

who do not 'mind their stops.' The punctuating here, however, has been altered in the Cambridge Prayer-books, which have a comma after 'Father,' and semicolon after 'made,' a correction which may be justifiable on some what deep grounds, but is certainly rather unfortunate.

There are several places where the rule 'Mind your stops' is more honored in the breach than in the observance, since the sense can be more clearly given by pausing where there is no stop, or not pausing where there is one. Into the question, Who is responsible for the punctuating? it is not proposed now to enter; but as it usually stands now, it is practically wrong in some passages, and should be ignored. Thus, at the end of the second commandment, a comma is written after 'me,' whereas the two relative clauses, 'that love me' and 'keep my commandments,' are closely connected by the conjunction 'and,' and require no comma. The sense is indisputably given best by making a pause after 'thousands,' and then reading straight on to the end.

Other instances may be given from the Nicene Creed, where we cannot be too careful to express the sense as clearly as language will permit. Each of the three consecutive clauses, 'God of God,' 'Light of Light,' 'Very God of Very God,' contains two statements, the first of them, for instance, declaring that the Son is Himself God, and also that He is 'of God.' And every scholar knows that the original preposition here translated by 'of' is a strong one, so that 'of' here is not merely a sign of the genitive case. To express this adequately, therefore, a pause should be made before each 'of,' and then the proposition itself emphasised as 'God—of God,' &c.

One more instance will suffice. In the last part of the same Creed the Holy Ghost is called 'the Lord and Giver of Life.' Owing to the fact that there is no comma after 'Lord' here, the clause is almost universally read as though it meant 'the Lord of life, and Giver of life;' but every student of Divinity knows that it means not this, but 'the Lord and the Life-Giver.' Would not this be best expressed by reading exactly as if there were a comma after 'Lord,' i. e., making a pause after the word?

Revision of the Prayer-book is a very large question, and it is more than doubtful whether we shall be ripe for it for many years. But revision of the punctuation of the Prayer-book is a different matter, and it is worthy of the consideration of our Convocations whether our liturgy might not thereby be made to be better 'understood of the people.'—A. M. W.—in *Church Bells*.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The *Church Record* further says on the question of fairs and entertainments, &c., at present exercising the minds of the clergy: "It might be urged that in some parishes there are some things not necessary, but expedient, to be done, which would have to be simply left undone, if the young people did not take hold of the matter, and raise the money in the only way open to them. They have not got the money to give, and there is nobody from whom it would any use to beg for these particular items. Besides they don't want to beg. They would rather keep up their independence and work."

Our own idea at present is a kind of via media:—Moderation and where it may be had, total abstinence. But in any case, let those who are so situated as to be able to abstain, be temperate in their language to those who are less fortunate and let rectors in every case keep a firm and wise hand upon every enterprise of the kind."

"Make my mortal dreams come true
With the work I fain would do;
Clothe with life the weak intent;
Let me be the thing I meant."

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

GRENVILLE.—On Friday and Saturday, the 6th and 7th inst., the Lord Bishop of the Diocese paid his annual visit to the parish of Grenville. On Friday evening, the Rev. W. Harris met his Lordship, who was accompanied by the Rev. Rural Dean Sanders, at the Calumet, and drove them to St. Matthew's Church, Grenville, for Divine service at 7:30 p. m. This Church built in A. D. 1832, showed signs of great renovation. This was not nearly completed, still it was sufficiently advanced to show that a very decided improvement was being made in this grand old church. In this church a very large congregation was assembled to welcome our Chief Pastor. The Rev. W. Harris presented 14 candidates for the rite of Confirmation. The Rural Dean addressed the candidates on their duties and privileges.

The Bishop preached a splendid sermon. The Holy Communion was administered, and a large number partook of that Sacrament. The service was hearty, and throughout the choir rendered excellent service.

Saturday, we drove to the Church at the Calumet for the service at 11 o'clock. This church had been during the summer cleared of debt. The congregation raising nearly \$200 for that purpose. This Church was on this occasion consecrated to the service of God. The service was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The Bishop gave us another searching sermon. The Lord's Supper was here administered to a goodly number. Here ended the Bishop's long looked for visit to our parish. It was indeed an enjoyable season to us all.

