

Though the Church extends her veneration to the remains of all her departed children, she pays most especial honour to the relics of those who have died in the odour of sanctity. The elegant Christian poet Prudentius (A. D. 406) frequently records the devotion which the faithful of that period exhibited towards the relics of the saints. Amongst other honours, flowers were strewn, and perfumes sprinkled at their shrines and altars :

" Nos tecta fovēbimus ossa
Violis et fronde frequenti
Titulumque et frigida saxa
Liquidō spargemus odore."—*CATHEN. X.*

At the close of the Visitation at Dartmouth, the Bishop and six of the Clergy were hospitably entertained at dinner in the Glebe House, by the new Pastor.

Early on Monday morning the Bishop and the Rev. Mr. Kennedy set out for the interesting French settlement at Chezetcook. They arrived about eleven o'clock, and found the entire population drawn up to receive them. The men presented arms. When the Bishop drew near all knelt to receive his Blessing, and after he had passed a *feu de joie* was fired by the musqueteers. Nearly twenty years have elapsed since the last Visitation at this secluded spot, and the exultation of the poor people knew no bounds. The Church was speedily filled, and Mass was sung by the Rev'd. Mr. McDonnell. The opening ceremonies of the Visitation were then gone through, and the Bishop addressed the congregation in French for a considerable time. The Confessions of those who were preparing for Confirmation were heard during the day and in the evening. At four o'clock solemn Vespers were chaunted, and at the conclusion of the service, preparations were made for the benediction of the Cemetery which adjoins the Church. All advanced in procession to the largest of the Five Crosses which were planted in the ground, and the entire ceremonial was performed by the Bishop, according to the Roman Pontifical. The good Acadians seemed highly impressed with the solemn grandeur of the religious rites, and were made particularly happy on seeing their last resting-place so hallowed by the prayers and benediction of the Church.

On Tuesday morning the whole neighbourhood was astir at a very early hour. Picturesque groups

were advancing in all directions from the surrounding hamlets towards the House of God. At nine o'clock High Mass was offered up by Dr. Walsh attended by Rev. Mr. Kennedy as Deacon, and Rev. Mr. McDonnell, as Subdeacon. The village choir sang the *Gloria, Credo* and other parts of the Mass with considerable precision and effect. A great number of those who assisted in Church received the Holy Communion from the hands of the Bishop.

Mass being ended, his Lordship was vested in White Cope, &c., for the holy rite of Confirmation. He then delivered an exhortation to those who were about to be confirmed, on the nature and effects of that great sacrament. Thirty-seven persons were afterwards confirmed, and a distribution of religious pictures, emblems and beads, was made amongst the congregation.

At one o'clock a Parochial Meeting was held, the Bishop in the chair, when various resolutions respecting the interests of religion in the Parish were entered into. Amongst other things the erection of a new and spacious Church was unanimously resolved. The whole parish again proceeded to the Church, Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament was given by the Bishop who before his departure highly complimented the people on their zeal and devotion to our holy religion, and promised soon to revisit them for the purpose of confirming a great number of persons who could not then be prepared, in consequence of the recent change of clergymen in the district. At his departure the whole congregation again lined the road on their knees to receive the pontifical benediction, and thus at the close as well as throughout the progress of the visitation exhibited an edifying spectacle worthy of the purest ages of Faith."

"We feel that too much cannot be said in favour of this interesting people. Every Catholic in the Province should be proud of them. With all the homeliness of their old French costume, so quaint and singular, they have preserved a noble simplicity and purity of morals which are seldom witnessed in these degenerate days. We were sorry to learn that the approach to their beautiful township is in such a wretched state of repair, and that their temporal interests in this respect have been much neglected. An allocation by the Province for the