

THE LATE REV. C. MANTHORPE.

That the memory of the late Rev. Charles Manthorpe is still cherished at Gleneig, and that his life of good work is not likely to be soon forgotten, was made manifest at the Gleneig Congregational Church on Saturday afternoon, when, in the presence of a large number of admirers of the deceased minister, the ceremony of unveiling a tablet and window to his memory, was performed. Amongst those present were several members of the Parkside Manthorpe Memorial Church, in connection with which Mr. Manthorpe concluded his life of usefulness.

The pastor of the Gleneig Church, the Rev. G. Rayner, who presided, said that although his acquaintance with the Rev. Charles Manthorpe was only casual and slight, it was very satisfying to him to find that their old pastor had inspired many of those connected with the church with a sacred feeling. Although the building in which they were assembled would be a lasting memorial to Mr. Manthorpe's work, they felt that something more should be done to perpetuate his memory.

At the request of the Chairman, Miss Manthorpe then unveiled the two windows, which bore the following words:—"To the glory of God and the memory of Charles Manthorpe. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. He shall receive the crown of life."

As the oldest and most esteemed friend of the deceased minister the Rev. F. W. Cox was asked to unveil the tablet. In doing so he said that a celebrated Congregational minister once exclaimed, "Make haste and get this memorial work done, for a minister is soon forgotten when a new pastor steps into his place." But there were some memories that would never be forgotten. A visitor was once viewing the Cathedral of St. Paul's, and when looking at the memorials therein erected asked for that of Sir Christopher Wren, the famous architect. He was shown one, with the inscription, "If you ask where his monument is look around you." By those who knew him longest and best, the sweet presence of Charles Manthorpe would be forever treasured. It was at Gleneig that his life work was mainly done. He had spoken words of life to them; words of truth, power, comfort; words that were edifying in the highest sense to Christians, and his life had been a "living stone in the Temple of God." They could never fail to keep a memorial in their hearts to Charles Manthorpe, and he would say, "Let there be as good seed in their hearts as was the memory of his work in that place."

The marble tablet, which faced that erected to the memory of the late Mr. John Martin, bore the following inscription in gold lettering:—"This stone is erected by a grateful people in loving memory of the Rev. Charles Manthorpe, pastor of this church from May, 1882, to April, 1898. Born March 31, 1836, died December 6, 1898.—'I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.' March, 1900."

Dr. Jefferis, in addressing the gathering, said that on the question of memorials there existed divided opinion. To him, however, it appeared necessary that a clear line should be drawn between the monuments erected to the living, and those raised in memory of the dead. A people which had not men to honor were essentially poor in that which went to the building up of a great nation, and a people that failed to honor the worthy were forgetful of an important duty. He had known Mr. Manthorpe for 45 years, and had enjoyed constant intercourse of a

known Mr. Manthorpe for 45 years, and had enjoyed constant intercourse, of a highly friendly nature, without even a slight check, with him from the beginning to the end of that period. He would not attempt an analysis of the character of Mr. Manthorpe to commend him to their thoughts that day, but there were just a few points in his nature upon which he would like to speak. Mr. Manthorpe was one who clung to the old faith. He did not take up with novelties readily, but stood steadfast in the belief known to his fathers before him. His gentleness was his great characteristic, and if, as it was said, to be gentle was to be great, then Charles Manthorpe was great. He always took the best side of one's character. There were some men whose nature would not allow them to be happy, unless they were brandishing a sword. They felt they could win no honor save in battle. There were others, who gained distinction by their quietness, gentleness, love, and Charles Manthorpe was of the latter type. He disliked controversy; he lived in the faith which was born of close communion with Christ, a faith which by experience he judged to be right; he was a liberal conservative, and men of that stamp were required to-day to preserve the vitality of the Church of God. Mr. Manthorpe was with them at Gleneig for thirty years, and although he did not pass away at the scene of so many years of devoted labor, it was gratifying to know that Charles Manthorpe had laid the foundation, and lived to see the completion of an edifice which hereafter would prove one of their leading churches. He was glad they had reared a monument to him at Gleneig. Charles Manthorpe would not be forgotten by the young people, whom he had trained in the life divine, and in years to come the name Manthorpe would be a name to honor. He asked them to strive to follow him as he had followed Christ.

The Rev. Joseph Robertson, who conveyed expressions of approval and pleasure from the governors of the Parkin trust, and from the Congregational Union, also spoke. He referred to the connection of Mr. Manthorpe with the institutions named, and to his bright, cheerful, genial presence.

The Rev. J. C. Kirby briefly addressed the gathering, and said that although Mr. Manthorpe had been referred to by Dr. Jefferis as of very gentle disposition, he had always regarded him as a man of great power, and one who used his power without stint when occasion required it.

At the termination of the addresses those present were entertained at afternoon tea by the ladies of the church. Numerous apologies from ministers of religion, and from the Mayor of Gleneig (Mr. A. J. Roberts) were announced.