

## BRITISH HONDURAS.

## DEATH OF THE NEW BISHOP.

The Church in British Honduras is in sore distress owing to the decease of its first Father in God, the Right Rev. H. R. Holme, M.A. It was only on the first of March, 1891, that the Bishop was consecrated at Barbadoes, and he did not reach his diocese until the 13th of April. On Sunday evening, June 7th, he took ill, and though he recovered somewhat and was able on the 23rd June to celebrate Holy Communion and preach, he again took ill and entered into the rest of Paradise at Belize on the morning of the 6th of July. The British Honduras Churchman says:

"We feel so overpowered that we are unable to find words to fully express the great grief and sorrow this most sad event has caused the members of the Church. A large number of people of every station of life attended the funeral, and numbers were so overcome with sorrow that they were unable to join in the beautiful burial service. St. John's Church was packed and a great number of people had to remain outside. The Church was draped in black. All the Government, Consular and other flags in the city were hoisted at half mast. \* \* \*

\* \* \* Although only a few months in the Diocese the Bishop was very much loved, esteemed, and respected by all, and his kind and gentle rule was beginning to have some effect, and the members of the Church were all feeling settled, and were glad and happy to have him with them as their Bishop, and looked forward to making solid progress under his wise administration. It has, however, pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to take unto himself our venerable father in Christ Jesus, and in our sorrow we can only bow low in adoration at the mysterious working of Almighty God, and cry from the bottom of our hearts 'Thy will be done.'"

We extend our sincere sympathy to our brother Churchmen in British Honduras, and pray that God may soon send them a wise and able successor to their worthy and beloved first Bishop.

The Synod of the Diocese met in Belize on the 5th of June and was opened with service in St. John's Church at 7 a.m., at which Holy Communion was administered, and the Bishop delivered his first, and as it has turned out, his last, charge; the opening sentences of which, relating to himself, are now of melancholy interest. His Lordship said:

Upon this the occasion of my delivering to you my first Synodical charge, I must ask you to bear with me a moment while I intrude upon you an expression of my personal feelings.

It is impossible for me to open my lips upon this most important occasion and in this most solemn place without first of all speaking of my deep gratitude to Almighty God for His great mercies to me.

From the time when I was first asked to become your Bishop, until the day I arrived in this Colony,

my life has been little else than one long round of anxiety and danger. Whilst shrinking exceedingly from undertaking the great responsibility attaching to the charge of a Diocese, and having almost decided to decline it until it was finally put before me in the nature of a duty and I felt that I had no choice but to obey the summons,—I had hardly given my consent when I was struck down with a long and tedious illness from which I was slowly raised up only to suffer a second and still more severe attack. At this time it was only the fiat of my medical adviser that prevented me from telegraphing to the Bishops and to this Synod that I must give up all thought of coming to Honduras.

After the consecration, while still in a weak state of health, I and my family suffered shipwreck, and subsequently passed through much danger of various kinds.

And now to day, in spite of all this, I find myself permitted to stand in this Church as your Bishop, to take part in the prayers and praise of the sanctuary, and to join with you in the great Feast of the Church. Can you wonder then that before all else I must tell out before God and man some of that deep gratitude that now wells up within me and makes me say 'Praise the Lord O my Soul, and all that is within me praise His holy name!'

And are we not all justified in concluding that since it has pleased Almighty God to bring me safe here at last through so many difficulties and dangers it was all along His purpose that I should come, and that He has, in His infinite wisdom, in spite of my unfitness and unworthiness, really called me to this part of His great work.

Next to my thankfulness to Almighty God for His great mercies to me and mine comes my sense of indebtedness for the hearty welcome that I received when I at length landed on these shores, and for the kindly reception I have been experiencing ever since.

The greatest pains were taken in the hurry of my unexpected arrival to give me a warm and affectionate greeting; I was much touched by it, believing that it was an earnest of the goodwill which might always exist between us.

That this hope may be realised is my most fervent prayer, and I trust that it is a prayer that will rise up from all our hearts to-day: that we may all be one in Christ Jesus, loving and trusting one another and striving to work heartily together in His service.

## BIRTHS.

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Barton, Parish of Weymouth, N.S., on Sunday, July 6th, by Rev. D. P. Allison, B.A., Catherine, infant daughter of William Moody and Mary Louisa Bond.—Born March 31st 1891.

## MARRIED.

STARR-DONALDSON.—On the 24th June, 1891, at the Church of St. John, Cornwallis, N.S., by the Rev. Fred. J. H. Axford, Rector of the parish, John Rufus, eldest son of John Starr, Esq., of Starr's Point, Cornwallis, to Emma Louise, only daughter of the late James Donaldson, of Church street, Cornwallis.

TAYLOR-LOCKHART.—At St. James' Church, Ormstown, on Tuesday, July 7th, by the Rev. A. D. Lockhart, Rector, father of the bride, assisted by her uncle, the Rev. Canon Rollit, of Montreal, Joseph Taylor, to Katie M. Lockhart.

## LADY MACDONALD AS AN AUTHOR.

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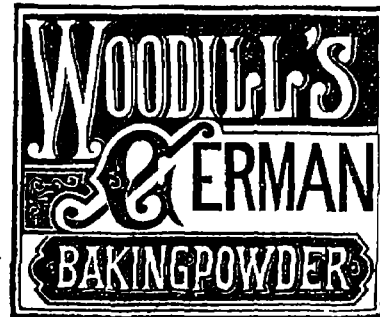
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