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*The Honorable and Right Reverend CHARLES JAMES
STEWART, D. D., second Bishop of Quebec.*

In the annals of the Colonial Church the name of Dr. Stewart, second Bishop of Quebec, is justly held most dear.

Although closely connected with several of the noblest families in the mother country, and enjoying the comforts of an English benefice, he voluntarily renounced at an early age all the bright prospects of advancement at home and entered into the service of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel as a missionary in the Eastern Townships of Canada in the year 1807. Here he performed laborious work until 1819, when he was appointed Visiting Missionary of the extensive Diocese of Quebec, and, on the vacancy of the See by the death of Bishop Mountain in 1825, was consecrated his successor.

A few years afterwards the Rev. George J. Mountain, son of the first Bishop of Quebec and at this time Rector of Quebec, was appointed Coadjutor to Bishop Stewart under the title of Bishop of Montreal. Such appointment was made at the urgent request of Bishop Stewart, whose ill health, consequent upon a life of unremitted excessive labour, rendered assistance imperative.

Upon the arrival of the Bishop of Montreal in Canada, on 11 Sept., 1836, Dr. Stewart resigned to him the Episcopal charge of the entire Diocese and took a voyage to England, in the hope that rest and change might restore his health. But the venerable Bishop never returned, dying among his kindred in the month of July, 1837. A short time before this event Bishop Mountain received from him a letter, on which he wrote: "The last which I ever expect from the hands of that worn-out servant of Christ. God grant me a measure of the same spirit which was given to him." In writing to the S. P. G. the Bishop said: "His decease deprives the Church in Canada of one who was her boast and her blessing, and the clergy of a father and a friend."

It has been well said that in order to estimate correctly the character of an individual we must consider the time in which that individual lived, and the peculiar difficulties and hardships under which he laboured. It was Dr. Stewart who, in a great measure, founded a large proportion of the buildings now dedicated to the service of Almighty God in Canada; it was Dr. Stewart who has been affectionately greeted as the father of the Church in the Province of Quebec; it was Dr. Stewart who traversed again and again the forests of Canada, exposed to all the severity of the climate, visiting the scattered settlers, and administering the sacraments of the Church.

A man of no party, he was remarkable for simple habits and unaffected piety; his sole aim being to preach "the unsearchable riches of Christ." He fulfilled his duty to the end with Christian perseverance and humility, and it is well nigh impossible to over-estimate the effects produced by his labours in Canada.

In the Cathedral at Quebec may be seen a monument to the memory of Dr. Stewart, with the following inscription:

In memory of
The Hon. and Right Rev. CHARLES JAMES STEWART, D.D.
Bishop of Quebec,
Third son of John, Seventh Earl of Galloway,
Some time Fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford,
and Rector of Overton, Longville, Huntingdonshire, in
England.

In the year MDCCCVII He devoted himself
To the Office of a missionary in Canada,
which he filled in succession at
Philipsburg, Frelightsburg and Charleston
In the Eastern Townships.
In MDCCCXIX he was appointed
Visiting Missionary of the Diocese of Quebec,
and, on the vacancy of that See,
was consecrated thereto at Lambeth Chapel, Jan. 1st,
MDCCCXXVI.

Animated as he was by a fervent and unabated zeal
In the discharge of the duties of his high and holy calling,
His ministrations of the blessed Gospel was distinguished
By humility of mind, by universal charity,
And by an unreserved dedication of all his powers,
In reliance for sufficiency upon The Divine Grace,
To the Glory of God and the best interests of man.
In the faith and hope of them that die in the Lord
He departed this life July xiith, MDCCCXXXVII,
In the lxxiird year of his age;
And is buried in the family vault of the Earl of Galloway,
In the Cemetery, Harrow Road, near London.

In testimony of affectionate veneration for his many virtues,
And in gratitude to God,
For the benefits thereby conferred upon the Diocese
This tablet was erected by Public Subscription, MDCCCXLI.

The following lines in memory of Bishop Stewart
are taken from "The Church of England Maga-
zine" for March 17, 1838.

Rest, Christian warrior, rest! the war is past—
Rest, for the fight is fought,
The battle bravely won;
Death is disarmed—the enemy, the last,
Yields to the strength supplied
By God's victorious Son!
No more thy cheering voice
Shall marshal for the field;
That practised arm no more
The spirit's sword shall wield;
Our honour'd chief no more shall need
Faith's all-protecting shield:
Rest, Christian warrior, rest!

