

(a). Ritual should be founded on common sense and Catholic usage. (b). Ritual is "The order for the administration of the Sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the Church, and the forms of making, ordaining, and consecrating bishops, priests, and deacons. (c). Ritual in the Church of England is the Book of Common Prayer in its integrity.

But "Ritualism" now popularly used, is a term which with the terms "Real presence," "High Church," "Sacredotalism," etc., etc., have been invented for no other purpose than as shibboleths for polemical warfare; and are quite harmless when brought to the test of a dictionary and common sense.

Q. What are the practices now chiefly called "Ritualistic?"

(a). The use of certain vestments at the celebration of the Holy Communion. (b). The position of the celebrant at the same Holy Sacrament with relation to the position of the Lord's Table. (c). The use of lights upon the Lord's Table, during the celebration of the Holy Communion. (d). The use of incense during Divine service.

Q. Explain further.

(a). The vestments for those who celebrate the Holy Communion are:—The *alb*, the *chasuble* or *vestment*, the *amice*, the *stole*, the *tunicle*, the *girdle*. The *alb* is a close fitting surplice with tight sleeves, for convenience is consecrating and administering. The *chasuble*, or the *vestment*, is the special and distinct 'robe' of the priest as celebrant. It originated among the early Christians from the "best garment," or "toga." As the surplice has changed its shape somewhat from that of the garment ordinarily worn by the Lord and His Apostles in Eastern lands, so the *chasuble* has somewhat changed its shape, being now less voluminous than the "over garment" of the Eastern; but the surplice, *alb*, *chasuble*, etc., etc., are so many links in the chain which connects the Church of to-day with that of apostolic and primitive times. Worldly fashions change, but the Church *semper eadem* retained and yet retains this dress. The *amice* is a primitive vestment used in early days to cover the neck and shoulders, it afterwards received the addition of a hood to cover the head until the priest came before the altar, when the hood was thrown back. We have the remains of this in the present *hood* and *bands*. (Hook's Dictionary of Church terms). The *stole* now used by a priest at all services in the Church of England is in reality only a Eucharistic vestment, and its use can only be justified upon the same rubrical law as that which orders the *chasuble*, *cope*, etc., etc. The *tunicle* is a garment worn over the *alb* by those who assist the celebrating priest. The *girdle* is the ancient band for girding the dress of those who move about in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

(b). The position of the celebrating priest is defined in the Rubrics of the Prayer Book as twofold. (1). At the north side (not end) and before the altar, which is also before the people. (2). And turned towards the people, each position as common sense would naturally dictate, i.e., when offering or ministering for the people—at their head—and when offering or ministering to the people—turned towards them.

(c). Lights upon the altar. Among the ornaments of the Church in use in the second year of Edward VI. were two lights upon the altar. These were retained by the Injunctions issued in the second year of Edward VI. in the following words: "But only two lights upon the high altar before the Sacrament which for the signification that Christ is the very true light of the world they shall suffer to remain still."

(1). The use of lights was an ancient and universal custom of the Church. (2). Was not abrogated by our Reformers. (3). Was distinctly and definitely recognized in Archbishop Cranmer's Visitation Articles in 1547. (4). The chief reviser of our present Prayer Book, (Bishop Cosin) states that he understands the Ornaments Rubric to include them. (5). The altar candlesticks are retained by unbroken tradition to this day, in many cathedrals, college chapels, and parish churches in England. That they were not needed for necessary light is evident from I., there was no

late evening service until the close of the last century, and none in cathedrals until the last few years. And II., no part of evening service is proscribed to be said at the altar. And III., evening Communion had not been heard of.

(d). Incense. An ancient and universal custom. The last authoritative voice on this custom is that of the Report of the Committee of the Lower House of Convocation, adopted by the Lower House, and received by the bishops in 1866, viz:—"The Committee are of opinion that the censuring of ministers or ornaments is inadmissible. With regard to the simpler use of the incense above described (i.e., in a standing vessel), the Committee think it sufficient to remark that it should not be introduced without the sanction of competent ecclesiastical authority."

FINIS.

Diocesan Intelligence.

NOVA SCOTIA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WINDSOR.—A new church has been begun in this place, and promises to be the handsomest in the Province. The money has been nearly all raised by subscription, and through the industry of the ladies. The plans were drawn by a well-known American church architect. Windsor enjoyed a mission conducted by Father Hall, of the Church of the Advent, Boston, last autumn, and his earnest counsels have been the means of making the people more earnest. Canon Maynard, the venerable rector, may well feel rejoiced at the bright prospect before his parish.

HORTON.—Church work is progressing in this parish. The church of St. James, Kentville, has been moved to a better site, and a handsome new chancel is to be put on. The plans for the improvements were gratuitously furnished by Hurd Peters, Esq., of St. John, the architect of the mission chapel in that city. The change for the better in Kentville has been brought about through the indefatigable exertions of the rector, the Rev. J. O. Ruggles. The lower end of the parish, Wolfville and Grand Pre, is in charge of the curate, the Rev. G. J. D. Peters. Two services are held in the church of St. John the Divine, Wolfville, each Sunday, and an afternoon one in the Grangers' hall, Grand Pre. There is always a large congregation at the latter place, which is a new station; and the people have bought a good organ for the services. The services of the church are very hearty. The chancel has been fitted of late with rich hangings and dossal "wings." A handsome carved altar was given last year by the Sewing Society. The legal ornaments are upon the retable. A large class is in preparation for Confirmation.

MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MONTREAL.—The Bishop closes his eastern township tour by holding a general ordination at Bascobel. There are three gentlemen in deacon's orders who are open to present themselves for priest's orders on Trinity Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Bridge, of St. Phillip's-burg, Rev. P. W. Chambers, B.A., of Aylwin, and Rev. Mr. Saunders, of West Shefford.

The annual deanery meeting for the Bedford district will be held in Waterloo on the 6th, and that of St. Andrew's at Aylmer on the 8th. The Bishop will preside at both.

A MORTUARY chapel attached to the church of Stanbridge East, and built at the expense of Rev. F. Constantine, the incumbent, was duly consecrated lately, and set apart to its sacred purposes.

The sympathies of the clergy of the diocese go out to the Rev. C. P. Abbott and his family in the great bereavement they have been called upon to undergo in the death from typhoid fever of their eldest son, a promising youth in his eighteenth year. He was just entering upon his studies, with the view ultimately of entering the ministry. May it be that he has entered a higher ministry. He rests in peace.

The Synod of the diocese is to be adjourned for a week, or until St. Peter's Day, so as to allow its members the privilege of witnessing the consecration of one of its distinguished members, Dr. Sullivan, as Bishop of Algoma. We hope the largest and clearest church

will be used. The choice lies between Trinity and St. George. The latter has the more ample chancel, and a large chancel is necessary to lend dignity to the scene.

TRINITY church in the city, we are given to understand, has by the joint and persevering efforts of Bishop Bond and Canon Evans, and the hearty assistance of Mr. Gault and others, at last emerged from its monetary difficulties, and may be pronounced saved to the diocese. It is probable it will become a parish in the gift of the Bishop. Unfortunately, in some respects, he cannot make it his cathedral, as that dignity is by Letters Patent attached to Christ Church of the parish of Montreal.

The corner-stone of the new church of St. John in West Shefford was laid with the combined ceremonies of the Church and the Freemasons. We believe that a hint was taken from the similar ceremonies that were enacted at the laying of the corner-stone of the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church, and more prominence given to the religious ceremonies. A large crowd gathered, and the ceremonies were devoutly and harmoniously performed. We notice that among the Church papers put in the cavity of the corner-stone, no place was found for the DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

THE Bishop's tour this year has been a most interesting and profitable one. A larger number of candidates were presented than was expected, some adults were baptized, converts from Rome and the sects received. A church at Adamsville was consecrated, this the gift of one individual, built at his expense and furnished completely from the bell in turret to the altar in chancel and stained windows in the walls. The gentleman, George Adams, Esq., is the giver. Would that more of our rich men would follow his example in the country, and the rich men of our cities follow the example of H. F. Gault. When our men of wealth begin to show an interest thus in the general welfare of the Church then we may expect our Church to make more progress and able to rise above the constant and worrying attention to the ways and means for raising diocesan funds.

IMMEDIATELY after Synod the Bishop goes westward in his diocese.

MONTREAL this summer wears quite a cosmopolitan character. We have Jews from various quarters and Germans and Swiss, and these with the influx of French Yankee element from the line, or from across it, fill our streets with varying features and tongues.

BISHOP LAFLECHE, of the Roman communion, and Bishop of Three Rivers, has at last arrived from Rome; and notwithstanding all the tactics shown by the Jesuits, it cannot be disguised that his mission to Rome as against the Liberal University of Laval having a footing in Montreal diocese, has been a failure.

BISHOP FABRE, though called a *brouge*, or in other words, a Liberal in politics, is evidently the opposite in religion. He has issued a pastoral (not having any immediate impelling cause therefor just now, that we are aware of) in which he orders all under his control to do their utmost in keeping from contact with Protestants. They must have no dealings with them socially, and above all keep from going to funerals, etc., etc. Quite ultramontane such a command, is it not?

AYLWIN.—This mission is in vigorous life under its energetic incumbent, Rev. P. W. Chambers, B.A. A large number of young people are being prepared for Confirmation, and when the Bishop goes up in July a little church in an outlying portion of the extensive mission is to be consecrated and the corner-stone of one in Wright to be laid. Several of the clergy are invited up, but being on a Sunday will prevent some of them from going. The railroad that is taking shape and reality is giving new life and energy to the place.

ONTARIO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

KEMPTVILLE.—His Lordship the Bishop of Ontario has appointed Thursday, 22nd June, for dedicating the Patton Memorial Church in this place. A large number of friends are expected from all parts to assist on the occasion. All will receive a hearty welcome from the rector and his people. A very handsome Brussels carpet has been presented to the rector for the chancel and sanctuary by George Keating, Esq., an earnest Churchman and good working parishioner.

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