The honor was enhanced by the conferring on him of the degree of Doctor of Divinity, "honoris causa," by King's College, Windsor,—a compliment gratefully accepted as coming from a University whose interests he had always strenuously advocated, and on the Muster Roll of which three of his sons had inscribed themselves as graduates.

In 1873 the Dean celebrated with great éclat his Golden Wedding. The anniversary was commenced by the "giving and receiving of a ring" at early dawn, and a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral, attended by all the family who were within reach of the homestead. The rest of the day was occupied in receiving the congratulations of the "troops of friends" who rejoiced with the Venerable Dean and his gentle wife on the attainment of their fiftieth wedding day.

An Epithalamium, written by Mrs. W. Lawson for the event, and now republished by permission, fairly indicates the interest taken by the parish in this celebration:—

EPITHALAMIUM.

October 8th, 1873.

Bridegroom and Bride! though fifty years
Have paled the roses' glow;
And touched the sunny green of life
With threads of winter snow!
The loving links that bound in one
Seem stronger than of old.
For Love and Faith have walked with Time
And turned them all to Gold!