

to-day, amid circumstances of so much encouragement, to celebrate the Jubilee of their Church.

Who can look back over the first fifty years of the life of any congregation remembering that during that period a character, probably for ever, will have been stamped upon that congregation, or who can look upon the material building in which for fifty years that congregation has worshipped its God, and recall how important an influence that material edifice must have had upon the spiritual, without his heart being deeply moved?

After speaking briefly of the architectural qualities of the Church, and referring to it as one of the best in the Diocese for costliness and impressiveness, the Archdeacon told the story of the building of the sacred edifice, as embodied in the minutes of their Vestry with uncommon fulness of detail.

There, he said, we learn that the carrying out of the work was entrusted to a small Building Committee appointed on the 3rd May, 1847, composed of the Rev. John Torrance, Chairman, Horatio Nelson Patton, Secretary and Treasurer, Robert Sample, Thomas Smythe and George Chapman.

All these gentlemen were excellent and devoted men, and gave their time and best ability to the sacred work. But the real builders of the Church were Mr. Torrance and Mr. Patton. Mr. Torrance conceived and carried through the project. He took upon himself the burden of collecting the subscriptions. And his position, as a man of private means, with wealthy friends behind him, doubtless enabled him to bring an influence to bear in securing a much more costly Church than would otherwise have been built. But without Mr. Patton's splendid business ability, his suavity and tact, and his unceasing devotion to the cause, even Mr. Torrance might have failed.

The building cost \$7,000. The contract was given out about the middle of

1848, and the Church was opened for Divine Service on the 7th July, 1850.

It was a great occasion for the Diocese; and no less than seven of the small body of our Clergy took part in the three opening Services.

The erection of this "Holy and Beautiful House" fifty years ago, is the first point in your celebration.

The Archdeacon next spoke of the holy use, to which their Church had been put—"This Holy and Beautiful House where their fathers praised God!"

How many must there be, he said,—(not all here to-day. Some may be far away—in Africa, possibly, on the Pacific Coast, in India—in Australia, as well as those who still are here.—and the many who are in the Paradise of God. How many must there be somewhere) to whom this Church has been in some degree a means, a help to drawing them nearer to their God! Little ones fresh from the hands of God their Maker, brought here by their mothers to be placed in the Arms of Jesus, and carried away "all glistening with baptismal dew;"—children, taught here in Sunday School, through all those precious years of boyhood and girlhood, that Divine love "which maketh wise unto salvation;"—boys and girls, come to years of discretion, yielding their own selves to Jesus with their gentle "I do" in their Confirmation, and receiving the promised gift of the Holy Ghost;—then kneeling at that "Altar" which "we have," and of which "we have the right to eat," to receive there the Bread of Life, "of which whoso eateth shall live for ever;" on which Heavenly Food some who are here to-day have fed at that Altar for twenty, thirty, forty, yes, perhaps some for fifty years; young men and maidens married here, joined at that Altar in holy wedlock. Finally, life's battle over and God's Rest won—how many brought here in death to be honoured as Christian Brethren, and left here with the comfort, which the Christian's hope