

CHURCH OF ENGLAND JUBILEE.

Services Commemorative of the Enthronization of the First Bishop of Fredericton.

AN ABLE REVIEW OF THE PAST FIFTY YEARS BY REV. DEAN PARTRIDGE.

Meeting at the City Hall and Social Entertainments.

Fifty years ago yesterday, the late Right Rev. John Medley was enthroned in the old parish church here as the first Bishop of Fredericton, and the fiftieth anniversary of the event was fittingly celebrated on Monday evening by a public meeting in the City Hall and by two interesting and impressive services at the Cathedral yesterday.

At the City Hall, Monday evening, Bishop Kingston presided, and those on the platform included Governor Fraser, Sir Leonard Tilley, Bishop Courtney of Halifax, Rev. Dean Partridge, Rev. Canon Deverber, Rev. Archdeacon Brigstock, Judge Hanington and Hurd Peters of St. John.

After prayers led by Bishop Kingston, His Lordship delivered a spirited address reviewing the arrival consecration and life work of Bishop Medley, and the advance of the Church of England in this province under his leadership. During the first thirty years of Bishop Medley's incumbency the average yearly confirmations were 307, and during the last twenty years the number rose to 612. In the past three years it was 655. The communicants in 1854 numbered 2,000; in 1872, 2,900; in 1882, 5,233; in 1892, 6,528; and in 1894, 7,273. In this Bishop Kingston recognized the good hand of God.

Governor Fraser gave some recollections of the late Bishop, who had taken the greatest interest in all that pertained to the welfare of this city and province. The erection of the splendid Cathedral was one of his grand works, and introduced a new style of church architecture in this province, which had been largely copied by all denominations. No better memorial than the Cathedral could be erected to perpetuate the memory of the great and pious man.

Sir Leonard Tilley said he was present at the reception tendered Bishop Medley in St. John in 1845, had the honor of knowing the dead relate for forty-eight years; sat under his preaching for twenty years; and longer he knew him the better he loved him. We can look back on his life with pleasure and satisfaction. His kindly sympathetic nature, his purity of life, was a continual sermon. Let us take him as an example copy his simplicity of life. In his great charity, the Bishop left enough to stimulate churches in their lives.

Bishop Courtney followed in an eloquent address in which he paid a high tribute to the many eminent qualities of the late Bishop. He also paid a very high compliment to the ability and earnestness of Rev. Dean Partridge, whom this diocese had kindly loaned to Nova Scotia for thirteen years.

A paper prepared by Rev. Canon Ketchum, of St. Andrews, was read by Rev. Canon Deverber sketching the career of Bishop Medley from his inception here as Bishop Ketchum, having been the first person admitted as deacon by the late Bishop.

Hurd Peters, of St. John, spoke of his early recollections of the Bishop and the old church and its worshippers. He also gave some interesting reminiscences of Fredericton as he remembered it in the early days of Bishop Medley.

Rev. H. Montgomery, of Kingsdale, read a lot of statistics regarding the work of the Diocese church society founded by the late Bishop. The contributions to the society in the past 50 years, amounted to over \$600,000 or more than \$12,000 a year.

Addresses were also given by Judge Hanington and Archdeacon Brigstock, and the entire meeting was interesting and instructive.

Services at the Cathedral.

The Cathedral was filled to the doors at 11 a.m., yesterday when a memorial service was held in honor of the late Bishop. The pulpit, reading desk, lectern and gasaliers were beautifully decorated with flowers, and rows of potted plants including many beautiful species of ferns, lined the aisles on both sides of the altar.

The congregation listened in singing to "Onward Christian Soldiers," and as they commenced the second verse the procession of clergy headed by a surpliced choir from St. John and Fredericton, entered the main door and sang as they proceeded up the centre aisle. Following the clergy were: Archdeacon Brigstock and Neales, Rev. Dean Partridge, and headed by Rev. Mr. Whalley, Bishop of Kingston's chaplain, bearing his staff of office, came Bishop Kingston and Courtney. The formal installation of the Rev. Dean Partridge and the two Archdeacons was then proceeded with, and the regular service opened. It was full of choral and was led by Rev. J. M. Davenport, of St. John. Rev. Dean Partridge announced the hymns, Archdeacon Brigstock and Bishop Courtney read the lessons, and in the beautiful psalm, "How lovely are thy Messengers," the duet was taken by Revs. Messrs. Davenport and Dicker. The music throughout the service was simply grand.

