

Splendid Services of Sir Anthony Musgrave.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S TRIBUTE.

Unveiling Ceremony at Half-way Tree Church.

A special service was held at the Parish Church, Half-way Tree, last night, when His Grace Archbishop Nuttall unveiled a tablet which has been erected in the Church to the memory of the late Sir Anthony Musgrave, who was Governor of Jamaica from 1877 to 1883.

In addition to the Archbishop the Rev. Canon Wortley and the Rev. E. B. Pike were also in attendance.

His Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Dr. Pringle were among those who attended the service.

A shortened form of evening prayer with appropriate hymns, was carried through after which the address was delivered by the Archbishop.

His Grace took his text from Proverbs 10th chapter, seventh verse "the memory of the just is blessed", and said:

As we advance in years there is a gradual transfer of our earthly associations and interests from the future and the present to the past: what were once possibilities of the future or facts and interests of the present become memories of the past; and eventually in passing away of those whom we have known, honoured and loved becomes one of the principal outstanding features of our experience as the months and years go by.

The last time I was in this Church just four weeks ago (with many of you who are now present) it was to take part in the funeral service of the Honourable T. B. Oughton, K.C., Attorney General of Jamaica who at the time of his death was acting as Chief Justice of the island. He was among those whom one of my age could have expected to leave behind as one of the working forces of the colony; but he passed away in the prime of life. On coming to live in this neighbourhood he became a communicant member of this Church. He was a man of great natural ability which had been well developed. Devoted to his pro-

fession he was at an early age an expert in the knowledge required for it. Inflexible in his integrity, truthfulness, honour and devoted to public and private duty, his career was in every way a credit and a benefit to this island where he was born; and his death at the early age of 43 has deprived the country of a highly valued public servant, and the cause of truth and righteousness of a strong supporter. But "The memory of the just is blessed."

This evening we are to recall the career of one who departed this life many years ago after having filled up the usual time allotted to man for effective service. Sir Anthony Musgrave was a West Indian by birth. After adequate preparation and training he entered the public Service of the Empire in which he filled various positions with credit to himself and benefit to the people. His work in Newfoundland, British Colombia, and Natal was noteworthy in character and in results of permanent value. He came to Jamaica as Governor of the island in 1877 in the maturity of his powers, and occupied that position till 1883 when he was appointed Governor of Queensland. He visited Jamaica for a few days in 1886 while on furlough from his duties in Queensland. Soon after this visit he returned to Queensland and died there after a few hours suffering on the 9th of October, 1888, close upon his 60th birthday, at which date, according to a despatch found on his table after his death, he desired to retire from the public service. He thus passed without an interval from the earthly work to the heavenly rest.

Since 1862 I have

KNOWN TEN GOVERNORS

of Jamaica besides Lieutenant and Acting Governors. With each of these I have more or less been brought into personal contact, and with some of them into friendship which has proved to be life long. They have been men of various types, and each in his own way has with diligence and devotion sought to promote the best interests of the country, some with ordinary and some with marked success. My reading of history and my personal experiences have led me to the conviction that with some drawbacks (as is the case with all human arrangements) it is on the whole a good thing that successive Governors of British Colonies should be men of different types. This prevents a one-sided development; and sometimes also the advent of the Governor, with no special powers of initiative but with a strong desire for administrative efficiency, is a valuable check on a too rapid development in one direction or another. I have learnt too that it is well for a ruler in either Church or State to accept readily whatever he can wisely use from among the friendly or unfriendly criticisms and suggestions which are offered to him: to frame his own policy and steadily pursue it, always however, giving careful attention to correct information and sound argu-

ment from whatever source received but also oblivious always to clamour and impatience. And it is all the better if the policy so framed should include a determination to build as much as possible on foundations already laid, and so avoid dislocation and waste of effort and resources; and to begin fresh enterprises, not