

choicest blessings, was marked by the best taste. Taken as a whole, the sermon was worthy of the service, and the service of its object and associations, and those who love the Church of England might well rejoice that she still so evidently holds her own, and is able still to take her place among the people, even at the close of the fifty years of unexampled progress which we are now completing.—*C. M., in Church Bells.*

1837-1887.

God Save the Queen.

It has not often happened that the Sovereign of a nation has attained the Jubilee year of the reign; and the exceptional nature of the event alone would to some extent warrant the special services and rejoicings which have been fixed to take place throughout the Empire from the 19th to 21st June inclusive on the occasion of the realisation of this period by Our Most Gracious and Beloved Queen and Empress. But when with the length of years is combined the highest worth—a private and public life commanding the admiration not alone of those who most lovingly and loyally yield her allegiance, but also of the many nations and peoples with whom the extent of her possessions and the enormous development of the commercial resources of her Empire has brought her into contact,—then, indeed, may the rejoicings be real; then may the thanksgivings be heartfelt; then may the people “praise Thee, O God,” and “all the people praise Thee” in the appointed services of the day for the inestimable blessings consequent upon the occupation of the throne by such a ruler.

But not alone is it by reason of the material and temporal blessings which have attended the long reign of Her Majesty—“OUR QUEEN”—that there should be glad rejoicing; but specially because that in her the nation has had one who in act and life has ever acknowledged the truth that however high her position—as well by law, as in the affections and hearts of her people—she, too, is a *subject*, and a “Minister” of the “King of kings” by whom alone earthly Monarchs reign, and in more or less perfectly reflecting the qualities of whom lies their greatest honor and glory. Happy the people who can point to their Chief Ruler as one who, above all things, seeks the honor and glory of God, and whose example has ever made for purity, truth and righteousness.

In the course of the many years which God has given her,—Monarch though she be—Our Queen has sorely experienced the “chances and changes” which accompany and characterise this earthly life; but in them all she has had the loving sympathy of her loving subjects, and has returned to them like sympathy in times of need. Deep rooted in the heart of each is the loyalty begotten not alone of right, but of love; and we doubt not that now the Jubilee has been attained the response throughout the Dominion to the authorised call to thanksgiving will be so hearty and general that our Churches will be wholly inadequate to hold the throngs of worshippers who, with glad and thankful hearts, will enter into the Courts of the Lord’s House, there to acknowledge with one accord the answer given to the prayers offered up continually in her behalf, and truly to say:—

“We yield thee unfeigned thanks, for that thou wast pleased, as on this day, to place thy Servant our Sovereign Lady, Queen VICTORIA upon the Throne of this Realm. Let thy wisdom be her guide, and let thine arm strengthen her; let justice, truth and holiness, let peace and love, and all those virtues that adorn the Christian Profession, flourish in her days; direct all her counsels and endeavours to thy

glory, and the welfare of her people; and give us grace to obey her cheerfully and willingly for conscience sake; that neither our sinful passions, nor our private interests, may disappoint her cares for the public good; let her always possess the hearts of her people, that they may never be wanting in honour to her Person, and dutiful submission to her Authority; let her Reign be long and prosperous, and crown her with immortality in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A JUBILEE SONG OF PRAISE.

By the Right Rev. W. Boyd Carpenter, D.D.

Tune—GOTHA.

For the priceless gifts of knowledge which by genius now are ours,
For the ever-patient science which extended human powers,
For the girdle which has girdled with quick sympathy the earth,
For the intercourse of nations which checks the steps of dearth,
For the deepening sense of brotherhood which makes all nations one,
For the dawning love by which, O God, Thy Will may yet be done,

We praise Thee, O God.

O God of knowledge, in Thy Light,
May we the world behold,
And see the law of brotherhood
In love and not in gold.

For the art that passes knowledge, and exults o’er the defined,
For the broadening life of culture which has lifted and refined,
For the voices of the singers who have purified our thought,
For the painters who from Nature new revelation caught,
For the tellers of sweet stories who have melted while they taught,
For the great desire which daily grows to live the life we ought,

We praise Thee, O God.

