

Biographical Memoir

MAURICE SCOLLARD BALDWIN was born in Toronto June 21st, 1836, of an old and distinguished Canadian family, members of which have rendered eminent service both in Church and State. His father, John Spread Baldwin, was an honored citizen who contributed largely in the early days of its history toward laying the sound political foundations of this Province. His mother was Annie Shaw, the saintly daughter of Major-General Shaw, an officer of the Imperial service, and to her training and influence in childhood he ascribed, under God, his knowledge of the Gospel, and youthful piety. He often used to speak in loving and pathetic tones of his mother's love for her boys, and the way she taught them, as Eunice taught her little Timothy, to love the Scriptures. In after life, as the result of a loving mother's prayers, three of her sons ranked as eminent churchmen in the Church of England in Canada: Canon Edmund Baldwin, of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto; the Reverend Arthur Baldwin, the rector of All Saints' Church, Toronto; and the Right Reverend Maurice Baldwin, third Bishop of Huron.

He was educated at Upper Canada College, and graduated from Trinity University, Toronto.

In April, 1860, he was made deacon in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Ont., by Dr. Cronyn, first Bishop of Huron, and in the following year ordained priest by the same prelate.

His ministry began in St. Thomas as Assistant Curate to Rev. St. George Caulfield, whose parish included Christ Church, Westminster, Trinity Church, Lambeth, and St. Ann's, Byron.

In 1862 he received his first sole charge as incumbent of St. Paul's Church, Port Dover.

At the very beginning of his ministerial course he gave evidence of a remarkable gift for preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, accompanied by a sanctified power, which contributed so signally throughout to his conspicuous success in promoting the glory of God and the edification of his Church.