

REV. L. G. STEVENS, B. D. THE TALENTED RECTOR OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, PORTLAND.

Born in Massachusetts, Most of His Clerical Labors Have Been Devoted to this Province and Every Day Strengthens His Hold Upon His People.

The Rev. Lorenzo Gorham Stevens is of English-Swedish ancestry—his paternal grandparents, Abel Stevens and Hadassa Mills having come from England to Massachusetts in the latter part of the last century. His maternal grandfather was Wilhelm Edlund, shipowner and merchant of Stockholm, Sweden. The brother of the latter was private secretary to Gustavus III. His grandfather left no male issue, and the surname, so far as can be learned, is now extinct in America.

The subject of this sketch was born Dec. 26, 1846, at the celebrated summer resort, Bedford Springs, a few miles from Boston,

Trinity church, St. Stephen, N. B., and in January of the following year was admitted to the order of the priesthood in the cathedral, Fredericton, by Bishop Medley, now Metropolitan. Ministering on Canadian soil, he deemed it fitting to become a naturalized British subject and took out legal papers to that effect. He served as rector of Trinity church three years—years of marked prosperity in that church's history, both as to large congregations, generous contributions, church alterations and improvements, and spiritual life as shown in the number confirmed. The St. Croix Courier voiced the sentiment of the town's people in the following notice of his departure:

Rev. Lorenzo G. Stevens preached his farewell discourse to his people in Trinity church, last Sunday evening. He took for his text John iii., 30: "He must increase but I must decrease." At the conclusion of the sermon, which was one of great ability and power, the reverend gentleman reviewed his pastorate of the church, congratulating the congregation on the prosperity and peace which had prevailed among them, thankfully recognizing the blessing of God upon his labors, and solemnly admonishing his hearers in reference to their spiritual and eternal interests. The church was crowded upon the occasion, many persons of other denominations being present. Mr. Stevens is universally esteemed for his many estimable qualities as a gentleman and



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Mass. At twelve years of age, having "skipped" one class in the Francis Street Grammar school, Boston, he entered the Latin school, Principal Buck, where he remained five years, taking honors in Greek and Latin. At the age of seventeen, he entered, free of conditions, Harvard university, Cambridge, graduating at the age of 21. His favorite studies in college were the languages, ancient and modern history, and mental and moral philosophy. He also made a special study of physiology and anatomy as taught by Prof. Wyman, intending at that time to adopt medicine as a life profession. A large part of the year following his graduation he spent in New York city pursuing his favorite studies, anatomy and medicine, visiting the hospitals, and enjoying the instructions of such men as Dr. John Miller and Dr. Edward H. Dixon—the latter one of the most original-minded and inventive surgeons of the age.

Medicine, however, was not to be the life calling of Mr. Stevens. Possessed of keen perceptive powers (a prerequisite to a good physician), rendering a rapid and skillful diagnosis a matter of comparative ease, of a constitutionally sympathetic temperament, itself a healing medicine in a sick room, with a reasonable prospect of a fair income (Dr. Dixon's averaging \$25,000 a year), it would have been a difficult matter had not the heart's promptings overborne the head's reasonings, to exchange the prospective life of a physician for that of a clergyman.

We speak of the medical profession as a vocation, a calling—and so it should be; a man should be endowed with aptitudes and predispositions so special and marked that his whole nature unites in calling him to that distinctive work. But there is a higher call than that of local and temporary and prudential considerations—than that of even one's own capabilities and peculiar aptitudes. It is the call of the Master: "Follow me; go into all the world; disciple all nations." There is one profession which it is generally and justly thought to be presumptuous to enter without being distinctly and emphatically called—and called of God.

With this calling sounding in his heart Mr. Stevens announced his decision to his old friend and teacher, Dr. Dixon, who had once offered to place at his pupil's disposal when the end should come, suitable materials for a biography. Mr. Stevens returned to Cambridge, and in September, 1870, entered the Episcopal Theological seminary, where he remained one year. He then obtained a leave of absence and spent the years 1871 and 1872 in foreign travel, at the same time prosecuting his theological studies. Travelling slowly through Scotland, England, France and Belgium he reached Germany, where he spent eight months in Dresden and Berlin. While in the latter city he attended at the University lectures on Systematic Divinity, by the world-renowned exegete, the late Dr. Dörner. Mr. Stevens leisurely continued his travels, spending one-half the day in close study, the other half in enjoyable and instructive sight-seeing. While in St. Petersburg he made a careful observation of the Russian life, as also of the religion of the Eastern Greek church, as seen in the daily life of the people, and as displayed in the gorgeous and sensuous ceremonial of both parish and cathedral churches. Journeying through Finland, he reached Upsala, Sweden, and visited the ancient university of his ancestors, thence to Stockholm, the birthplace of his grandfather. After a lengthy and profitable tour he returned again to Cambridge and graduated with the degree of B. D. in the seminary class of 1874. The seminary studies in which he took high rank were ecclesiastical history, systematic divinity and comparative religion.

