

THE LATE REV. DR. AMBROSE.

(Digby Courier; 16th.)

Rev. John Ambrose, D. C. L. so well and favorably known throughout the maritime provinces as well as in all parts of Canada and the United States, passed peacefully away at his home in Sackville, N. S. on Monday after a few day's illness.

The intelligence of the death of Dr. Ambrose will be received with regret, not only by the members of the Anglican church, but by the general public. Every good and noble cause found in him a true friend and warm champion. Since his ordination in 1851 he has labored in many parts of the province, and every parish where he performed the duties of his sacred office is the better for his being there. He was beloved by the people of his own church. No task was too arduous if the welfare of his people called for it. He was an out and out churchman, but at the same time had great respect for the convictions of those not belonging to that communion. Possessed of wonderful physical powers, Dr. Ambrose found the work in the poorer parishes in which he labored a pleasant task. While he was rector of St. Margaret's Bay there came a season when the people there, through the failure of the fisheries, were in dire need. Starvation stared them in face. Dr. Ambrose came to Halifax and contracted with the merchants for a large quantity of tree nails. Thus he was able to find employment for the people, and by this means the long winter was tided over without any disastrous effects. Dr. Ambrose came prominently before the people in his fearless onslaught on the work of farming out the poor in Digby county. When he took the rectorship of Digby county some twenty-five years ago, he found that the poor of the municipality were sold to the lowest bidder. This was an easy way for the county to rid itself of the responsibility of caring for the poor, but Dr. Ambrose felt it was a species of white slavery not to be tolerated in a Christian community. To bring about a change required the efforts of a strong man. Dr. Ambrose fought the system in the press and in the pulpit, and he won.

Dr. Ambrose was a fearless man in every sense of the word. He knew no fear. During his lifetime he saved thirteen lives from a watery grave, in nearly every case at the peril of his own. He is said to have been one of the best swimmers in Nova Scotia.

Dr. Ambrose was a great man intellectually. He was one of the strong men in the Anglican synod. He was a powerful preacher and a graceful writer. He was one of

the many brilliant men whose names and lives have thrown lustre on their alma mater, King's college. John Ambrose entered King's college in 1848. His whole college course was a brilliant one. Among his classmates were Rev. R. H. Bullock, Rev. W. B. Cochran, Rev. Dr. Hensley, Rev. R. Payne, Rev. Dr. Pryor, J. N. Ritchie, Rev. J. O. Ruggles, Judge Savary, Rev. J. B. Smith, Rev. W. Stuart, R. Uniacke, N. F. Uniacke, R. J. Uniacke, Rev. H. Wainwright, Rev. C. G. Wiggins and Rev. Dr. Willis. In 1852 he took his B. A. degree, and in 1856 his M. A. In 1888 the university conferred upon him the honorary degree of D. C. L.

Dr. Ambrose was ordained deacon in 1851 and priest in 1852. His first charge was that of Liverpool, where he served as curate with the late Dr. Nichols. His next charge was the parish of Petite Riviere and his next St. Margaret's Bay. The parish of Digby extended him a call, which he accepted. His labours in our town extended over a period of 23 years. The handsome Anglican Church in this town is a monument to his memory. Four or five years ago he resigned the rectorship of Digby to become the missionary priest at Herring Cove, where he laboured until failing health compelled him to retire from active work. He then purchased a farm at Sackville, N. S., at which place he died.

Dr. Ambrose was born in S. John, N. B. In 1833 he married a daughter of James E. Barsz of Liverpool. He leaves five sons and five daughters: R. W. Ambrose traveler for the A. B. McLeon Co. of St. John is his eldest son; John R., formerly in the Bank of Montreal, but now residing at Sackville, is the second son; At present he is in the States undergoing an operation. Edward and Harry are in the Yukon, both being members of the Mounted Police. George is preparing for the Ministry. Catherine the eldest daughter, is a member of the sisterhood of St. Margaret, Boston. Charlotte is a professional nurse in Boston, and Edith follows the same profession in New York. Helen is married to Dr. Baker of Jersey City, and Josephine is the widow of W. E. Bragg, River Philip.

Dr. Ambrose was in his 75th year. Up to a few days ago he possessed considerable vigor for his age.

Mentally, Morally and Physically he proved himself a man, and when that is said what more can be added.

A Clergyman's Will.

The will of the late Rev. Simeon Jones Hanford has been admitted to probate in St. John and letters testamentary granted to the executors, Revs. Wm. H. DeVeber

and J. Roy Campbell. The estate consists of \$210,500 personal property. In his bequests Rev. Mr. Hanford leaves \$3,000 to the Diocesan Church Society of New Brunswick, \$2,000 of which is to be devoted to the incapacitated clergy fund and \$1,000 to general purposes. The sum of five hundred dollars each is left to his nieces, Julia, daughter of the late Sir S. L. Tilley, and Georgie, daughter of his brother, the late Thomas Hanford. The sum of five hundred dollars, or six hundred dollars if needed, is to be devoted to a window or some other memorial in Trinity Church in memory of his father, the late James T. Hanford, and his two wives Louise and S. Carolina Hanford. The balance is left to the Diocesan Church society of New Brunswick, the interest of which sum is to be paid in equal shares to Emma, Margaret, and Georgie, daughters of Thomas Hanford, during their lives. At their death the principal becomes the property of the society.

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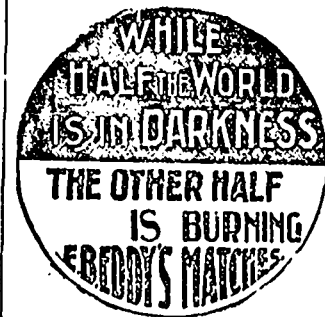
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