Rev. Dean Partridge was the preacher of the occasion and his sermon from Daniel 10th, verses 18 and 19, was as follows: "Fifty years ago yesterday, a boat was making its way up the noble river upon which this city is the usual port of call. The master and his sailors performed their duties with their accustomed diligence, and as the hours went by their journey drew to an end. On board that vessel was a company of men whose hearts beat high with expectation and hope. They were coming to make their home in a new land, charged with a mission that carried with it momentous interests. At their head was a man of strong, clear brain, of indomitable courage, of well-springed and cultured mind, of powerful will, and with a soul that truly waited upon God. The future that lay before him was unknown and untried. The difficulties which might arise in his path could only be conjectured. The helpers he might find were yet to be discovered. But the work which he had come to do was his Master's and not his own; and with noble fortitude and steady purpose he had set forth to spend and be spent in his Master's cause.

The Right Reverend John Medley had been consecrated in Lambeth Palace on May 4th, 1845, first Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton, and by his letters patent Fredericton had been constituted his see. Already well known as a ripe scholar and elegant preacher, the friend and companion of men whose names were household words in the motherland, with a reputation for wise and successful pastoral ministrations in his earlier charges, he had been nominated by those who knew his worth, in the full vigor of his physical and mental powers, to a post in the church of God which would call forth every energy, and demand the devotion of the whole man. Unsought as the office was, he had not hesitated to accept it, and in reliance on the Lord who hitherto had helped him, he had lost no time in reaching his distant destination.

On the shore awaiting his arrival were

the principal men of the government and city, assembled to do honor to their Bishop. Mingled feelings of curiosity, interest, and strong and intense anxiety animated them. He was coming to them by their own desire. He was to supply a want which they represented. His gifts were in public knowledge; what would his personality be?

And so they welcomed him with the thoroughness of their English nationality, and with the warmth characteristic of this country. Members of the community still living relate how he was received with a military escort by the governor and staff, and how all ranks and callings united to do him honor. Within three or four days of his landing, he received an address signed by one thousand people, including three hundred Roman Catholics, and all the ministers in the city.

The crowning event however of his coming, was his taking possession on St. Barnabas Day, fifty years ago this morning, of his chief church, assuming his official seat, and thereby constituting it his cathedral. The service that day was of absorbing interest and concern. A procession was formed of the clergy, who were joined at the Court House by the Governor, Sir Wm. Colebrooke, and chief persons of the colony. The first duty was to read the letters patent, creating the see, and conveying jurisdiction to the Bishop, and at the same time making Fredericton a city. The service of the day was then proceeded with, and the Bishop preached, taking his text from the epistle for the day. The offertory amount to £15, and more than one hundred partook with their chief pastor of the Holy Communion.

We look back with unpeakable sympathy across the dividing fifty years to that memorable scene. The Cathedral parish church, already grown old in the service of God and the people, filled with eager and attentive worshippers, scanning and weighing the appearance and first message of him who was to guide and govern the diocese committed to his care. They hoped yet feared. The situation was new to them. Hitherto they had had infrequent visits from their diocesan, the Bishop of Nova Scotia, whose unwieldy diocese had now been reduced to its present dimensions, and the influence which he had been able to exercise had been principally exerted through his subordinates. They were now to have the personal supervision of a vigorous and strong minded man, full of zeal for his Master, whose will was already partly revealed, and whose intention of beginning by the erection of a Cathedral was already in process of fulfillment by the collection of a large sum of money which the Bishop had gathered for that purpose in England before leaving. It was a time of great unrest. Questions of highest moment to the church of England at large and the individual consciences of her members were being agitated and discussed with the most acute scrutiny. Men who had taken part in it were known as the Oxford movement were observed and criticized with the closest study. But recently one of the greatest intellects of the 19th century had been persecuted and harassed out of the church of England, and a few smaller men followed him.

