



CITY OF LONDON, ONTARIO.

a diligent improvement of them and a spirit of believing prayer and supplication, a life-long searching and study of the Holy Scriptures in the original tongues; a perfect absence of all care for filthy lucre; an affectionate simplicity; a gentle humility; a long life and ministry in this city, and before you all, so pure, earnest and holy, that it has won the esteem and love of all sorts of churchmen, of all kinds of Christians.—All these things have, by Divine grace, been wrought in him whom Christ this day calls from amongst you to a higher work. To his sorrowing congregation (and well may they deplore their loss) would I say in words great and strong, first wrung from a heavy laden soul, words that we lean upon in every grief and loss, ‘The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.’ And to the dearly loved and valued friend of many years, may not a brother’s heart, in this sweetly solemn moment, from the depth of its affections, speak out and say, for all your life and example have been to me, ‘I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,’ and now—on this St. Andrew’s Day, go forth in obedience to Christ’s own ‘Follow me;’ go forth, with His presence and blessing, to do the work of St. Andrew, whose great glory and happiness it was that he brought his brother to Jesus. This has been the work nearest and dearest to your heart in the first and second orders of the Ministry, and now in its third order, God, the Three in One, mercifully grant that henceforth it may be to you threefold dear, till you shall ‘finish your course with joy, and the Ministry which you have thrice received of the Lord Jesus to testify the Gospel of the Grace of God.’”

Many were the regrets, expressed by all classes of people at the departure of Dr. Baldwin from Montreal.

At his first Synod, which met in London on June 17th, 1884, his Lordship delivered an elo-

quent charge. He spoke earnestly of the kind of ministry needed at the present day, a believing ministry and one baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire, a ministry courageous and outspoken for the Truth, understanding the relative position of the Church to the world and a ministry thoroughly alive to the great necessity of missionary activity. On this point he spoke as follows:—

“I wish to draw your attention to the palpable fact, that the increase in missionary life has been an enormous spiritual gain to the Church at home. Look, for instance, at the spiritual state of England 150 years ago,

and compare it with the present. Compare the times when missionary work was ridiculed and despised, with the times when missionary work is honored and supported. With of course honorable exceptions, fox-hunting parsons then prevailed. Sleepy congregations dozed over graceless sermons. Nothing was done for the vast masses who were either too poor, or too vicious to attend the ordinances of religion. All was torpor and spiritual death. And when at length, John Wesley and George Whitfield arose in the vehemency of a tremendous zeal, they were both frowned down by the Church they dearly loved, and only desired to arouse. Look at the Church’s life in England to-day after Henry Martyn, and Selwyn, and Pattison, and Livingstone, have done their work in lands beyond the seas. The reflex blessing has shown itself by a vast and mighty quickening. It matters not what school of thought you examine, life, tremendous life, is apparent everywhere. It is the good measure, and pressed down and flowing over which the blessed Lord is giving to His people wherever they have honored this missionary command. And here in this noble Canada of ours, if we would do our work at home, we must arise and do our work abroad. The indispensable requisite to the Gospel at home is our obedience to Christ in the heathen world without.”

Up to this date his Lordship had visited some 52 different churches, confirmed 1,035 candidates and ordained 8 persons, 3 to the priesthood and 5 to the diaconate.

On the assembling of his second Synod, in June, 1885, the bishop was able to say that he had visited, with a few inconsiderable exceptions, all the various missions of his extensive diocese. Regarding this visitation he says,—

“After visiting this noble diocese, and seeing the splendid farms and commodious houses to be met with in every county, and after carefully visit-