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THE JUBILEE.

IT was not to be expected that all Churchmen in the diocese of Toronto, much less in those new dioceses formed out of that which was the See of Bishop Strachan, would share in the festivities and solemnities of the Jubilee. But those who have stood aloof from any unkind or ungenerous feeling towards, or disloyalty to either the Bishop of Toronto or the Church, must, ere this, have keenly realised how thoroughly they were out of tune with public sentiment.

While human nature is what it is, we shall have some one sulking in his tent, some who refuse to dance when piped to, some who find their most congenial company in the Cave of Adullam.

The sky of the Jubilee has had a few flying

clouds, but they only served to bring out more brightly the general radiance that prevailed. In all respects the Jubilee has been a remarkable success,—a remarkable event indeed it will be considered in after years.

Many feared that such a long series of services would result in the failure of some to secure attention. But it is most remarkable that all the services, week day or evening, as well as those on Sunday, were crowded, indeed many hundreds failed to gain admission to certain churches. The preachers rose to the occasion, and made a profound impression. The public verdict is, that Canada has at least six Bishops who are the peers of any order of clergy in any community, not only in learning, but in eloquence and wisdom.

The happiest phase of the whole Jubilee was the complete effacement of party lines and party spirit. To all who are worthy to share in the greatness of the Church's heritage, the noblest feature in the Jubilee was, that Churchmen of all classes and all schools were so inextricably mingled in service and enjoyment as to forget their distinctions and divisions.

After such an event we may confidently look forward to permanent peace. The party zealot has been crushingly rebuked,—if he has any conscience or self-respect he will now turn from the error of his ways and do that which is lawful and right, by living at peace with his brethren.

The only living question now is which section of Churchmen will in the next Jubilee period show the noblest record of service and devotion? Into the arena of that contest may all enter with eyes intent only upon the crown that the Master will bestow on all who strive faithfully to win His reward!

For the next fifty years the inspiring motto of the Church should be, "Forgetting those things which are behind, I press toward the mark for the prize of my high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

JUBILEE REMINISCENCES.

THE following paper was prepared for the jubilee by the Ven. Archdeacon McMurray, and read by him at the Luncheon on the 21st November.

"In tracing the early history of the Church in Canada, the name of John Strachan presents itself to our notice, a name which cannot be mentioned without deep esteem and regard. Mr. Strachan left his native land at the close of the last century, and came to Cornwall as tutor for the families of the late Honourable Richard Cartwright and the Honourable James Hamilton. In May, 1803, he applied to Bishop Mountain, the elder, for holy orders, and was ordained by his Lordship in that year, and was placed over the parish of that town. As his parish work did not occupy the whole of his time, he opened a school, which soon obtained celebrity, and at which some of the first men of the country received their education, notably amongst these were Sir John Beverley Robin-

son, Sir James Macaulay, and Mr. Justice Jones, and subsequently all the judges of the Superior Court at one time were pupils of Dr. Strachan, for at this time he had received the degree of LL.D. from his college in Scotland. But his stay at Cornwall was not to be of long continuance. The inhabitants of York having heard of his celebrity, in conjunction with Chief Justice Scott, and Major-General Sir Isaac Brock, a name of imperishable memory, and a name that is still dear to every lover of Canada, made application to the Bishop of Quebec, Dr. Mountain, for the appointment of Dr. Strachan to the parish of York. This he accepted, and after a very stormy passage he reached his new parish in 1812.

The population of York at that time being about 1,000, his duties were consequently light, and he at once opened a school, as at Cornwall, in a small wooden building on King street, a little east of George, the property of one Joseph Dennis, in which were educated the Baldwins, the Boultons, the Cartwrights, the Gambles, the Hewards, the McDonalds, the MacNabs, the Macaulays, the Smalls, the Spragges, and others—names well known to some who are present, and who distinguished themselves in their various avocations in after life. I had, myself, the good fortune of being admitted to that celebrated school as a junior when eight years of age, and am now, I think, the only surviving pupil whilst the school was held on King street. The school was soon after removed to a large building, placed on a square of the town north of St. James' church. Dr. Strachan had as his assistant masters from time to time Rev. Messrs. Macaulay, Stoughton Rolph, and Mr. A. N. Bethune, then only nineteen years of age. But Dr. Strachan not only discharged the duties of his parish and school, but he also held divine service once a month to the

FIRST MISSIONARY STATION,

a few miles north of York, then called Ketchum's or Hogg's Hollow, now York Mills. Well do I remember as a youth his notices given every fourth Sunday in the parish church. "There will be no service this afternoon, as I am going to Mr. Ketchum's." For a short time these services were discontinued. A deputation waited upon Dr. Strachan to ascertain the cause. He was pretty severe upon them, and stated to them the reasons. He said when last there he had but one individual, who took care of the place, when the services were held, the weather being very stormy and wet, and not a chair to sit upon. He nevertheless discharged his duty, read divine service and preached a sermon to the persons who were present. He reminded the delinquents that he had gone several miles in the same storm, and that if they promised to attend in future and had the place fit for service he would again supply the services. The reproof had the desired effect, and the services were continued. This, I believe, was the first missionary service ever held outside of York. In after years efforts were made to supply the destitution in the surrounding country by services which were loudly called for, and six stations were selected by Bishop Stewart and Dr. Strachan, namely, Mimico, Weston, Charlton's settlement, Thornhill, in the morning at eleven o'clock, and Ketchum's on the afternoon of the same Sunday, Lamoreaux settlement in Scarborough, and Anderson's, on the Kingston road, near the Range. An arrangement was made with

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