His diaconate he spent in Massachusetts, doing mission work and preaching in several places. In September, 1875, he received a unanimous call to the rectorship of

a clergyman, and his departure from St. Stephen is very generally regretted. He enters at once upon his duties as rector of the Parish of Portland, St. John.

Mr. Stevens, who is an enthusiastic lover of music, the editor and compiler of the Children's Hymnary, and a frequent composer of hymn tunes, chants and carols, received the following testimonial from Trinity church choir:

As you are about to take your departure from us as our pastor and director, we keenly feel the loss to which we have to submit, and on behalf of the members of the choir, would ask you to accept this photo, group as a small token of our respect and esteem.

Trusting you may long live to gaze on these faces as those of your genuine friends, we wish you prosperity and happiness in your future charge.

At a conversation, held in St. Luke's church Sunday-school room, Nov. 13, 1878, the following address of welcome was presented:

Reverend and dear sir: On behalf of the vestry and congregation of St. Luke's church, we cordially welcome you among us as our pastor, and sincerely trust that, with the blessing of God and the cheerful and earnest co-operation of the members of this church, you may be the means of bringing many into the number of Christ's flock; and may God grant that the ties of friendship now formed between us, by His grace, strengthened more and more, as day by day we work together in unity and love in the service of our divine Master, either in the church, Sunday-school, or in our daily intercourse with the world. May God give you wisdom and strength to fulfil your duties as our pastor, and long spare you to work among us, to His honor and glory.

On behalf of the congregation, FRANCIS L. RUDDOCK, Church Warden. ROBERT A. GREGORY, Church Secretary.

In entering upon the many and various duties of a large and scattered semi-rural parish like that of St. Luke's, Mr. Stevens showed the same energy and persistence that characterized his pastorate in St. Stephen. On May 28, 1875, St. Luke's church edifice was totally destroyed by fire. For two years and more the congregation had been worshipping in the basement of the church—the Sunday school room. One of the most pressing works to engage the attention of the new rector was the completion of the church building, as yet containing only a skeleton gallery and a large stock of lumber and boards. In the removal of the side galleries and in the selecting of plans (Fourteenth Century English Gothic), in the substitution of richly paneled woods instead of plaster for the ceiling, the rector's careful study of church architecture served him well, and aided by the enthusiastic co-operation of a generous people, the interior of St. Luke's was soon finished and presented such an appearance of massiveness, grandeur and symmetrical beauty, that the humble parish church possesses architectural features lacking in many pretentious cathedrals.

To speak of parish work, Mr. Stevens acts as director and leader of the choir, superintendent of the large and flourishing Sunday school (numbering over 350 pupils, with 36 teachers and officers), and patron of the St. Luke's Church Institute (the Y. M. A. and Y. L. A. societies amalgamated). In extra-parochial work he is likewise active. As a member of the Church of England Sunday School Teachers' association for the Deanery of St. John, he has delivered several essays before that body, three of which have, by special request, been published by the local press, and wholly or largely copied into the church papers, viz., "Cause of Unbelief," "Children's Services," and "Sunday School Missionary Work." He has also delivered several lectures for the benefit of churches of his own communion as well as for other religious bodies, "Pre-Christian Religions and Their Relations to Christianity—A Study in Comparative Religion;" "The Parson—His Trials and Triumphs," and "An Evening with Longfellow," the latter of which was given in the regular course at the Mechanics' Institute.

In the year 1882, Mr. Stevens received three repeated and pressing invitations to take the professorial chair of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity in Wycliffe college, Toronto. Visiting Cambridge to seek the advice of Rev. Dr. Steenstra, Professor of Hebrew Literature and of the Rev. Dr. Allen, Professor of Ecclesiastical History and author of the great work, The Continuity of Christian Thought, Mr. Stevens was highly complimented on his teaching powers, and urged to accept the proffered

professorship. After slowly deliberating, however, on the relative importance of "teaching teachers" and preaching to prospective preachers, and the perhaps, humbler duty of pastorally ministering to the needs of a parish, he finally decided to remain "parson," with the multitudinous opportunities for disseminating truth, rather than become "professor" in a higher, though more restricted, field of work.