Men's minds, especially in a colony, began to be agitated by the telegraph, when communication was slow, and newspapers less ubiquitous than now, were disturbed more by rumors than by ascertained fact; and to many it seemed as though the church of their fathers was being shaken to its foundations. "How lovely are thy Messengers," the elder men, who had known something of the evangelical movement, from the fervor and spirituality of which the church had gained so much, now beheld with dismay the rise as they thought of an opposing power, antagonistic to the principles of the reformation, and suggestive of what they held to be the true tenets of the Church of England. We know now, that the one movement was but the complement of the other; that both were of God; the personal piety and spiritual intensity of the earlier agency, in which the external was entirely subsordinated to the internal, needed the balancing play of the later force to maintain the solidity of the body, and even to keep the church from partial absorption into the various surrounding Christian sects and denominations.

We can gaze upon the evolution of the Church of England, till we view her as she stands today, stronger than at any period since the Reformation; quickened to her inmost core by the searching inspection of the evangelical revival of the beginning of the century, and stirred to her profoundest intellectual and spiritual depths by the varied influences of the Oxford recall to first principles. The union of both, she has recovered her youth, put forth her strength, sent out her apostolic bishops into every quarter of the world, struck her roots deep into all the colonies and possession of the Empire; consolidated herself wherever she has gone, made herself respected among her contemporaries, developed unexpected powers of administration, and become, as never before, a factor in Christian thinking and living, which yearly grows in power and influence, because it is based on evangelic truth and apostolic order.

But we can hardly wonder that the members of the Church of England in New Brunswick, receiving their first bishop from the very centre of the ecclesiastical convulsions of the day, felt very deeply the possibilities that lay in the future, the decisive part that would certainly be taken by a man of so much force of character, in the shaping of the future destiny of the church in their midst, and were apprehensive of changes that might be made, which might be subversive of their comfort, and destructive of all equanimity and coldness. They listened to his words of eloquence and persuasiveness with the attention which the occasion enforced, and many a thought passed quickly through their minds as the ceremonies of that eventful morning progressed.

And if such were the feelings of the faithful who were assembled, what must have been the emotions of him who was the centre of interest, and the principal actor in the scenes of the day. He was not thinking, as we may think now his labors are ended, of the sacrifices he had made in accepting the call, of the dear friends and congenial companions left be-

hind for ever, of the certainty of promotion in his profession which awaited him, had he remained in England, and the severing of ecclesiastical ties between himself and his superiors, who loved him and knew his worth. Doubtless the thought of the awful burdens he now assumed; of the oversight of souls entrusted to him, of the organizations into which he would be expected to project all his spiritual energy, of the undoubted demand that would be made upon his time and physical strength, upon his self command and patience, upon his foresight and wisdom. And as he bowed himself before God, calm amid the excitement, who can doubt but that he again devoted himself to his master's service, crying "Here am I, for thou didst call me, and I will obey." On High the sanctification of his thoughts and toils to the good of his people? It is a scene in which we, fifty years afterwards, can join in spirit and feel that the passage of time is not the measure of our belief in the communion of saints, and that devotion to God's service is the same, now as then; will bring the same blessing, create within us the same joy, and be followed by the same reward.

Nor was the work which the Bishop had consecrated his life a light or easy one. A vast territory was under his jurisdiction, to be laboriously travelled over, when travelling was not a pleasure. Parishes were to be organized, churches to be started, funds to be raised, clergy to be trained, and, dearest project to his own head, a cathedral to be built, which should be at once a pattern and a stimulus to the diocese, and a centre for diocesan work. Progress had been made in the fifty years or so, preceding Bishop Medley's appointment in 1782, when only two English clergy ministering in the province, Rev. John Beardsley at St. John, and Rev. John Sayer at Marguerville. In 1786 there were six clergy and one schola, and in 1815, the official seat of the life of Bishop C. Inglis of Nova Scotia, there were nine, and in 1829, under the vigorous rule of Bishop John Inglis, there were twenty-six. When Bishop Medley came in 1845, the clergy numbered thirty-two. Thus in sixty-two years, the number of the clergy had increased thirty times. But there was much to be done, and the spirit in which the beginning was made, may be inferred from the results announced by the Bishop in the charge delivered at his second visitation held in 1850. He says: "The church of Nova Scotia, we took our places in that august assembly for mutual counsel and wise legislation. And the statesmanship and foresight of those two great leaders, Bishop Medley and Bishop Inglis, were justified, only in the strong and churchly influence at once exercised in the affairs of the church in Canada, but in the effect upon the life and vigor of their respective dioceses. The logical consequences of these momentous events, the formation of the General Synod of all Canada, so happily brought to pass in 1853.

