

The edifice being thus completed, it was but fitting that it should be formally consecrated and definitely set apart for the service of God. The consecration took place on Sunday, Oct. 10th, 1875, Dr. Fuller, who had then but recently been made Bishop of Niagara, officiating. The following clergymen also took part with the Bishop and the Rector: The Very Rev., the Dean of Niagara, the Rev. Rural Deans Osler and Bull, and the Rev. E. J. Fessenden.

Upon the formation of the Diocese of Niagara, in which he had taken an active interest, Mr. Hebden was appointed by the Bishop one of the first Canons of Christ Church Cathedral. In 1876 Canon Hebden had the satisfaction of celebrating the 25th anniversary of the opening of the church and of his ministry therein. At a special service held to commemorate the occasion, he thus referred to the united character of the congregation:

"During an incumbency, which has now continued for 25 years—and for a period when the religious world has been greatly agitated, and most important church movements have taken place—it is something to say and be thankful for, that our congregation has been undisturbed by any theological disagreement. I feel that we have deep reason for thankfulness to the Author of Peace and Lover of Concord, that a fourth part of a century's retrospect sees us at this day, as heretofore, 'at peace among ourselves,' and, I believe, at peace 'toward all men.' I feel deeply thankful that I can

truthfully say this, and I pray that, as in the past, so in the future to the close of my incumbency, what may remain of it, may pass on without a single ripple of disagreement ruffling its course."

Canon Hebden's health, which had never been particularly robust, now began rapidly to decline. Again and again he had sought to recuperate it by travel, but with only temporary benefit. He was just contemplating another voyage to England with this end in view, and only waiting for the arrival of summer in order to carry out his plans, when suddenly and all unexpectedly, at last the end came, and he died on Feb. 2, 1878, greatly beloved and deeply lamented by all who knew him.

On Sunday, Feb. 10th, the Very Rev., the Dean of Niagara, who had been one of the late Canon's warmest friends, and who had faithfully attended him in his last hours, preached, at the request of the congregation of the Church of the Ascension, a memorial sermon in that church.

In the course of his remarks he thus alluded to the principles and character of his deceased friend: "Educated in what is called the evangelical school and attaching the chief importance to the doctrines of grace, he was, nevertheless, no ascetic—there was no harshness or asperity in his divinity—his amiable and kindly disposition pervaded all his ministrations, and led him to regard with charitable feelings all those who differed from him, There