Rest, faithful shepherd, rest! your task is done—
Rest, for your Pastor saith,
"To me the charge resign;
True to the trust, thou good and faithful one!
Enter My heavenly fold—
Partake of bliss divine.

The streams to which thou erst
Wast wont My flock to lead:
The pastures, where by thee
My sheep were taught to feed.
Are all surpass'd by higher joys;
For thee by love decreed;"
Rest, faithful shepherd, rest!

Rest, wakeful watchman, rest! the night is past—
Rest, for a glorious day
Bursts on thy wearied eyes.
Spent was the night in vigil, pray'r and fast,
Lest Zion to the foe
Should fall a sacrifice.

Rest, where no ruthless storm
Thy watch-fire can destroy;
Rest, where no ambush'd foe
God's Israel can annoy;
Securely rest, in perfect peace,
In Israel's Keeper's joy:
Rest, wakeful watchman, rest!

Rest, pilgrim Bishop, rest! thy toils are o'er—
Rest, for the great High Priest,
The Bishop of thy soul,
Stayeth thy pilgrimage for evermore.
Run is thy rugged race
And gain'd is glory's goal!
Thou guileless man of God,
Thou venerable priest,

Unnumber'd works of love
Thy righteousness attest.
Apostle of the western worlds,
Thy ministry was blest:
Rest, pilgrim Bishop, rest!
Rest on the Saviour, rest thy reverend head!
Rest, thou who ne'er desir'd
Labour or loss to shun;
Old at threescore, and gathered to the dead,
The glass of rolling years,
How prematurely run!
Thus God to us appoints
A clouded, darksome day;
Thus God from ills to come
The righteous takes away;
Yet, to her Father's will resign'd,
The Church bereav'd doth say:
"Rest, soldier, shepherd, pilgrim, priest,
Friend, father, worn-out watchman, rest!
Sleep thou in Jesus, on thy Saviour's breast."

SOMEBODY WRONG.

Our attention has been called to the following business item in a prominent column of the *Dominion Churchman*:

"The *Dominion Churchman* is the organ of the Church of England in Canada, and is an excellent medium for advertising—being a family paper, and by far the most extensively circulated Church journal in the Dominion."

We pass over the questionable title "the organ of the Church of England in Canada," and have to do with the latter part of the notice, viz: the claim that it is "by far the most extensively circulated Church journal in the Dominion."

We would not wilfully deceive our advertising patrons, nor do we wish to do a wrong to our contemporary, and so as we claim to have "double the circulation of any other Church paper in Canada," a claim based upon the authoritative statement in Geo. P. Rowell & Co.'s Advertising Directory for 1882, we owe it to ourselves and to the public to make good our claim or retract it.

We therefore publish below the sworn affidavit of our printers, which places our circulation for the three months last past at over 6,000 papers weekly, and if our contemporary has a circulation "far more extensive" than this, let him do as we have done, give the figures under oath and so prove his position, and we will cheerfully withdraw our claim and publicly apologize for having done him an injustice:

I, GEO. W. BAILLIE, of the City and County of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, do hereby make oath and affirm that to my certain knowledge and belief the firm of GEO. W. BAILLIE & Co., Printers, 161 Hollis Street, have caused to be printed for, and delivered to, the Rev. JOHN D. H. BROWN, more than six thousand copies of each issue of the CHURCH GUARDIAN, weekly, for three months past.

GEO. W. BAILLIE.

Certified and sworn before me,
WM. H. WISWELL,
Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, N. S.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES A. VOGELER.—The firm of A. Vogeler & Co., Baltimore, announce the death of Mr. Charles E. Vogeler, on the 5th inst., of typhoid fever. It is stated in reference to the deceased, who appears to have been a man of extraordinary energy, that although but thirty-one years of age, he had been for the last eight years the managing partner of their house, and to his assiduous attention to business and well directed enterprise, they feel that its present prosperity and reputation are mainly due. It is intimated that the business is likely to be continued unchanged. The house probably advertised more largely than others in the United States. It was chiefly known in this part of the world as the owner of St. Jacobs Oil.