

always impolite to say that  
and butter are old.

The first Bishop of Fredericton, the Right Reverend John Medley, D. D. was born at Grosvenor Place, London, December 19th, 1804. By the death of his father, which happened when he was very young, he was left entirely to the care of his widowed mother. Her hands he received the first careful training, of which he never after- wards spoke in the absence of the warm affection and gratitude. Almost from the very first his attention was directed to the ministry of the church in the sphere of his life work. To the end he began the study of Latin at the age of six years, of Greek at ten and of Hebrew at twelve. He was afterwards found by the Bishop of Chester as a student by the Bishop of Lincoln, and he then began to think more seriously than

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England the plan had been conceived of the erection of a cathedral for his diocese and through the bishop's efforts friends at home were interested in the project. This friendly interest took tangible form on the eve of the bishop's departure when the Right Rev. Bishop Coleridge, father of the late Chief Justice of England, presented Bishop Medley with a check for £1,500 sterling to be expended on his cathedral, as a parting token of esteem and regard on behalf of his numerous friends. On his arrival in the United States Bishop Medley made his influence felt, and though at first not appreciated by a certain section of his people at his real work gradually won their confidence and esteem by a manly, sincere, consistent

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for the interest of a biography, but for arriving at the inside of things, the publication of letters is the true method. Biographers vary in their opinion as to how far they can go in their writings, they interpret Lord Burleigh's nods, but contemporary letters are facts." (J. H. Newman to his sister, May 18, 1863). If we substitute "writings" for "letters," or understand "letters" as including "writings," the above will apply to Canon Ketchum's book. He has mainly allowed the biographer Frederick to speak for himself; this does not mean that he has at all lost sight of his office as biographer, but he has not intruded it, and this is where he has been wise for the reason given in the quotation from Dr. Newman.

to come will recall Bishop Medley and do reverence to his name.

May Bishop Medley's rest and happiness increase unto the perfect day, and may the church be governed by faithful and wise pastors as was he.

(The above thoughts were written by a priest of the diocese of Fredericton.)

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