

The Bishop's Charge

Rev. Brethren and Brethren of the Laity :

Grace be with you and Peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our first duty on assembling for our annual retrospect of the labors and fruits of another year, and taking counsel together for the greater efficiency of our work in that which lies before us, is the mournful one of paying tribute to the memory of those of our fellow laborers who have fallen out from our ranks since we last met.

I have to record the loss by death of one from the staff of parochial clergy and two from our retired list. The Reverend Ernest Napier Ricourt Burns, M. A., was born in Canada in 1868, and educated at Bishop's College, Lennoxville. He was ordained Deacon and Priest by the Bishop of Niagara, and was placed in charge of St. Luke's Church in this city, an appointment which he held till the close of his life. He was a kind and sympathetic parish priest, an earnest and thoughtful preacher, beloved by his brethren and held in high esteem by his people. It may be truly said of him, "That he now rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

The Reverend Alexander Henderson, B. A., a Canon of this Cathedral was born in Canada, educated at Trinity College, Toronto, and was ordained Deacon and Priest by the Bishop of Toronto in 1861 and 1862 respectively. He was one of the early pioneers of the Church. He was appointed to the Mission of Mono and Orangeville and parts adjacent—a district comprising some 300 square miles, and which is now divided into five separate parishes. He resided at Orangeville for over 40 years, discharging the duties of his sacred office with great fidelity. He was essentially a kindly Christian gentleman, refined in his tastes, scholarly and courteous, a thoughtful preacher, a diligent visitor and a sound and loyal Churchman. In 1902, owing to his failing health he was obliged to relinquish the active duties of the ministry. He re-