

1853, ten years ago, he emigrated to this Province in the character of a clergyman and presbyter of the Church of England, and being, found of good standing and bearing ample testimonials, he was regularly admitted into the ministry, and soon after by a most singular coincidence he was appointed Rector of Windsor, the place of his birth. The Rev. M. Dewar received his early education at Hamburg, from whence he passed to Exeter College, Oxford, taking his degree of M.A. After spending some years in England, he returned to Germany and became Chaplain to the British residents at Hamburg, and while residing there he acquired that intimate knowledge of the German tongue which enabled him to write a treatise on the state of Protestantism on the continent of Europe, which appears to be a work of considerable value. While Rector of Windsor, he was instrumental in building a neat and commodious brick church, which remains as an ornament of the village and a witness of his energy and intelligence. During his brief residence at Windsor and Sandwich the mission prospered, and he lived in harmony with his people. Nevertheless, on the death of the late Rev. Dominic Blake, he applied to me for the Rectory of Thornhill, which he preferred from its vicinity to Toronto.

Mr. Dewar was a gentleman of considerable ability and learning, as all who noticed his proceedings in the Diocesan and Provincial Synods will readily admit. Moreover his book on German Protestantism and the present state of religion on the continent of Europe, and right of private judgment, is full of valuable information and written in a perspicuous and easy style. Above all, he was a sound and determined Christian and a faithful adherent of the Church of England, and while he warned all against the position of the continental countries, rationalism and infidelity, he advised us with much earnestness to submit our own wisdom and fancies to the teaching of our own pure branch of the Catholic Church, which he justly considered the sure guide of the faithful and the pillar and ground of the truth. Guided by her we can afford to look with indulgence on minor differences, and with full confidence that the truth as it is in Jesus will abide with us for ever. One passage from the Rev. Mr. Dewar's book pleased me so much that I take the liberty of quoting it: "What a cheering, what a heart-stirring picture does an English town or village exhibit on the Lord's day, especially to one who has been long an exile from his country. How does my soul long to be gladdened by such a spectacle, when every object which speaks of toil and labour is hidden from the sight, where every sound is hushed that speaks of the rude strife of business of the world, and the Sabbath bells are alone breaking the solemn silence, and young and old, and rich and poor are obeying the summons and appear to be saying to one another as they hasten on the way, 'I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord.'"

Within a few days intelligence of the loss of an old and esteemed friend and excellent clergyman has also been received, who, although called away at a ripe age, gave us hope, from his general good health and bodily vigor, that he would be spared to be useful amongst us for many more years. I allude to the late Rev. William Leeming, Rector of Chippawa, who came to this country as a missionary from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, in the year 1820, and was appointed at once to the parish of Chippawa, and continued there to the day of his death. He was therefore forty-three years in one parish, having never desired a change, and dying with the love and esteem of all around him.

Mr. Leeming was a man of singular guilelessness of spirit, conscientious in the discharge of his duties, of great benevolence of character, and of devoted love to Christ and his church. He will be much missed in his own neighborhood, and sincerely lamented by many, both of clergy and laity, who knew his worth and enjoyed his hospitality. He will live long in the affectionate memory of his people, and the church in Canada will feel that she has lost an exemplary and faithful son.

In regard to the state and progress of the church in this diocese during the past year, we have reason to be thankful to Almighty God for the measure of success which He hath been pleased to vouchsafe her. For notwithstanding the war and convulsion which surround her, she lives in peace and tranquillity, and in the free enjoyment of all the privileges which our holy religion can confer.

Happy would it be if our beloved mother church were placed in the same desirable position. But no sooner has she begun to recover from the infidel attack of the essays and reviews, which were rapidly sinking into contempt and oblivion, than a

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