

Honour Conferred

A pleasing event both alike to the rector and the congregation, and which came as a gratifying surprise to all, was the announcement made by the Bishop on his visitation to the parish for the annual confirmation service that he had made the Rector a Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Ont. This, he said, he had intended doing before, and it was with very great pleasure that he did so on that auspicious occasion, and made its first public announcement to the rector's own congregation. This mark of honour the rector gracefully acknowledged in a few well-chosen words, and assured the Bishop that he appreciated it as much for his flock as for himself, and he hoped to prove worthy of the honour conferred.

The following very kind and unsolicited remarks by the Editor of the Galt Reporter speak for themselves:—

Up Another Step

"Citizens generally will be pleased over the announcement concerning Rev. Rural Dean Ridley's elevation to the office of Canon. Denominational lines have not confined the reverend gentleman's activities during his twenty-five years in the rectory and pulpit of Trinity Church. He has been a citizen in the truest sense of the word, going and coming among people of all creeds, with a word of cheer for all and unflinching sympathy for those in distress. And withal, Mr. Ridley has been a staunch churchman. But his feeling of brotherhood so frequently breaks through all denominational barriers that Galt has come to look upon him as a ministerial adviser and comforter ready to answer any call. Therefore does Galt rejoice in the latest evidence of the confidence reposed in him by his Bishop."

It is with devout gratitude to Almighty God that the rector closes so happily the twenty-fifth year of his ministry in this parish. The evidences of love and affection manifested in so many ways have been simply overwhelming. No people could have been more kind and solicitous for the welfare of a pastor, and his greatest desire is to live for them and the community amongst whom he has labored so long. While rejoicing in the temporal prosperity attending his ministry, it gratifies him far more to know that the spiritual growth of the parish is steadily increasing. For twenty years he has filled the office of Rural Dean and in retiring from that official position, so that the honour may be given to another, he in all humility accepts the higher office conferred upon him by His Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese, hoping that he may meet with similar success as in the past.