

cellent sermon on our Lord's intercession from 1st John, 1., verse 8, 9, in the afternoon.—The next day the Bishop and Messrs. Coster and Scovil proceeded to Springfield where they were met by Rev. Messrs. Walker and Warnford. Divine Service was held, and 21 were confirmed. The day after, the Bishop and Mr. Scovil proceeded to Oak Point, where a very large congregation had assembled, and 23 were confirmed, and the Bishop addressed them, the Rev. Messrs. Milner and Bartholomew also assisting. The Bishop having been prevented from proceeding in time to Westfield, remained at the house of Mr. Richards, and the next morning Mr. Bartholomew and Mr. McQuay kindly conveyed him to the Church, and 36 candidates were confirmed. The day following, the Bishop was so much fatigued by the heat and long travel, that he was unable to proceed to Petersville (distant 20 miles) to his great sorrow; but having somewhat recovered, he went up the river by Steamer to Mr. Samuel Scovil's, where he remained all night, and next day confirmed 22 at Gagetown, having by God's mercy been enabled to keep all his engagements except one in a journey of nearly 900 miles. He returned to Fredericton on Friday, and there on St. Bartholomew's day confirmed 70 persons, of whom 20 were males, and one was his own son, a Naval Cadet on board the Cumberland, who arrived in time to accompany his father on the latter part of his visitation, and to receive confirmation at his hands. The Church was very fully attended, and the Bishop addressed the candidates at length. On Wednesday Sept. 3, the Bishop proceeded to the Nashwaak Mills, and there confirmed 12 persons, several of whom had been Baptists, in the presence of a numerous and attentive congregation, to whom he fully explained the necessity, nature, blessings and duties connected with confirmation. A collection was also made for the Diocesan Church Society. On Friday the Bishop went to Maugerville, where he confirmed 6 persons, a respectable congregation having assembled, and addressed them on the subject of Infant Baptism, and their duties in general. Thus has ended this long and laborious tour. In almost every Parish (with one or two exceptions) the number of candidates has been quite equal to the Bishop's expectations, the whole number being about 600. A few other places yet remain to be visited. In the Missions generally, the devout behaviour of the candidates, the zealous kindness of the clergy and hospitable attentions of the laity received his warmest and most grateful acknowledgments, while all praise and glory is due to Him in whose holy service we are all engaged, and who has promised, that "through evil report, and good report," He will carry His Church onward, and maintain it against all its adversaries.—(V. B. *Churchman*.)

CONSECRATION.—On 22nd Oct., the new Church, recently erected in Main Street, in the City of St. John was solemnly consecrated and set apart for the service of Almighty God, by His Lordship the Bishop of Fredericton, assisted by the Rev. Rector of the Parish, the Rev. W. Armstrong, (the appointed Minister of the new Church,) and a number of other Clergymen; among whom we observed the Rev. Messrs. Harrison, Allan, Coster, A. Stewart, A. Wood, W. Scovil, J. W. Disbrow, &c. The services commenced at 11 A. M.; the Bishop and Clergy robed in full canonicals, proceeded to the entrance Porch of the Church, where they were met by the Churchwardens of the Parish, who presented to his Lordship the petition for the consecration; after which the whole body walked in procession up the centre aisle of the Church to the Altar, the Bishop and Clergy alternately reading the verses of the 24th Psalm. His Lordship then, after reading the prayers prescribed in the appropriate ritual, pronounced and delivered to the Churchwardens his Episcopal decree for the consecration of the edifice, by the name of "the Church of St. James;" establishing it at present as a District Church of the parish of the Trinity, but to become a distinct parish Church as soon as a Legislative enactment for that purpose can be procured. After the ritual of consecration was concluded, the usual Morning Service was performed; the Prayers being read by the Rev. W. Armstrong, the Epistle by the Rev. A. Coster, the Gospel by the Rev. W. Harrison, and the Sermon preached by His Lordship the Bishop. The Choral service was performed by the choir of Trinity Church, assisted by some members of other Choirs: a Seraphine being

placed in the Organ loft until an Organ can be procured. Although the weather was unfavourable, the congregation was very large; the beautiful edifice being quite filled.—*St. John, N. B. Courier, Oct. 24.*

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CONSECRATION OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BUFFALO.

On Wednesday, the 22nd Oct., the church recently erected in the City of Buffalo was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Western New York. The congregation, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, was very numerous, and the whole service was conducted in the most solemn and impressive manner. Never have we more thoroughly realized the Catholic character of the Church than when joining in the Prayers and Anthems on that interesting occasion. The church itself is built after the very best models to be found in our Fatherland—the officiating Bishop derived his authority from the ancient Churches of England, Scotland and Ireland. He was assisted by his brother Bishop of Michigan, the Bishop of Newfoundland and our own Venerable Diocesan; amongst the Priests and Deacons present there were some from each of the British Isles, and from various Dioceses of the United States—and the congregation was composed of such a mixture of European races as perhaps could be gathered together only in the United States.

There were present besides the Bishops thirty-two Clergymen in surplices, amongst whom were eight from the Diocese of Toronto.

At half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon, a procession was formed at the Rectory, preceded by the Vestries of the several churches of the city, and followed by the Clergy in their surplices and the Bishops in their Episcopal robes. On arriving at the Church, the petition praying that the Bishop would be pleased to consecrate the building, was presented by the Churchwardens, and His Lordship having signified his assent, the procession was then reversed, and the Bishops and Clergy, followed by the Vestrymen and Churchwardens, entered the church, reading antiphonally the 24th Psalm.—"The earth is the Lord's and all that therein is, the round world and they that dwell therein."

When the Clergy were seated in the chancel, George D. Webster, Esq., Senior Warden, presented to the Bishop the instrument of donation which was read by the Rev. Mr. Ingersoll. The solemn and impressive services of consecration were proceeded with, after which the Rev. Dr. Shelton read the "Sentence of Consecration."

Then commenced the full morning service of the Church.

The Rev. Dr. Flint, of Erie, said the service as far as the creed, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Lett, of Toronto, and the Rev. Dr. Babcock, of Ballston, who read the Lessons.

The "Te Deum" and the "Jubilate Deo," were magnificently chaunted by the choir, filling the house, we had almost said, with a visible increase of praise as in the days of Solomon; the whole congregation united in the singing, making every part of the building vocal with thanksgiving.

The Rev. Dr. Lee of Rochester then said the Prayers and Litany. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Michigan read the ante-communion service, assisted by the Bishop of Newfoundland, who read the Epistle, and the Bishop of Toronto who read the Gospel.

The Bishop of Western New York then preached a very able and eloquent discourse stating the object and blessing of public worship, paying a deserved tribute of praise to the members of the congregation for their munificence in erecting such a grand and noble building for the worship of Almighty God.

After the sermon the Offertory Sentences were read and a collection made, which we understood was to be applied to the Diocesan Mission Fund, after which the Bread and Wine were placed upon the table, and the service continued by the consecrating Bishop, being assisted in the distribution of the elements by the Bishop of Michigan, the Bishop of Newfoundland, the Rev. Dr. Hale, and the Rev. Dr. Bolles.

After the services of the day, as many of the Clergy as could possibly be accommodated were invited by the Rector to dinner to meet the Bishops; others were most hospitably entertained by