But the extra parochial honor which he most prizes was extended to him by his alma mater, in 1883. There is annually chosen from among the alumni a lecturer to address the students regarding such topics as his experience may lead him to impress upon candidates for the ministry. Mr. Stevens was the one chosen from his class by the trustees for this valued distinction. A church paper thus speaks of the selection:

The Rev. L. G. Stevens, B.D., the rector of St. Luke's, Portland, was elected to deliver the annual course of lectures on "Preaching," before the students of the Cambridge Protestant Episcopal Divinity school. This is a high and well-deserved tribute to the power and worth of the beloved rector of St. Luke's. He is doing a splendid work in Portland, in which may be found more and more the presence and blessing of the Master, and glad returns of precious souls brought to the knowledge and love of the Saviour.

He has also taken a lively interest in temperance work, and has delivered in many places a carefully prepared and exhaustive lecture, "Two Rivals; or, The Home versus the Saloon." As a member of the F. and A. M. he has often acted as chaplain of various lodges, and has, on several occasions, given select readings at Masonic entertainments. As chaplain of the Royal Arcanum he is interested in bringing the important subject of "cheap but safe life-insurance" to the attention of frugal working men and men with small salaries. He recently gave the annual address to the St. John and Portland Foresters on the subject of "Life Insurance from a Christian as Well as Pecuniary Standpoint." This address—itsself a legitimate and powerful advertisement—was published in full in the Sun and in the Independent Forester. Mr. Stevens has recently been elected one of the local Board of Governors of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life association of New York city—the most successful mutual association of the kind in the world.

"With regard to the method of preaching," he says, "I make all my reading, all my conversation with men upon the street, or with my people in the homes, all that I see and all that I hear, contribute to the perfection of a sermon. I believe that the minister of the gospel should bear his heart upon his sleeve, where any man can touch it—that he should be intensely human in his sympathies; and for this end much depends on the books he makes his daily companions. The four books I always have on my study table are the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, Shakespeare and Thomas A Kempis. I regard the three latter as first-class commentaries upon the Book of books. The books I have under the table and around it—well, among them are the best modern novels. I think they are very supplemental as illustrating and analyzing experiences in modern complex civilization, which are not taken note of in so-called religious commentaries. Nor must I forget to acknowledge my indebtedness to the daily newspaper, from which I draw many a Sunday illustration, and to the perusal of which I give an hour every morning. The longer I preach the more I am convinced the ideal sermon, the successful sermon, is one which holds together, as with a firm but hidden hand, the best elements of all classes of sermons, doctrinal, topical, expository, practical and notatory—though of course there are times and circumstances when one feature must be made emphatically prominent to the temporary neglect of the others."

In churchmanship the rector of St. Luke's is an Eclectic. He identifies himself with no one party, but while not hesitating to fellowship with all sorts and conditions of men, he is unwaveringly loyal to the Church of England. He firmly holds to the belief that the Church of England, as she expresses the Catholic faith in her ordinal, sacraments and liturgy, is the best religious organization, the roomiest church on the face of the earth. "With regard," he says, "to the three schools of thought in our branch of the church universal—High, Low and Broad—I think that in each are certain weaknesses and errors, that all are open to friendly and remedial criticism—and so I identify myself wholly with no one of them. I appreciate the emphasis which the High church section places on the thought of historic continuity, on the need of a ritual dignified, ornate and worshipful, which would have all things done decently and in order. I admire the earnestness with which the Low church school insist upon the need of the personal coming of the soul to the personal Christ—the need of interpreting doctrines by Christ, and not Christ by doctrines, the need of making more room for God and man in the soul than for mere theories concerning them. And I unhesitatingly say that I am in complete sympathy with the Broad church section, in so far as its motif is concerned—in so far as it teaches that the men who will serve the church best today are those who can readjust methods and expressions without modifying the truth taught in Scripture. This eclecticism I regard as a far different thing from that politic choice which makes the colorless churchman who carefully avoids committing himself—a kind of man for whom I have little respect."

Aug. 30, 1881, Mr. Stevens was married to Susan Lynde, only surviving daughter of the late Dr. John Waddell, for 27 years superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic asylum, than whom probably no man in New Brunswick was better or more generally known, or whose name and works will be held in more grateful remembrance.