His Lordship was the guest of Mayor Pridham.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

A thanksgiving Service was lately held in the Cathedral to celebrate the Jubilee of the Diocese. At 7.30 the procession of clergy, &c., entered the Church from the western door and moved up the aisle in the following order: The boys and men of the choir in surplices and cassocks, the Divinity Students, Deacons, Priests of the Diocese and visiting Clergy, the Cathedral Clergy and Rural Deans, and His Lordship the Bishop, preceded by his chaplain bearing the pastoral staff. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung as the processional hymn. When the clergy had taken their places in the chancel, the service, which was a Special Form, commenced with the Te Deum, followed by versicles and Psalms xcii, cxviii. After which the Proper Lesson (St. Luke x, 17-25) was read by the Rev. Rural Dean Temple. The Anthem was from 1 Chron. xxix 11. At the close of which the Bishop ascended the pulpit and delivered an eloquent discourse well befitting the occasion. His Lordship's address consisted, for the most part, of a review of the history of the Church in Newfoundland the past fifty years. In the course of this review the preacher paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of his great predecessor, Bishop Field, and fittingly referred to the labors of Bishops Spencer and Kelly. His Lordship then proceeded to speak of the present work, its needs and responsibilities, and eloquently dwelt upon the mission of the Church and the progress and development during the past fifty years, of the Anglican branch of the Catholic Church. After the sermon, the hymn "Round the Sacred City Gather," was sung, and the offertory was received and presented by the Bishop at the altar. The remainder of the service, which was choral throughout, was beautifully rendered by the Rev. Mr. Danfield and the choir. After the Benediction had been given by the Bishop, the choir and clergy left the chancel, went down the aisle in procession and through the western door, singing "The Church's One Foundation," as a retrocessional hymn.

Immediately after the Jubilee service in the Cathedral His Lordship the Bishop and Mrs. Jones gave an "At Home," from 8:30 to 11 o'clock, to the Clergy and Lay Representatives to the Synod. The reception was very largely attended. His Excellency the Governor and Lady O'Brien being among those present. The next day the Synod opened.

A celebration of the Holy Communion, preparatory to the assembling of the Synod took place in the Cathedral next morning at 7:30, when the members of the Synod received the Sacrament; the Bishop was the celebrant and was assisted by the Rev. Rural Deans Temple and Curling, and by the Rev. Ambrose Heygate.

The Synod continued in session eight or nine days, and its proceedings were characterized with the utmost harmony and unanimity. The following were elected to act as the Executive Committee; Revs. E. Botwood, A. C. Wood, Ambrose Heygate, W. Pilot, Edward Colley and H. Danfield; Sir W. V. Whiteway, Sir James Winter, Hon. A. W. Harvey, Hon. G. T. Rendell, Mr. W. Baine Grieve and Mr. H. J. Stabb.

At the close of the session the Lay members of the Synod entertained the Clergy at the Hotel Glover, Topsail. The party left St. John's by a special train in the morning, and the clergy and laity engaged in a cricket match at the Church Orphanage grounds, the clergy gaining an easy victory. About seventy sat down to the dinner served at the hotel, at which the Bishop presided.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The newly appointed Archdeacon of Nova Scotia, has received the following address from the Rural Dean and all the Chapter of Amherst Deanery, of which he has been the only secretary.

To the Venerable James Albert Kaulbach, M. A., Vicar of Truro, Canon of St. Luke's Cathedral, and Archdeacon of Nova Scotia.

Dear Archdeacon:—

Your brethren of the Rural Deanery of Amherst, in which you have worked ever since your ordination in 1864, or in other words,—for a quarter of a century—approach you with the warmest affection to congratulate you on the well deserved promotion you have received. No appointment which his Lordship the Bishop could have made, would have pleased us as well. We feel that in your appointment honor is done to us also, in that you have been Secretary of the Deanery from its beginning, and have been the most punctual of all in attendance at the meeting of the Chapter, while in your accuracy has depended very largely our success.

The Rectory at River John, and the Church at Truro are monuments of your zeal and taste. Indeed the only stone church at present on the Peninsula of Nova Scotia, will, we pray, remain for ages to testify what has been done by your persevering labor and love. When you visit our respective parishes as Archdeacon, we shall receive you with open arms, and your advice with the most profound respect. We pray that the great Head of the Church will bless you and strengthen you for the addition to your already arduous labors and preserve you to us for "many a long day."

Signed by the Rural Dean and every member of the Chapter.

ANTIGONISH.—Our very respected pastor, the Rev. R. F. Brine, has been parted by death from his life partner of forty-five years. Mrs. Brine's pre-eminent fitness as a clergyman's wife renders the loss to the parish very great. To her husband and three daughters the knowledge of her sincere faith in Christ must cheer them on in the hope of a happy re-union in the courts above.

AMHERST.—The annual of "Christ Church"