

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

FORMER RECTOR OF ST. PAUL'S.

UNVEILING OF A LECTERN.

In loving memory of the faithful services rendered to his parishioners by the late Rev. Augustus Barkway, a former rector of St. Paul's Church for 49 years, the parishioners subscribed to a fund to raise a memorial in his name. The gift took the form of a handsome brass eagle lectern inscribed as follows: "To the glory of God, and in affectionate memory of the Rev. Augustus Barkway, for 49 years a faithful priest of this parish."

The unveiling ceremony was conducted at St. Paul's Church last night in the presence of a large congregation. The Mayor and Aldermen were invited to attend. The Mayor and some of the others had prior engagements, but Aldermen A. W. Monds and Claude James were present.

The clergy officiating at the service were Archdeacon Beresford, Revs. G. Rowe, the present Rector of St. Paul's, and D. Ross Hewton, W. Champion, W. J. McCabe, W. Witt Gregson, W. Greenwood, G. G. Sale, J. W. Bethune, C. G. Wilkinson, M. J. Stephens and L. H. Cox.

Rev. G. Rowe welcomed the Aldermen present and apologised for the absence of Mrs P. O. Fysh and the Mayor.

Archdeacon Beresford, in the absence of the Bishop (Dr. Hay) on the mainland, performed the unveiling and spoke in affectionate terms of the memory of Rev. A. Barkway, who was rector of St. Paul's and had been some years previously, when he (the Archdeacon) was ordained. The Rev. Augustus Barkway was a man of deep sympathies and was beloved by the parishioners. He tendered thanks to all who had assisted towards providing the memorial gift and especially to Messrs F. R. Unsworth and A. S. Forrest, who were the means of lightening somewhat the expense attaching to the importation of the lectern.

Rev. J. W. Bethune, head master of the Church Grammar School, who succeeded Mr Barkway as rector of St. Paul's, preached the sermon, taking for his text, "I have finished my course; I have kept the faith," second epistle Timothy, 4-7. Mr Barkway, he said, was ordained in St. Andrew's Church, Carrick, in 1856, and on Whit Sunday, 1916, on the 60th anniversary of his ordination, he preached in the same church at the 11 o'clock service.

same church at the 11 o'clock service. Many of the present parishioners of St. Paul's revered the name of Mr Barkway, and there were many also of the former parishioners who had joined him in Paradise. As one who had succeeded him as rector of St. Paul's he (Mr Bethune) could bear testimony to the work so cheerfully undertaken by Mr Barkway on behalf of the sick, the poor and the needy. Just at the time he had been appointed rector of St. Paul's Mr Barkway, because of advancing years, could not possess the same energy in ministering to the parish that he had shown in former years, but even then he had a wonderful capacity for work and deep sympathy for his former flock. In his younger days Mr Barkway had shown great keenness in his Master's cause and wonderful energy. He used to walk from his parish every Sunday to Newham until some of the parishioners presented him with a horse to enable him to ride to take the service in that suburb. There were three things which to his mind stood out in Mr Barkway's term as rector of St. Paul's. The first was, perhaps, only a detail, but it was often times found to be of great benefit, and it showed how faithful he was in his work. He referred to the scrupulous care Mr Barkway took of keeping all the church records, and what he might term the business life of the parish. Secondly, he labored devotedly for 49 years as rector and was, as many of the older generation of parishioners could testify, the faithful friend of all, and one who was always ready to assist and comfort those in need. The third was the atmosphere of reverend worship that he seemed to have instilled into the parishioners when attending the church services. Mr Barkway was one of the pioneers of what was then known as the High Church movement, which did not consist of extravagant ritual or extraordinary services. In that connection as a follower of the movement Mr Barkway stood as a teacher of the fact that the Church of England was an essential part of the Holy Catholic Church of Christ. He had always been proud to remind his congregation of the sacred traditions and sacraments of their religion. The atmosphere of rest which Mr Barkway had inculcated in that Church was one that impressed all who attended the church even at the present time. It was no wonder that the people of the parish had not forgotten Mr Barkway and had given such a gift to the memory of one who had ministered to them for 49 years.