

Church that has proprietary seats. Sometimes truth and right are in very small minority. I do not appeal to the fact that all parties in our Church are opposed to the system, and particularly that Evangelical party which is identified with all the associations of this Church. Parties are never infallible and often wrong in their proposals.

But I *do* plead :

1. That all Scripture argument is against it.
2. That all Early Church history is against it.
3. That the general movement on all sides is towards Free Churches.

The movement might be deceptive, mere fashions of thought, —but when accompanied by other things unquestionably good, such as better work for the poor, and Missionary enterprise, we cannot lightly conclude either that the movement is erroneous, or that a totally false and foolish idea would be associated with it.

Brethren, I ask you to think upon these things and very carefully, anxiously, solemnly, prayerfully, to come to a conclusion. We ask for no sudden revolution, no overthrow of our parish customs, but for a *progress forwards*, knowing that, both with communities and individuals, there is no standing still, but only advance and falling back ; and if advance is slow, the retrograde course is easy and at last irrevocable. If it be said that this, in any way, will involve sacrifice, be it so. I hardly ever can overcome a reluctance to appeal to you for any sacrifice: but you know in what quarter the sacrifice shall willingly, joyfully be accepted *first*, and if it be possible, *exclusively*. But I believe the sacrifice would be found in the end to be slight. Other churches have found it so. But even if it meant giving up something for the sake of God, and the purity of His Church, have we not courage and faith? That is all we need. Let us raise up our hearts to God, let us lift up our eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh our strength! And then those memories of our Parish Church, which we so lately considered, will no longer be stained by sordid and vulgar defilements, but we shall sing with heart and voice:

“How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

Blessed are they they that dwell in Thy house :

They will be still praising Thee :

They go from strength to strength,

Every one of them appeareth before God in Zion.”

TRINITY CHURCH.

In these days of book-making, when travellers manufacture volumes about countries they have glanced at from the windows of express trains, and the rapid table-talk of mediocrities is dished up in memoirs which serve to feed the desire for gossip at any price, it is refreshing to meet with a small book which has a subject so real and interesting as the “History of Trinity Church,” written by its Rector, and recently published by Messrs. J. & A. McMillan. With all the wealth of material, registers, vestry minute-books, and the like, from which transcription of curious entries and memorials of departed worthies would be so easy and so

tempting, the author deserves a credit seldom gained nowadays in causing his readers to complain that he did not give them more, though all will admit that what he has given is excellent both as to material and method.

The history of a church and parish in a new country has a double interest, because it includes so much more of social history than in regions of more advanced civilization. Not only the student of the annals of the Church of England, therefore, but the student of ordinary secular progress, has much to learn from a volume like this. The union of the Church of England with the State was an established and unquestioned fact in the colonies, not only when our Loyalists came to New Brunswick, but at a far later time ; and therefore the history of the Mother Church of our city reflects the phases of much more than the ecclesiastical annals of a parish. The volume we are reviewing will no doubt be in the hands of all our readers, and therefore it is only necessary to say that Canon Brigstocke relates the history of the church (and that means of the Church of England in this city), from the landing of the Loyalists in 1783, up to the celebration of Trinity's centennial last Christmas. An account of the Bishops was perhaps not an indispensable element, but it adds an interesting appendix, much enhanced in value by the excellent portraits, and by the reprint of the first sermon delivered by our present Bishop after his landing in the year 1845. More directly pertinent is the record of the various Rectors, again with portraits of exceeding interest. We hope that it will be very long before one *hiatus* —to be found in the middle of page 107—will have to be filled up in some succeeding edition.

The concluding section of the work is an account of the present church, from its first inception in 1879, a building of which not only its rector and parishioners, but all churchmen, and indeed we believe all inhabitants of our city and province, are justly proud. That an edifice so stately and beautiful should have been erected in a time of depression and anxiety, after a catastrophe almost unparalleled, is a fact as creditable to the Rector as to his Vestry and parishioners. Even one who is familiar with architectural masterpieces in England, France, and Germany, will admit freely that Trinity Church, both as to exterior and interior, will hold its own by the side of such monumental buildings as St. Mary's, Nottingham, or the great Lincolnshire churches at Louth, Boston and Grantham, or even the beautiful Minster of St. Mary Redcliffe, at Bristol.

That in 1824, an age when architectural revival had not yet opened in England, and the usual ideal was a sort of glorified barn with a steeple, stuffed inside with galleries, a building so creditable as our own was erected, is a matter for sincere congratulation. But even fifty years later, with Church restoration at its height of energy and success, it was a triumph to be proud of to erect such a building in a colonial province not especially wealthy, and which so recently had suffered a stroke calculated to depress energy and to restrict contributions.

That this notice may not bear the stamp of indiscriminate eulogy, we shall venture to take issue with the author upon