



PREACHING ON THE WHARF.

combatted this, and proved the Episcopal character of the institution from its original constitution. The Convention drew up a report on the matter to the adoption of which the bishop could not conscientiously consent, and the result was the following characteristic letter from him to the clergy and laity of the diocese:—

"Brethren, * * * we must live in peace, or we cannot be Christians. * * * And to secure peace, especially that of God's Church, great sacrifices must sometimes be made." Memorable words these, which many a Christian of the present day would do well to take to heart. "Influenced by these principles, I am willing, in order to secure the peace of *God's Church* and that of *our loved Seminary*, * * * to resign; and I do hereby resign the Episcopate of this diocese, and with it what I consider constitutionally identified, the Presidency of the Theological Seminary." The resignation was reluctantly accepted, and the Convention elected the Rev. Charles McIlvaine his successor, who, in 1839, was driven by the evil results of the claims of the professors to adopt the views of his predecessor. Nevertheless, we may well believe that the bishop's burning zeal made him impatient of any lack of self-denial, and that his vehement

words were wanting at times in consideration for the opinions of others.

At the age of fifty-six, Bishop Chase left the college he had founded, and the village he had created, the builders and labourers ranging themselves in file to receive his blessing. With eyes filled with tears he took his last wistful gaze at the scene of so many labours, and then hastened on with his family to the wilderness. Here they endured a long cold winter, a congregation of settlers assembling each Sunday for worship; the bishop labouring as the first missionary in the region of St. Joseph, 100 miles square, and at this day it can be seen that his labour was "not in vain in the Lord."

In 1835 he was chosen Bishop of Illinois; at his age and with his experience of the hardships of pastoral work in a State not yet reclaimed from the forest, he might have hesitated, but he regarded the call as a summons from God, and within a month was travelling through his wild diocese, an area of 55,000 square miles, with but four priests and two deacons and one episcopal church. There was no salary attached to his office, no home to receive him, no parish to offer him support, but the resolute bishop was not daunted. His diocese needed clergy; the only reliable hope was to establish a Theological College as he had done in Ohio and train them for himself. He turned to England for funds, as he had done twelve years before, strengthened by his life motto, *Jehovah Jireh*, the Lord will provide.

Once more he crossed the ocean and returned eight months afterwards with about £2,000. He chose a site on public lands, built a cabin, and, while working hard in his diocese, waited an opportunity, and in 1838, 2,800 acres of rich and fertile land were secured to the Church in Illinois, and the following year the cornerstone of Jubilee College was laid. The older States endowed the professorships and gave funds to erect the College, which in 1846 obtained its charter.

In eleven years the number of clergy had increased to nineteen with thirty parishes, but the greatest work of this period was the establishment of Jubilee College. In 1847 five students took a Bachelor's degree in Arts on the first commencement day. The bishop says: "Never was there a more joyful occasion."

In his seventy-fifth year, worn down by long and fatiguing journeys; his ribs and limbs having been several times broken by dangerous accidents, he was each Sunday assisted to the college chapel by his sons, and, being bolstered up in the pulpit, preached once at least.

In the spring he went forth to keep a long list of appointments, God giving him strength.

On one occasion he asked the landlord of the inn, at which he stopped for the night, if he would allow him to assemble the people and preach to them. "Pray, of what denomination