

some account of the news from Dr. Livingstone, the sad fate of the missionaries of the London Society, &c. I now proceed to give you a brief account of an event which has been looked forward to with deep interest by the English Church in all parts of the world. After some little delay in consequence of the difficulty of bringing Suffragan Bishops together from their distant dioceses, the Feast of the Circumcision was decided upon as the day upon which the consecration of the first Missionary Bishop to the tribes of South Africa should take place. It was at first decided that the Feast of the Epiphany should be the day, as it was thought that would be about the time the Bishop of St. Helena might be expected to arrive, but the vessel made an unprecedented short passage, and so the arrangements were altered. The Bishop of Grahamstown was expected; he was waiting at Algoa Bay when the mail left, having made his arrangements to come by the steamer, but he unfortunately lost his passage, and having had a fall from his horse was not able to stand the jolting involved by a ride some 600 miles in the post cart. The consecration, therefore, unavoidably took place without his presence. Although the first two or three days of the new year are exclusively devoted to holiday-making, all business being suspended, and the panting inhabitants of Table valley being only too glad to escape from the boiling heat and dust to breathe the pure fresh air of the country, still the great interest taken in the forthcoming ceremony attracted a large congregation to the cathedral. At half-past ten the bells of the cathedral chimed out merrily, St. George's being the only church in the colony possessing a peal, and, though imperfect, sufficient to remind one of home. The regular attendants of the cathedral were admitted by the south door, and at a quarter to eleven the great doors were thrown open at the western porch, and the church was soon filled. The order of ceremony observed followed as closely as possible that of the use of Westminster Abbey. The Dean, Canons, and clergy met the Metropolitan and his assistants in the vestry at the right of the vestibule at the western entrance; the choristers and gentlemen of the choir in the baptistry on the opposite side. The procession formed in the following order, and proceeded down the church to the chancel:—

A Verger.

The Choristers in surplices.

Gentlemen of the Choir.

Eighteen Parochial Clergy of Capetown and neighbourhood.

Canons and Cathedral Clergy.

A Verger.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Capetown.

The Registrar of the Diocese.

The Venerable F. C. Mackenzie, Bishop-elect and Chaplain.

Bishop of Natal.

Bishop of St. Helena.

The Metropolitan's Verger, bearing mitre-staff.

Rev. Albert Wood, bearing the crozier.

The Right Rev. the Metropolitan Bishop.

His Lordship's Chaplain, the Rev. E. Glover, bearing the pastoral staff.

Arrived at the chancel the procession opened right and left. The Metropolitan proceeded to his throne on the north side; the Bishops of St. Helena and Natal to seats on the other side. The Dean, Canons Precentor, and Bishop's chaplain also passed into their respective seats, and the other cathedral clergy to their stalls; the parochial clergy to the daily service chapel on the south side of the altar behind the parclose, the Bishop-elect, vested in surplice, kneeling at a faldstool at the entrance of the chancel, the Revs. A. Wood, W. F. H. Curtis, and the Bishop's-elect chaplain, occupying seats immediately behind. The Voluntary being finished and the congregation provided with seats, a hymn was given out as introtit, during the singing of which the Metropolitan