

of late—"carrying out the best traditions of the army." And they both, we may say like St. Paul, "fought with beasts at Ephesus." Both were clergymen, but of different faiths, stalwart supporters of the same, yet tolerant to others, loved and admired by their people, and the public generally. To give the story of Williamstown much must be told of the former and incidentally of the latter, but the account of the centenary touches on almost every point of the history of the settlement. The celebration was from August 25th to September 2nd, including services on two Sundays, the intervening days being given to addresses by prominent speakers and distinguished and loyal sons of Glengarry who had come from distant points to do honour to their birthplace. The Rev. John Bethune was born on the Island of Skye in 1751 of a family tracing their descent as far back as the Norman Conquest. Cardinal Beaton was of the same family. He went to South Carolina and was the chaplain of a regiment there, but in the first years of the Revolutionary War was made a prisoner and suffered much for his loyalty. Being exchanged he came to Nova Scotia and there organized a regiment, the 84th or Royal Highland Emigrant Regiment of which he became the Chaplain of the First Battalion. When that was disbanded he organized a congregation in Montreal,—St. Gabriel's church, in which he preached May 6th, 1787. His grant of land as an officer in the army being in Glengarry, he removed to Williamstown, then the leading settlement, and laid the foundation of the Church, also of congregations in Cornwall, Martintown and Lancaster, and was the first Presbyterian minister in Upper Canada. It is told of him that he performed 2379 baptisms in this district, and must have been a good organizer as his records, all in good shape, show. Two of his sons became Anglicans, one the second Bishop of Toronto, the other Dean of Montreal. The inscription on his monument by his six sons attests his fine character. A remarkable tribute was paid to him by Jno. A. Macdonald, K.C. "I am not, as you know, of your religion. I am a Catholic, as my people have ever been, but I may say with no impropriety that Mr. Bethune was a faithful and zealous missionary, and to this day the fruits of his vigour and efficiency remain: indeed the epitaph of Sir Christopher Wren in St. Paul's Cathedral might, in Williamstown, be well applied to Mr. Bethune *Si monumentum requiris circumspice*, (if you seek his monument look around.)

The inscription on his monument in the cemetery is creditable alike to the father and his sons; thus—

"Sacred to the memory of the Rev. John Bethune, pastor of the congregation of the Kirk of Scotland in Glengarry. He departed this life at Williamstown, 23rd September, 1815, in the 66th year of his age and the 44th of his ministry.

"That he was a faithful steward, the peace and happiness of his flock are the most certain proof. That he was eminently endeared by those conciliating, endearing qualities which united Society in the closest bonds of unanimity and friendship, his numerous congregation who shed the tribute of unfeigned sorrow over his grave have borne the most honourable testimony.

"That he was open, generous and sincere, those who participated in his friendship can afford the most satisfactory evidence.

"That he was a kind and affectionate husband, a tender and indulgent parent, the love and unanimity of his numerous family furnish the most undeniable proof.