

The clergy present on the occasion, were the Right Rev. J. Cleveland Coxe, Bishop of Western New York; the Rev. Drs. Shelton and VanRensselaer, of the same diocese; the Rev. Dr. Fuller; the Rev. Messrs. Robertson and Ingles; and the Rector of the parish, the Rev. D. S. F. McLeod. Prayers were said by the Rev. Dr. Fuller and Mr. Ingles: the Lessons read by the Rev. Mr. Robertson: the Litany, by Dr. Shelton. Dr. VanRensselaer took the ante-Communion; and the sermon was preached by Bishop Coxe, taking his text from Psalm lxxviii. 18. His discourse was as remarkable for its clear and manly enunciation of the distinctive principles of the Church, as for the eloquence and force with which it was delivered. A correspondent of the county paper thus speaks of the Bishop's sermon:—"Let it be understood that I do not pretend to give even a faint outline to the most impressive address which I ever had the privilege to hear, nor can I convey an idea how text, time and locality were dovetailed into each other, as if by inspiration. He shewed how bountifully and in how many ways had Providence showered down gifts on mankind in all countries: how the ministers of the gospel from the days of the apostles to the present time were among those gifts. He dwelt most affectionately upon the character and labours of our own venerable Diocesan. He went on to shew how impolitic it was for the recipients to shut their eyes to the Divine origin of these gifts, and how certainly retribution followed the footsteps of nations when they ignored the Omnipotence of the Most High. He barely touched upon the unhappy war that had desolated his own country, as an evidence among the many to be adduced from the pages of history where national arrogance and vain glory had met with a terrible overthrow in mid career by the inscrutable decree of Heaven. He congratulated the members of the Church at Clifton on the acquisition of the 'beautiful house' wherein we were congregated, with its portals facing that mighty work of the God of nature—the Falls of Niagara, whose foaming waters continuously rolled their measureless volumes, a boundary between two distinct nationalities, but whose people could unite in Divine Worship at the shrine of the same Deity: foreshadowing the time when, by such a union, a bond of brotherhood would be created, as the sure and only means of avoiding war and its attendant evils. He pictured the giddy sight-seeing throng, wending their way hourly in pursuit of pleasure towards the cataract, arrested by the sight of a temple reared in the vicinity of nature's grandest work, in honour of the Architect of the whole universè, its spire pointing to His throne in the heavens, surmounted with the emblem of Christianity, in token of his mercy as well as his Omnipotence. This and much more for the matter: for the manner, I feel how completely I fail in my description, and yet how readily the censorious will accuse me of hyperbole. I would style the bishop a giant in intellect, a child in simplicity of verbiage, as one eminently endowed with the will and the power to Christianize his fellow men. In all his remarks under the various heads of his discourse, not one word escaped calculated to arouse a thought or feeling inappropriate to the place, the day or its duties."

THE FAREWELL OF A MISSIONARY PARTY.

An interesting gathering took place lately at the house of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, in Pall-mall, the occasion being a farewell service to a missionary party, about to proceed, under the auspices of the society, to Burmah and Malacca. The service was held in accordance with a resolution adopted by the society in June last, to the effect that "the colonial and missionary bishops, and all missionaries and other agents of the society about to proceed on foreign service, as well as on their occasional return to this country, be, when it is possible, invited to meet the standing committee, and also to join the officers and members of the society in such religious services as may, from time to time, be approved by the President." Among those present were the Bishop of Oxford, Bishop Smith (late of Victoria, China), the Revs. G. Ainslie, J. W. Buckley, R. M. Benson, W. G. E. Knollys, B. Belcher, C. B. Pearson, N. Wade, P. Thresher, R. West, P. Cazenove, Esq., &c. The Rev. W. T. Bullock,