

THE LATE DR. AMBROSE.

As we briefly intimated in our last issue, REV. JOHN AMBROSE, D.C.L., for many years editor and proprietor of CHURCH WORK, entered into Paradise at his residence, at Middle Sackville, N. S., September 12th. The immediate cause of his death was meningitis, followed by acute congestion of the lungs induced by sunstroke. For the past four or five years he had been in declining health, although during the past summer he had somewhat rallied under the influence of almost complete rest, and the change to a milder climate than that of his last parish, Herring Cove, which is situate near the Atlantic coast. Contrary to the advice of his family he went to work in the harvest field. The day was intensely hot. He entered with characteristic zest and energy into his self-imposed labours, the result of which was a slight sunstroke, which developed into brain and lung trouble, necessarily fatal even to a much younger man. He was interred at Digby, N. S., on the following Thursday, of which place he had been rector for twenty-three years. In the absence of the Bishop at the Provincial Synod, the services were conducted by Very Rev. Dean Gilpin, of Halifax. An unavoidable change in the funeral arrangements prevented the attendance of many of the older clergy. There was a

very large attendance, however, of his old parishioners, and an immense number of floral tributes. The grave also was lined with moss and flowers by members of the congregation. On the following Sunday Memorial Services, including a special celebration of the Holy Communion, with Collect, Epistle and Gospel for All Saints Day, was held in Sackville parish church. The Rector preached from the text, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." There were also appropriate hymns. At Bedford, in the same parish, similar services were held, and the choir sang Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar." Extended and very laudatory obituary notices have appeared in the Halifax and Digby papers, and his death has, we may safely say, cast a gloom over the whole Diocese of Nova Scotia.

John Ambrose was born of Irish parents in the city of St. John, in the year 1823. At a very early age he removed with his parents to Truro, N. S., where he received his early education. While yet in his teens he entered the printing office of the celebrated Joseph Howe, at Halifax, where he remained a short time. His whole bent and bias being however in the direction of the ministry, he entered, in the late forties, Kings College, Windsor, N. S., where he duly graduated, and in 1850 and 1851 was ordained deacon and