

## QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL TOWER AND BELLS.

### DEDICATION SERVICE.

In St. George's Cathedral yesterday, at 6 p.m., a dedication service was held, during which the Queen Victoria memorial tower and bells were handed over to the Vestry of St. George's Cathedral by the treasurer of the committee (Mr. W. T. Loton, M.L.C.). Bishop Riley, assisted by Dean Goldsmith and Canon Letroy, conducted the service. In handing over the tower and bells, Mr. Loton said:—"On behalf of the committee appointed to erect a memorial to our late dearly beloved and gracious Queen, I have great pleasure in handing over to the Vestry of St. George's Cathedral the Victoria tower and peal of bells, entirely free from debt." The Dean, on behalf of the Vestry, having accepted the bells, the Bishop gave an address, during which he extolled the virtues of the late Queen. He remarked, that it was two years ago that day since the news came that the greatest Queen of whom we had ever heard had passed away. The bells had been hung as a memorial to the good Queen. The Bishop, at the conclusion of his address, dedicated the tower and bells, in the following words:—"We, Charles Owen Leaver, by Divine Permission Bishop in this our Cathedral Church of St. George, do solemnly dedicate and set apart from all profane and common uses, the tower and the peal of bells therein hung, to the Glory of God and in pious memory of our late Queen Victoria, to whom our nation owes a deep debt of gratitude, and for whose life we desire to thank God." The service was concluded by the congregation singing the National Anthem, after Bishop Riley had tolled the tenor bell. The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—1. The Children's Memorial to the Good Queen: "May children of her children say, she wrought her people lasting good." 2. W. T. Loton, Treasurer Memorial Committee: "While thus we join in cheerful sound, may love and loyalty abound." 3. J. T. Hobbs and J. J. Harwood, Wardens, 1901: "Ye people all that hear me ring, be faithful to your God and King." 4. F. Goldsmith, M.A., Dean: "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." 5. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., 3rd Bishop, 1894: "Ring out the false, ring in the true." 6. H. H. Parry, D.D., 2nd Bishop, 1876-1893: "Ring in the valiant man and free, the larger heart, the kindlier hand." 7. M. B. Hale, D.D., 1st Bishop, 1857-1875: "Ring out the darkness of the land, ring in the Christ that is to be." 8. In Memory of Victoria, Queen from 1837 to 1901: "Her Court was pure, her life serene; God

gave her peace; her land reposed. A thousand claims to reverence closed, in her as Mother, Wife, and Queen."

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