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THE BISHOP'S DEPARTURE.

WE give place this week to the valedictory address of the Bishop to the clergy and laity assembled in St. Luke's Cathedral on the 29th ult., to partake with him of the Holy Communion on the eve of his departure to attend the General Anglican Council, and "to wish him good luck in the name of the Lord."

In the early morning, seeing that the weather was beautifully fine, and the season a busy one, we expected that but a few would feel able to respond to the invitation of the Dean. But the first booming strokes of St. Luke's bell soon convinced us that where there is a will there is a way—where the desire is there will the bodily presence be. From all sides—in carriages and on foot—the congregation began to assemble, and soon a large number of worshippers occupied the ground-floor and galleries of the nave, whilst in the vestry, besides the Bishop, we noticed the Dean, the Venerable the Archdeacon of Nova Scotia, Rev. Canons Hensley and Gilpin, the Rectors of Liverpool, Windsor, Rawdon and Bridgewater, the Chaplain of H. M. Forces, the Missionary at Falkland, and several other clergyman—in all fifteen—in surplices. Among the congregation and also at the Lord's Table, were the Rector and Curate of St. Paul's, the Curate of St. George's, (the Rector being out of town,) and the Missionaries stationed at Three Fathom Harbour and Lower Stewiacke. The service commenced at 8 o'clock, A. M., and was a very hearty one—the whole congregation joining in the responses, and in singing the hymns to the well-known tunes of Old Hundredth and St. Peter's, Oxford. The Communion service alone was used.

After the Ante-Communion, the Bishop ascended the pulpit, and with words of wisdom and charity addressed a most attentive congregation. His address will be found elsewhere under its proper head, as at the request of the clergy it appears in full, in this number of the Church Chronicle.

Then followed the administration of the Lord's Supper, of which about three hundred and sixty persons partook,—the officiating clergy being the Bishop, the Dean, the Archdeacon, and Canons Gilpin and Hensley.

The service being concluded, the Bishop received in the cathedral porch the address of the congregation of St. Luke's, headed by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. To this feeling address, read by the Registrar of the Diocese, Henry Pryor, Esq., the Bishop made an appropriate reply, and then one after another of the congregation, beginning with the good Sir Fenwick, shook hands with their Bishop, and bade him God speed—the moist eye and the look of reverent affection showing that a bond stronger and closer than mere respect, attaches this chief pastor and people together, and draws on such an occasion the college dignitaries