

of preparation of a diocese that should deserve so noble a mother church.

That period lasted from A.D.680 to A.D.1084.

The second period was one of building and re-building. The earliest part of the present Cathedral dates from A.D.1084, and the latest important addition to it was built A.D.1504.

The third period was one of many vicissitudes, pillage, decay, restoration and use, and extends from A.D.1504 to the present day.

There is a fine peal of twelve bells and a carillon.

Through a long and eventful history the Cathedral has travelled through the ages to our generation; not surely, that we should be merely the custodians of a great architectural monument, but in order that the piety and devotion and lavish generosity of the past should find here, in the worship and religious teaching of today, their worthiest expression and appreciation.

A. R. B.

ALONE I stand beneath the trees,  
Their branches waving in the breeze  
That fans the river wandering free  
Down Severn Valley to the sea:  
I watch the old mace-bearer pass  
Before the Dean, along the grass  
That lies between the Church and those  
High houses in the ancient close.

Above the houses and their smoke,  
And far across the Vale, there spoke,—  
As speaks from History's living page,—  
Some message, born of mellowing age,  
Some fadeless, beneficial power,  
From Worcester's stately, grave grey tower,  
To ease "the fever and the fret"  
Mid which man's earthly life is set.

The birds nest in the lofty ledges:  
Lovers, intent on mutual pledges,  
Out of the street and sun-bright air  
Into the dim and cool Nave fare  
To pray awhile, and rest the heart,  
And seek a blessing, ere they part:  
Drawn by the strains from quiring stalls,  
I pass within these mighty walls.

Through high flung roofs the rich notes spread,  
As down aisle, with leisured tread,  
The people come,—the young, the old,  
Whom hallowed expectations hold;  
Withdrawn in reverie, I sit  
Within this place, so happily fit  
For meditation, which proclaims  
The Holy Name above all names.

Yet stronger, longer than grey stone,  
Remains his word, written, or thrown  
How heedless to the scattering wind!  
For thought, like God's Eternal Mind,  
Eternal is,—a portion sent  
From His. Then rest thee here content,  
O questioning soul! and feel no grief  
That man's earth-life should seem so brief.

EVA MARY GREW.

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