

In 1854, he married Barbara Matilda Ball, of Niagara, his sister's greatest friend, a lady like herself, living only to seek and to help others to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." The union turned out to be one of great happiness. His wife's holy and beautiful life remained to the last an influence of the highest value, not only in their own happy and religious home, but also upon all with whom she came in contact.

And so it came to pass that after a severe illness in the beginning of 1877, from which he scarcely expected to recover, Peter Roe finally yielded to the voice so long speaking to his heart and offered himself for the Ministry of the Gospel. In this he acted on the advice of his dear friend of many years standing, the present Bishop of Huron. He was at once accepted without further study by Bishop Hellmuth. Mr. Roe was a man of culture, with an unusual knowledge of English literature, though with only a slight knowledge of the Classics. And his Bishop felt that this large general knowledge, added to the weight of his religious character and many years of devotion to religious works in the Church, might well stand in the stead of College training. He was accordingly examined in London, Ontario, but, at Bishop Hellmuth's suggestion and request, he was ordained by Bishop Williams of Quebec that he might serve his Diaconate as he desired, under the direction of his brother, then Professor of Divinity in Bishop's College, Lennoxville. He was accordingly ordained at Compton on the morrow of St. Matthias's Day, 1877, and began his ministry as Curate in charge of the Mission of Bury, just then left vacant under circumstances which made the choice of the Festival peculiarly and painfully appropriate.

Mr. Roe only remained six months in Bury, after which he was sent by Bishop Williams to stop another gap in Inverness, under the Superintendence of the Rev. John Kemp, B.D., Incumbent of Leeds.

This led to Mr. Roe staying on at Inverness, with the Bishop of Huron's consent, a second, and then a third year and to his finally deciding to cast in his lot permanently with the Diocese of Quebec. He was examined for Priests' Orders by Mr. Kemp, acting for the Bishop of Huron, and was ordained Priest in 1878, and continued to serve the Church in Inverness without

change until obliged to retire permanently by his health breaking down in the autumn of 1894.

The remainder of Mr. Roe's life was here devoted to the quiet unexciting daily round of a Country Parson's work: conducting the Worship of Almighty God; rendering the Services more and more bright, devotional and hearty; praying with and for and blessing his people; gathering in the careless and negligent into the House of God: the instruction of the young; the visitation of the sick, and the greatest of all the works of God's chosen Priest—the work of preparing poor souls for their last great change.

In the Church Society Report for last year, Mr. Roe, then preparing to retire from active work, gives a brief and modest account of the outward progress made in his Mission during the eighteen years of his incumbency, progress due, it may fairly be said, almost exclusively to him and his family. One large and handsome new Church built: the old one enlarged to double its size; two organs provided; the Parsonage, so small as to be useless, enlarged into a good and comfortable house; a Parochial Endowment Fund established, already yielding its \$200 a year; the Assessment nearly doubled; a healthy branch of the Women's Auxiliary, and a Missionary Guild; two Sunday Schools and a Bible Class all in a healthy condition and well furnished with Libraries; upwards of five thousand Pastoral visits paid, and many more proofs of progress which to those who can look behind the scenes and estimate the difficulties overcome is truly something to thank God for. Best of all is it to read: "We have during the entire period of my residence enjoyed as a Church unbroken quietness and peace and goodness; there have been practically no dissensions or troubles among us; and strong bonds of affection, I may safely say, have all along bound and still bind the hearts of Pastor and people together."

In the late Summer of 1894, Mr. Roe's abundant labours ended in a complete break down, when it was arranged that he should retire on a Pension on the 30th of June of the next year. Before that date was reached, however, in the month of May, he was brought to death's door by an acute attack of bronchitis, when the doctors all agreed that a very few days or perhaps hours was all he had to live. He was raised