Above all, his most persistent and most touching endeavors were made in the direction of the education of the people, were privileged to know and hear him during many years, will understand how true an estimate this is of his character and teaching. He plainly saw, and lost no opportunity of saying, how any act of men wholly given up to their sacred calling, most persons will admit that they are not to be surpassed by any similar body anywhere. I believe that our clergy are, as a rule, self-denying, patient, persevering, devoted to their duty, spiritual minded, and thus that they exercise a power in the community which is not to be estimated by line or measure. For steadfast adherence to the principles of religion as interpreted and maintained by the Church of England; for attainments which in all are respectable, in many commendable, and in some marked; for ideals of the Christian life, both for themselves, and their people, which are truly Christlike; for general culture and information, which bring them respect and cause their counsel to be received with respect and satisfaction; for moderation and good sense, conciliatory manners towards others, combined with strict regard to our own standards, the clergy of this diocese may be justly considered as fulfilling the functions which belong to them with dignity, efficiency, sincerity, and zeal. This is a sober judgment, from which an undue partiality and a cheap enthusiasm has been carefully excluded, and in which most thinking people will be disposed to agree. It was not for nothing that in the fifty years, John Medley moulded the character of his clergy, by a large majority of his parishes were filled by men ordained by himself, and many of whom were more or less trained under his own supervision.

The advantage and blessings of the synod, we can duly estimate. As a common ground for the expression of widely diverging opinions, as a safety valve for ill-disciplined ardor, or ill regulated desire, no less than as the authority for legislation, which has with many safeguards passed through the furnace of controversy, the synod well serves its high purpose. It has been the anxious aspiration of its members from the first to live down all mere party spirit, all mutual intolerance, all uncharitableness, all undue assumption of personal infallibility. This has been to a great extent accomplished, and it is from time to time this ideal is lost sight of, and feelings are wounded, and unworthy motives imputed by whatever school of thought, these things are but ripples on the surface; the church's deep essential unity is undisturbed by what is alien to the gospel of Christ, and no such ephemeral taints and weaknesses can shake the mighty billows of the church's onward progress.

I am conscious of trying your patience, but this is a great occasion, and I must say a few words in conclusion. What has been the effect on the lives and characters, not merely of members of the Church of England in this diocese, but upon the general mass of our people? For surely these fifty years have not been useless to them, nor unfruitful in the great torrent of the nation's life. There can be none who have not been more or less influenced by fifty years' work and witness of a great church. Some would repudiate them; but they would do so thoughtlessly. The standard of the religious life produced by the principles of the English church is a lofty one, which none can ignore; it is at the same time without display. Its current runs deep. It seeks no undue excitement. It is reverent without superstition, self-contained without pomposity, quiet without shallowness. It is stern to self, tender to others. Its roots are struck into the hoary past, of which it has preserved all that is justified by the doctrine and the precepts of the purest ages. And if there be any virtue in an unswerving allegiance to God's holy word, in the practice of daily public and private prayer, in the constant and devout use of sacramental grace, in a careful and orderly transmission of the holy ministry, in patriotic obedience to law and the powers that be, in the honest integrity that makes a man's word as good as his bond, then such a power, working steadily, though unostentatiously, in men's midst, must be like leaven, whose life is ever extending, and whose helpful action could not be withdrawn without serious loss to the people.