Great God of gifts, be ever near,
That when Fair Art we see,
Though beauty so divinely sweet,
Our souls may rise to Thee.

For the bond of love which strengthens in the fire of constant trouble,
For the quick response to crying need that bringeth blessing double,
For the sorrow that cemented, for the good Prince still lamented,
For the tenderness excited, over hopes so early blighted,
For the queenly heart which, broken, made sympathy her throne,
For the greatness born of justice, not of policy alone,

We praise Thee, O God.

O God of comfort, Whose abode
Is not alone in Light,
Unfold to us the higher law
Of Charity and Right.

For the word which, heard in many tones, One Love is yet proclaiming,
For the glorious devotion, which our indolence is shaming,
For Thy Kingdom, wide extending, for the evil that is ending,
For the good which we have seen, for the greater good unseen,
For the wisdom all-inspiring to uplift our power of knowing,
For the Love which stooped to raise us, who in Thy Love are growing,

We praise Thee, O God.

O God, make all earth’s varied notes
To blend in one sweet tone,
And fashion of our broken lights
The Rainbow round Thy Throne.

Amen.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

THE SYNOD.—The twenty-eight annual meeting of the Synod of the Diocese will be held in the Synod hall, on Tuesday, the 21st inst. Unfortunately this day, which is the one fixed by the Constitution for the meeting of Synod happens to be also that appointed for the celebration of Her Majesty’s Jubilee. The first day’s meeting will probably only be a formal one, though according to the notices sent out the usual fixed Synod Service is to be held at 10:30 a.m., on the 21st, when the Dean of Montreal will preach. At the same hour, as we have been informed, the Jubilee Service is to be in progress at St. George’s Church, at which the Lord Bishop of the Diocese is to preach. This clashing of two important services seems much to be regretted: and it would seem that the wiser course would have been to postpone entirely the Synod meeting.

A general meeting is announced for Wednesday evening in the Synod Hall.

The Agenda paper contains, besides a long list of business undisposed of last Session, the following new notices of motion:

The Rev. Canon Norman will move: “That in accordance with the Resolution passed by both Houses of the Provincial Synod at its recent Session (vide pages 52 and 53 Journal of Session 1886), this Diocese do renew its pledge for contribution to the stipend of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Algoma to the same amount as heretofore, viz., \$500 per annum, to extend over another term of five years, dating from July 1, 1887, the date of the expiration of the present guarantee.”

The Chancellor will move: “That the words ‘The United Church of England and Ireland,’ wherever they occur in the Constitution and Canons of Synod, be struck out, and the words, ‘The Church of England in Canada,’ be substituted therefor.”

MONTREAL.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has issued to the Clergy of his Diocese a circular endorsing the Protestant Hospital for the Insane as the object to which the Jubilee offerings of his Diocese should be applied, and fixing the 21st of June as the day for special services. Probably these will be held on the Sunday previous, (as the Synod opens on the 21st, and the Clergy will be absent from their parishes), and if so, this will conflict with the Resolution adopted at the Provincial Synod, as follows:

“The Clergy throughout the Dominion shall be requested to hold a special Commemoration service of Thanksgiving on the third Sunday in June, 1887, and at such service to give instruction to their congregations with respect to the history and progress of the Colonial Church. The offerings at such services as well as at the Central Commemoration in Halifax, should be given towards the erection of a Memorial Cathedral in the City of Halifax, the See of the first Colonial Bishop.”

The Jubilee commemoration was of course not anticipated when the resolution was passed, but it is to be hoped that—for the honour of the Church—the Halifax Cathedral project may not be cast aside, but that later, offertories will be taken up and be generous in amount.

MONTREAL.—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—A move in the right direction, and in furtherance of the Rector’s aim, to give a true Cathedral service have been made, in vesting the Choir in surplices. As a mere matter of decency and order this step ought to meet with general approval: more especially as the wearing of the surplice can no longer be regarded as a party work.

St. George’s Church.—On Sunday morning last, the Dean preached a special sermon on behalf of the Protestant Insane Asylum, proposed to be erected in the neighborhood of