The 11th of next November will complete a ten years' rectorship; and the 23rd of next December (Sunday) will mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of St. Luke's—Archdeacon Coster having preached the inaugural sermon Dec. 23, 1838. It will be a red-letter day in the history of the parish of Portland, and will be observed by special jubilee services. The rector has been requested by the vestry to write an illustrated history of St. Luke's church—the book to be limited in cost to \$1. Joseph W. Lawrence, Esq., for six years a Sunday school teacher in St. Luke's church, and Sir Leonard Tilley, for fifteen years its vestry clerk, have each consented to prepare a monogram for the work, which will doubtless have a ready and wide circulation, both within the parish and among the many families outside the parish who in past times have been adherents of St. Luke's.

Twenty-Four Hours in their Day. "The duties of a Salvation Army officer," said Adjutant Southall to PROGRESS, a few days ago, "are many and varied; so much so that it would be almost impossible to be strictly systematic in their work." All officers of the army are required to do eighteen hours of visiting each week. Monday is pretty well taken up in making reports to the different headquarters. The rest of the week is divided amongst all kinds of work, but they try to spend three hours in visitation each day. Saturday the War Cry arrives and the day is given to disposing of them. In many cases the officers have to keep house for themselves and this takes up considerable of their time.



NEW YORK, May 22nd, 1888. GENTLEMEN:—I have found BOVINE of great value in my family, especially with the baby, who was unable to retain any food until we began the use of your preparation. I think it saved her life. Very respectfully, C. H. PINKHAM, President Bank of Harlem. CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 3rd, 1887. I have been prescribing Bovine in hospital and private practice, for the past two or three years, in cases of mal-nutrition or wasting produced by typhoid fever, tuberculosis and allied conditions, and find it of marked benefit in sustaining the strength of the patient. I usually combine it with milk. D. A. K. STEELE, M.D., President of the Chicago Medical Society and Professor in the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

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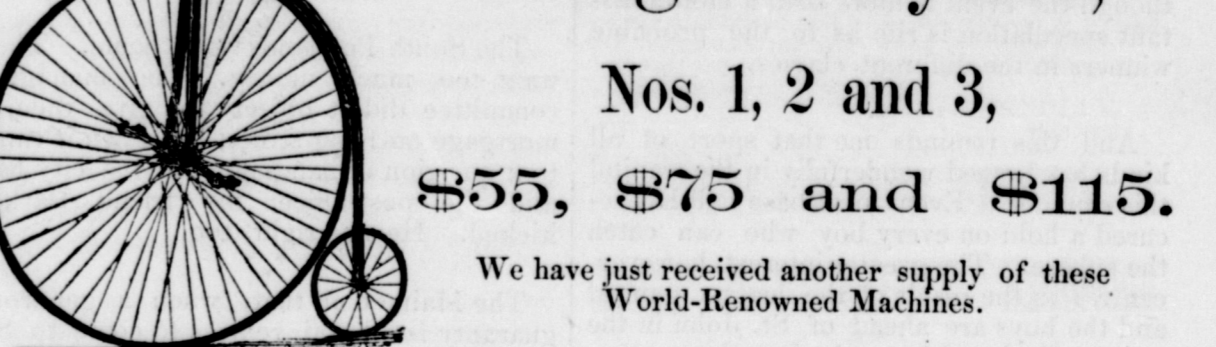
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Rudge Bicycles, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, \$55, \$75 and \$115.



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Sault Ste. Marie Canal.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for the Sault Ste. Marie Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the eastern and western mails on TUESDAY, the 23rd day of October next, for the formation and construction of a Canal on the Canadian side of the river, through the Island of St. Mary. The works will be let in two sections, one of which will embrace the formation of the canal through the island, the construction of locks, etc. The other, the deepening and widening of the channel-way at both ends of the canal, construction of piers, etc. A map of the locality, together with plans and specifications of the works, can be seen at this office on and after TUESDAY, the 9th day of October next, where printed forms of tender can also be obtained. A like class of information relative to the works, can be seen at the office of the Local Officer in the Town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Intending contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms and be accompanied by a letter stating that the person or persons tendering have carefully examined the locality and the nature of the material found in the trial pits. In the case of firms, there must be attached the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the firm; and further, a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$20,000 must accompany the tender for the canal and locks; and a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$7,500 must accompany the tender for the deepening and widening of the channel-way at both ends, piers, etc. The respective deposit receipts—cheques will not be accepted—must be endorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works, at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted. The deposit receipt sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted. This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tenders. By order, A. P. BRADLEY, Secretary. Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 8th August, 1888.

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