What has been the result of the building of the cathedral in which we worship God today in the "beauty of holiness"? Many obstacles arose to its construction, but if nothing is ever to be attempted in a new country, which surpasses its first rude and simple, though well-meant efforts, or if nothing is ever to be begun till funds are in hand for its immediate completion, there is an end at once to all progress. A small object could not be overlastingly consigned to a dull and stagnant mediocrity. It is too much to say that by its silent witness to the principles of the beautiful and suitable in church architecture, it has been a multiple gain and gain; in its diocese and out of it, and has testified to the Christian sense of the whole province the desirability and possibility of giving to God of our best, in return for the best that he has given to us? And though an outward adornment of our churches is not by itself a guarantee of holiness of life, yet that sincerity and truth in divine worship is promoted and encouraged by the perfection of the places of which God hath said "My name shall be there." None will ever know the difficulties with which its builder had to contend; but the

equipment for their work, is enforced and illustrated in his earlier charges, and in his outward efforts for its accomplishment. The diligence with which they should cultivate their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, that they might read them intelligently and forcefully in their public ministrations, is continually set before them. That they should diligently, conscientiously and prayerfully prepare their sermons is frequently and strongly inculcated. The establishment of Latin and Greek, no general outpouring of conscientious visitors from house to house, can entirely compensate for slovenly and ill-delivered discourses in public." His advice to them that they should study the Scriptures, and that they might read them intelligently and forcefully in their public ministrations, is continually set before them. That they should diligently, conscientiously and prayerfully prepare their sermons is frequently and strongly inculcated. 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PART II.

CHAPTER X.

"P.S.—I had almost forgotten to tell you a curious thing which happened yesterday. We have a new clerk on the counter, and it appears he refused to take a message because it was written in cipher; the person delivering it, insisted on its being forwarded, and as he refused to go away, higher authority was appealed to, and I was sent for. Directly I set eyes upon the man who wished the telegram forwarded, I recognised him at once. Don't you recollect, at short time before the close of the season at Worcester, I came one morning to fetch you after a rehearsal and as we walked away from the theatre, we were followed for a long distance by a short, stout man, whose hands were covered with blinding diamond rings, and who kept on dogging our footsteps, to my great amusement? But you were in a tremendous rage about it, and at last you stopped dead, and turning round, looked the man up and down as though you could have killed and eaten him on the spot, and then he, in a far more gentlemanly manner than we either of us could have given him credit for, raised his hat and went away.

ed, but this joy was dashed with keen regret at the thought that the woman to whom he owed so much had acted so wickedly towards her sister, and that, even at the time of her narration, she did not express, and probably did not feel, the slightest remorse for the crime she had committed, and the misery which she had brought about. A great difficulty presented itself to the young man. He felt it to be of paramount importance that his mother's memory should be at once cleared from the stain, which, as his father believed, had so long rested upon it; and that though reparation was of course impossible, Sir Geoffrey might be able to recall the associations of his married life without regret, and to believe in the assertions of his innocence which his wife had made on parting from him.

certained that his father was living, and make an effort to see him. He was sufficiently acquainted with the violence of Sir Geoffrey's temper, to appreciate fully the difficulty of his task, and he allowed to himself, that even if he succeeded in obtaining admission into his father's presence, he would yet be far from attaining the object of his visit. Once admitted to an audience, much doubtless rested with him, and his success would greatly depend on his power of holding himself in check, and rendering himself invulnerable to the taunts, with which he was likely to be greeted. Looking at the motives which influenced him, the restitution of his mother's good name, and the reparation of the wrong which had been done to her during her lifetime, and to her memory since her death, the young man felt that he would be enabled to fulfil his self-imposed task in the spirit in which he had conceived it. It would be a difficult task, no doubt, but it should be undertaken in a proper spirit, and would, he hoped, be carried out successfully.

tunes, and to take my name when," he added with a touch of bitterness, "when it is decided under what name the remainder of my life is to be passed? What answer do you give me, Rose?" She gave him none beyond what was conveyed in the momentary upward glance of her large eyes, and in the slight pressure from the little hand that trembled on his arm. It was, however, apparently enough for Gerald, who, after glancing hastily around to see that there were no observers in sight, bent down and touched her forehead with his lips.

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