

*Extract from Rev. Canon Roberts' report to the Board of Home Missions, July, 1898.*

"In this connection I wish to refer to a dear friend and brother, whose prompt and unselfish offer to become responsible for the services at the Parish Church during my absence, made it possible for me to leave without anxiety. We all remember with affectionate sorrow the sudden death of the venerable Priest, who for more than fifty years had done faithfully and well the work of the ministry within this Diocese. As a refined and cultured Christian gentleman, devout and holy in his life, full of wisdom and good works, he retained always the sincere affection and respect of his brethren the clergy, and of all among whom he ministered. I cannot speak as I would of my own personal loss, both in his friendship and in his ever-ready help."

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*Extract from Rev. H. E. Dibblee's report to the Board of Home Missions, July, 1898.*

"The report from this Parish closed last year with an expression of personal gratitude for the generous labor of a devout and zealous Priest, who has since been admitted into the Church at Rest. In our churchyard, near that altar where for many years his faithful ministrations were devoted for his people to his God, the mortal body of that good man awaits the resurrection. In the hearts of the people of Burton, as in the substantial position of this Parish today, there is ample testimony borne to that fruit-bearing ministry and saintliness of life which characterized the Rev. Richard Simonds."