

succession" or a ministry coming direct by a regular succession from Christ himself, through His apostles, and not constituted by poor, weak, fallible man; who is much attached to Divinely appointed ordinances; secondly "the Evangelical churchman" (as he delighted to call himself), who, rather disregarding these points, on which his brother already spoken of lays so much stress, without publicly denying them, lays more stress upon "the life of God in the soul of man", and thirdly "the broad churchman," who, feeling that the Church is very comprehensive, looks favorably and kindly upon all, though they may differ widely from him in opinions and practices, and who lays the greatest stress on great activity in the religious life.

He said that these different "schools of thought" were the natural outcome of the differences in minds, in education, and in the development of their ideas by the moulding circumstances of their lives. He said that these differences proved the sincerity and earnestness of their hearts, and he gloried in a Church large enough to comprehend within its pale such men as the holy Keeble and the sainted Simeon amongst the dead, and Dr. Liddon and Canons Ryle and Farrar among the living, and which could find work for all, which they could carry on in the spirit of Christian love. He declared his belief that they were all doing God's work, in their different lines, with God's blessing on their work. He then spoke of a body in the Church of England who, by their persistent obtrusion of themselves, their opinions and practices before the world, make themselves to appear to be of far greater importance than they really are. He stated that the number of the clergy of the Church of England was about 18,500 (and he was within the mark), and yet out of this large number there were only about 500 who belonged to this body, or a few more than one in every hundred. These 500 kept themselves pretty well before the public, whilst the other 18,000 faithful clergy are never heard of, but are quietly and lovingly pursuing their work in their several spheres of labor. He then showed that we should not look for perfection even in the Church of Christ on earth, that the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles tell us that in that age there were members of the infant Church, who worried the apostles by their contentions, their wrangling, their ungodliness and their false doctrines, which they introduced into the Church, even at that early day, when persecution abounded and Christians carried their lives in their hands. He quoted most aptly St. Paul's condemnation of the Corinthians, because they said "I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ."

He said that church people should not be disturbed by these sorts of things, which were incident to fallen human nature. He then referred to the great Presbyterian body, who with all their rigid laws and strict articles of faith, could not escape them; and of the Methodists, who, with all their constant watchfulness and care, could not keep them out. He might have alluded to a Judas amongst the twelve apostles of our blessed Lord, and he might well have cautioned church people against rushing into print about every little trouble in their congregations, which the above and other denominations have too much sense to do.

He said that the English Bishops were as anxious as any body could possibly be to restrain these "advanced churchmen", but they had not the power given them to do so. And perhaps it was just as well, in his opinion, that they had not that power, for if they had had it, and exercised it, those whom they restrained would have been counted "martyrs"; and would have been lauded instead of blamed for their breaches of church laws. He said that he considered that the wisest plan was to let them alone; for he felt that the better sense of the community would soon sicken of their eccentricities, which did not suit a sensible people like the English—that confession, as practised in some churches, would soon cease for want of people ready and willing to confess to a priest. He stated that a reaction against extreme "Ritualism", so called, had set in already, as acknowledged on all sides.

He gave the great congregation some very good, sound advice. He told them to be patient;

that "if this were not of God" (as he firmly believed it was not), it would come to nought. He further told them to consider the great privilege they enjoyed as belonging to a church of which such great things could be truthfully said, and to all they could, by holy, consistent lives, and by contributing freely of their worldly means to its extension and establishment on earth. He then concluded a most eloquent sermon of fifty-five minutes duration with a beautiful peroration, in which he compared the Church of England to the tempest-tossed on the sea of Galilee, in which the apostles were exposed to the violence of the winds, but which, when the Son entered, soon found her way safe to land.

HURON.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

WOODSTOCK.—*Death of the Rev. Canon Bettridge.*—Died at the residence of his son in Strathroy, in the 89th year of his age, Rev. Wm. Bettridge, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's, Woodstock, Canon of the Church of the Holy Trinity, London. For fifty years he laboured faithfully in the service of his Divine Master. He was ordained by the Archbishop of York in 1824, and having been sometime Rector of Southampton, England, came to Canada in 1834. Woodstock had scarcely then an existence. A few lots were obtained from the forest, a few houses built in the clearings. Mr. Bettridge on his arrival preached for some time in an unfurnished room; his first congregation consisted of twelve persons. How have his faithful labours been blessed! A large congregation, influential in the councils of the church and in the welfare of the country, bear testimony to the loyalty and indefatigable zeal of the missionary. When the church was despoiled of her endowments, Mr. Bettridge, through his personal influence with Sir John Colborne, was instrumental in conserving a grant of 400 acres for each of the fifty-seven rectories that were then established in the provinces. He and the Rev. Mr. Cronyn were appointed to visit England in 1836 in the interest of the Church in Canada, and through his perseverance and ability, the mission was successful. To him we owe a debt of gratitude that should not be forgotten. On Tuesday, the 25th, the funeral of Mr. Bettridge took place at Woodstock. The remains, accompanied by mourning friends, had been conveyed from Strathroy to Woodstock on the day previous to the interment, and lay in the chancel of the church over night. The pall-bearers, eight in number, were the Ven. Archdeacon Elwood, of Goderich, the Rev. Mr. Sandys, of Chatham, Rev. Canon Innes, of London, Rev. Mr. Mulholland, of Owen Sound, the Rev. Mr. Caulfield, of Windsor, Rev. A. C. Hill, of Strathroy, Rev. E. E. Newman, of London, and the Rev. E. Patterson, of Stratford. There were of the family but three representatives present—Mrs. Lawrason and Mrs. and Dr. Bettridge. Of deeply affected friends there were many, including Mrs. and Sheriff Deedes, of Simcoe.

