

LEADERS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH

altruistic motive were warp and woof of his character as a clergyman. Whatever other qualities of soul he had, and these other qualities were neither few nor small, were so used that they quickened his sincerity and gave vigour to his altruism.

Perhaps there was nothing more conspicuous in the character of Bishop Carmichael than his power of making friendships. As a man among men he seemed to possess that "mysterious cement of the soul" to an infinite degree. It is remarkable that many men of leading position and influence spoke of him as their best friend. Clergymen and laymen alike were attracted to him and found in him those subtle characteristics that call forth love and loyalty. This power of making friends was phenomenal and was exceeded only by his power of retaining the friendships that he made. These friends were everywhere and in all walks of life—they were always loyal and ever delighted to see him. Wherever he travelled they seemed to come forward from the most unexpected quarters; merchants, doctors, lawyers, porters, ladies in the height of fashion, housemaids—indeed people of all classes—were ever claiming acquaintance and anxious to shake hands and have a few words with this man of simple manners whom they admired and who in some way or other had helped them through his church in Clinton, Hamilton or Montreal. To them he seemed more than simply a clergyman—he was their friend. As simply as a child he accepted all this devotion as the most natural thing in the world.