

The pastoral staff was attached to the left-hand side of the Bishop's chair, and the Archdeacon and chaplains retired to their stalls.

The service of the day then commenced. The prayers were intoned with excellent effect by the precentor (that Rev. Mr. Tuckwell). Mr. Mudge, one of the theological students, presided at the organ, and (though the choir were inconveniently placed in consequence of all the seats in the sacarium being occupied by the clergy,) the chanting of the Canticles and Psalms gave general satisfaction. The anthem was from the 150th Psalm, "O praise God in His holiness." The Sanctus, sung as an introit, was that by O. Gibbons. The organ is small, but being a great novelty in Newfoundland, was much admired; and undoubtedly gave a solemnity to the service which no other instrument can give. The Litany was sung by the Bishop's command; the Archdeacon read the Ante-Communion Service; the Bishop preached, and after dwelling upon the wonderful circumstances under which the church had been erected, and the lessons which the remembrance of these circumstances ought to teach those who frequent and use it, at least for this generation, he took occasion to explain the nature and purpose, first, of a church generally, and second, of a cathedral, and particularly insisted on the impropriety of letting or appropriating seats in that church, which is, in fact, the mother or parish church of the whole diocese. We understand that all the seats are free, and though some have been assigned to prevent confusion, no payment in the way of rent will be received. After the sermon, the Offertory sentences were read, and a collection was made from the communicants and congregation. Five of the clergy assisted his Lordship in the distribution of the sacrament. A large number of persons communicated with the clergy. The offerings amounted to 105*l.*, in addition to 35*l.* subscribed specially by the clergy for a painted window. The service concluded at two o'clock.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Earl Grey to Governor Sir G. Le Marchant.

Downing-street, 1 November 1850.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 51, of the 8th of October, enclosing a letter addressed to me by the Bishop of Newfoundland, and to request that you will acquaint his Lordship that it afforded me much satisfaction to learn that the cathedral church at St. John's has been consecrated, and that the building, though not completed, is now in constant use.

I have, &c.  
(signed) Grey.

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Governor Sir  
G. Le Marchant.  
1 November 1850.