

Foreword.

This book is not only the history of the settlement and progress of the Church in the District of Clarendon, it is the expression of the heart and life of a devoted saint of God, who gave the best years of his life for Christ and His Church in Clarendon, where, at his own request, his body lies in the midst of the people among whom his heart ever dwelt. During his latter years at Farnham the Archdeaconry of Bedford became vacant. As he was then living in that Archdeaconry, I asked him if he would accept it. He at once said, "Thank you very much, but I would prefer to remain Archdeacon of Clarendon, it is the only official tie I have now with the people there, and I would not like to sever it." So he remained Archdeacon of Clarendon to the end of his life; his annual visit there was one of his great joys.

When I became bishop I instinctively placed absolute confidence in him, and confidentially consulted him about diocesan matters; his sympathy and friendship were of the greatest help to me. What I found, others had found. He was the trusted friend of clergy and people; being the soul of honour every confidence was sacredly kept. He literally gave himself for the people committed to his charge; in quiet dignity, in manly humility, he joyed and suffered among them and for them.

To catch the spirit of this history one must know the man who writes it, and whose ministry of over thirty years is herein set forth. Knowing the man the incidents recorded