"The sterling qualities of the lately deceased are as familiar as household words, not alone in Woodstock, but throughout the length and breadth of the County of Oxford; while the mental power and oratorical force of the late Rector commanded admiration everywhere. Nor was Mr. Bettridge wanting in these acts of benevolence so much called for by the poor immigrant or the stricken parishioner, and the language of his Lordship the Bishop on the late melancholy occasion is but a too palpable truth that in the death of Mr. Bettridge the Church has lost one of her brightest ornaments and the parish a pastor of unequalled parts."

MITCHELL.—The Lord Bishop has appointed the Rev. W. DeLom to the incumbency of Trinity Church. He has since his ordination officiated at the Chapter House with all zeal and faithfulness and we hope his mission in Mitchell will be blessed with abundant fruit.

WOODSTOCK.—Pursuant to a notice duly given a meeting of the registered voters of the parish of St. Paul was held in the school house on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 25th, 1879. The Lord Bishop of Huron, who had been requested by the wardens

to attend the meeting, was present, and by the unanimous wish of the meeting occupied the chair. There was a very large attendance of members. The meeting was opened with prayers. The following resolutions were read and unanimously passed:—Moved by G. J. Barwick, Esq., seconded by Alex. McClenaghan, Esq., "that this meeting of registered members of St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, under the Presidency of the Right Rev. Isaac Hellmuth, D.D., D.C.L., Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Huron, desires to place on record their great respect for the memory of the deceased rector of this parish, the Rev. William Bettridge, B.D., who ministered therein for a period of over forty years with great zeal and diligence, and who will always be affectionately remembered as a gentleman, scholar and Christian minister, who at all times sympathized with those seeking his advice and assistance." The Bishop in submitting the resolution expressed in the most kindly and affectionate terms his regard for the late Rector and his sense of the loss which he personally, in common with the whole Diocese, had sustained in his demise.

His Lordship then referred to the special business of the meeting, and while pointing out that the patronage to the Crown Rectories was vested solely in himself, stated that so far as lay in his power, he was most anxious in all such appointments to promote the spiritual welfare of every congregation—the long tried fidelity and loyal zeal of the Woodstock congregations entitled them to his fullest consideration in a matter affecting so deeply their future prosperity—if the meeting desired to leave the appointment entirely in his hands, he would use his prerogative to the best of his judgment, and with due regard for their welfare, but if on the other hand they chose to select a successor to their late beloved Rector he would most cordially endeavour to meet their wishes, they should be free and untrammelled in their choice, and he would lay before them the entire list of the Diocesan Clergy from whom they could make their selection. In this latter case, however, he should require them to be united in their choice. Several members spoke thanking the Bishop for the privilege he gave them and speaking in the highest terms of the present incumbent the Rev. James J. Hill.

The following resolution was then moved by Thos. Scott Esq., seconded by Alex. McClenaghan Esq., "that his Lordship the Bishop be respectfully requested to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our beloved Rector in this parish by appointing a fit and proper person as Rector to fill the place of the departed, and that this meeting would name the present incumbent, the Rev. Mr. Hill, as a gentleman who would aid and assist us in our present undertaking in completing our church and care for the flock entrusted to his care," which being put to the meeting was carried unanimously. The Bishop said that the congregation had had ample opportunities of forming a correct estimate of the worth of the Rev. Mr. Hill, and if their experience by daily intercourse with him led them to select him as their future Pastor he was only too willing to comply with their wishes. He felt sure that Mr. Hill would give his best energies to promote their spiritual well being. He had known Mr. Hill for many years and could testify to his value as an upright Christian gentleman, and he heartily congratulated both Pastor and congregation on the kind feeling and harmony that so widely existed between them and he trusted that God's blessing may rest on all their efforts to promote His glory and the spread of His Kingdom. The meeting then adjourned.

BURFORD.—The Missionary Meetings in the county of Brant were concluded by the one held on the 1st inst. at this place. The collections for the county were more than doubled. Rural Dean Mackenzie, and the Rev. Thomas Davis, Brantford attended all the meetings.

BRANTFORD.—*Grace Church.*—Our annual missionary meeting was held on Wednesday evening the 26th November. Addresses were delivered by Reverends De Lew and Messrs. Cooper and Davis and also by Rev. Frank Campbell the Missionary Agent of the Diocese. The oldest residents in the