pleading for a just cause. In his left hand is a book, and behind him stands a pedestal on which are the school laws of the Province.

The total cost of the statue was \$8,175. On



THE SPIRIT ISLAND.

the side of the pedestal facing the Normal School buildings is the inscription:

BORN
In Charlotteville, County of Norfolk, Ontario,
March 24, 1803.

DIED
At Toronto, February 19, 1882.

Facing Bond Street are the words:

EGERTON RYERSON,
Founder of
The School System of Ontario.

The statue having been exposed to full view, the song, "Hurrah for Canada," was sung by the city school children, led by Mr. Perrin, music teacher, city schools. The children acquitted themselves admirably.—*Globe.*

Treating.

ONE of the most absurd of all foolish customs is that of inviting a crowd of friends or strangers up to the bar, to "take something at my expense." Men do not buy other things—either useful or ornamental—in this way. Why should they make an exception in favour of this poisonous draught, which is the cause of most of the crimes which curse the land, and which fills the community with poverty, mourning, and woe? Some one has sensibly said:—

"Now, boys, if you want to be generous, and treat each other, why not select some other place besides the liquor-shop? Suppose as you go by the post-office you remark: 'I say, my dear fellow, come in and take some stamps.' These stamps will cost no more than drinks all round. Or, go to the clothier's, and say: 'Boys, come in, and take a box of collars.' Walk up to a grocer's, free and generous, and say: 'What kind of coffee will you have?' Why not treat to groceries by the pound as to liquors by the glass? Or, take your comrades to the cutler's, and say: 'I'll stand a good pocket-knife all around?'"

This would be thought a strange way of showing friendship; but would it not be better than to offer to friends a maddening, poisonous, deadly draught?

Suppose a man should keep a den of rattlesnakes, and allow men to come in and be bitten, at sixpence a bite, would it be a sensible thing for a man to invest his money for snake-bites? How many would do it? But all who drink whisky virtually do the same.—*Selected.*

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few.

To pity distress is human; to relieve it is God-like.