

moved to his place at the altar, and the Bishops of Natal and St. Helena to their places, north and south below the footpace, as Epistoler and Gospeller. Morning prayer had been read at half-past eight.

The Nicene Creed ended, the Dean was conducted to the pulpit, and preached from Ephesians ii. 19—22. I shall not make extracts, but shall send you a copy of the sermon, as you will doubtless like to notice it in another column.

The Dean was suffering from a severe cold, but his earnestness soon overcame the physical weakness of his voice, and he was heard throughout with the deepest attention. His impressive concluding address awakened very deep emotion throughout the congregation.

After the sermon the Dean returned to his place, and whilst the hymn, "Christ is made the sure foundation," was being sung, the Bishop-designate, accompanied by the Revs. Albert Wood, W. Fitz-Harry Curtis, and his acting chaplain, F. Procter, retired to the vestry, where he put on his rochet. Returning down the central passage, he was met at the chancel steps by the assistant Bishops, and each taking him by the hand led him towards the Metropolitan seated on the faldstool or seat placed in front of the altar, and the following words were spoken by the Bishop of Natal:—

Right Reverend Father in God, we present unto you this godly and well-learned man to be ordained and consecrated Bishop.

The rubric demanding the Queen's mandate of course was not observed. The word *charge* was substituted for *diocese*. The oath of supremacy was administered by the Registrar, and then the oath following by the Metropolitan:—

*The Oath of Obedience to the Metropolitan Bishop.*

In the name of God, Amen. I, Charles Frederick Mackenzie, chosen Bishop of the Mission to the tribes dwelling in the neighbourhood of the Lake Nyassa and River Shire, do profess and promise all due reverence and obedience to the Metropolitan Bishop and Metropolitan Church of Capetown, and to their successors. So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

After the invitation to prayer, the Metropolitan knelt down at his seat, with the precentor on his right hand, Chaplain on his left, the Bishop-elect and Bishops-assistant a few steps lower, and the Litany was sung; after which, and the interrogations being put, the Bishop-elect was conducted as before to the vestry, where he assumed the customary Episcopal vestments. During his absence, the anthem, "O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem," was sung; and on his return, kneeling at the feet of the Metropolitan, Palæstrina's *Veni Creator Spiritus* was sung. The imposition of hands followed, in which the three Bishops joined. A large and beautifully bound copy of the Holy Scriptures was then presented by the Metropolitan, which the new Bishop delivered to the care of his chaplain, and was then conducted to his seat next that of the junior Suffragan.

The Offertory was then collected. The clergy from the stalls and from the south chapel came forward and made their offerings, and remained at the altar-rails till they had communicated. The Dean received the alms, and then brought the elements of bread and wine to the Metropolitan. The four Bishops administered the Communion. About 100 of the laity remained and communicated. The service concluded, the Dean preceded by the vergers, conducted the Metropolitan, and the rest, to the vestry, the procession following, returning in reverse order to that in which it entered the church.

Thus concluded one of the most memorable services ever celebrated in South Africa. Thus ended the consecration of the first Missionary Bishop of England's Church since the Reformation. Let us hope it will be but the beginning of great and glorious things, that this "*little one may become a thousand*," till, in the words of the Bishop of Natal, a