

All about light—but very dark. Surely the light is let out and shewn away. And this is the stuff that is to throw Christianity into the shade! This is the style in which the great, clear intellect of Webster now speaks! 'The active part of light.' 'Light the essence of life.' 'The hulls of life,' the hulls of motion.' But I seem to be rebuked by the remembered majestic presence of that great man, for repeating, even in the way of illustration, such poor, unintelligible mysticism as from him. If we do really hear from our great men who have departed from this world, it is very discouraging to find how much they have deteriorated in intellect. If these communications are real, they add to all other apprehensions of death the not unreasonable fear that we shall progress in the wrong direction.

To be Continued.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

A FORM OF PRAYER

AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD,

To be used in all Churches and Chapels belonging to the United Church of England and Ireland, within the Province of Nova Scotia, on Thursday, the 21st. day of September, 1854, being the day appointed by Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for a General Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for preservation from the Cholera.

[As Thanksgiving should always be accompanied by Offerings, the Bishop desires that Collections may be taken in every Church in aid of the fund for relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy, and calls upon all the Members of the Church to contribute liberally according to their ability towards this important object.]

THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER.

¶ *The Service of the Day shall be the same with the usual Office, except where it is in this Office otherwise appointed.*

¶ *Let him that ministereth read with a loud voice these Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation, Dearly beloved Brethren, &c.*

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

O let us magnify the Lord our God; and fall down before his footstool; for he is holy.

The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we rejoice.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

¶ *Instead of the Venite exultemus.*

O Give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his name; I'll this people what things he hath done.

O let your songs be of Him, and praise Him; and let your talking be of all His wondrous works.

Rejoice in His holy name; let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

For His mercy is greater than the heavens; and his truth reacheth unto the clouds.

In the time of our trouble we called upon the Lord, and He heard us.

The Lord heard our petition, the Lord received our prayer.

When fearfulness and trembling came upon us, and a horrible dread overwhelmed us.

He delivered our souls from death, and our feet from falling; that we might walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Therefore will we give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the people; we will sing unto Thee among the nations.

Unto Thee, our strength, will we sing; for Thou O God art our refuge and our merciful God.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

¶ *Proper Psalms, XXXIV.*

¶ *First Lesson, Jonah III.*

¶ *Te Deum laudamus.*

¶ *Second Lesson, St. John, V. to v. 13.*

¶ *Jubilate Deo.*

¶ *The Creed, &c. to the end of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Before the Collect for the Day, the following shall be used.*

ALMIGHTY God our Father and Judge, whose power no creature is able to resist, who hast in Thy mercy stayed the hand of the destroying Angel: to Thee alone do we ascribe our deliverance: in Thee only do we trust to preserve us both in body and soul. And now O Lord we entreat Thee to make the warning which we have received effectual to lead us to a true repentance and more entire obedience to Thy commandments. Incline us to devote to Thy service the lives which Thou hast spared, and so enlighten our understandings and purify our affections by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may learn from Thy judgments to fear Thy wrath above all things, and may be led by Thy goodness to love Thee with our wholeheart through Jesus

Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end.

¶ *Then shall follow the Collect for St. Matthew's Day, the second and third Collects for Morning Prayer, &c. to the end of the general Thanksgiving.*

¶ *After which the following shall be said.*

O God our Heavenly Father, who declarest Thy Almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity, accept we beseech Thee, our praises and thanksgivings for Thy great goodness in staying the course of the destructive pestilence which has lately ravaged the neighbouring countries, and especially for the mercy through which we have been preserved from its attacks. That we may the more esteem Thy loving kindness, make us to feel our own unworthiness, and whilst we offer the praises of our lips fill our hearts with holy gratitude and love. Let thy visitation and its removal be alike sanctified to all whom Thou hast spared, and especially to us whom Thou hast so signally protected; and we beseech Thee graciously to continue to us Thy all powerful defence, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offences. Although we too often forget that all we have is Thine and cometh of thine hand, yet Thou art never weary of doing us good, and we desire now with thankful hearts to acknowledge the success which Thou hast vouchsafed to our Fishermen, and the plentiful return which Thou hast granted to the labours of the Husbandmen. We pray Thee to grant us grace that we may never abuse Thy mercy, but may use all Thy good gifts to Thy honor and glory through Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer.

¶ *Then the Prayer of St. Chrysostom, concluding the Morning Prayer after the accustomed manner.*

COMMUNION SERVICE.

¶ *After the Collect for the Queen, Almighty God, whose kingdom, &c., shall be read the Collect used in the Morning Prayer, Almighty God our Father, &c., and then shall follow,*

For the Epistle. Numbers, XVI. v. 42 to 48.

AND it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses, and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation; and behold the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared. And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them; for there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague is begun. And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and behold the plague was begun among the people; and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.

The Gospel, St. Luke, XVII. v. 11 to 19.

AND it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off. and they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks. and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

¶ *Then the Nicene Creed, and after that the Sermon.*

¶ *In the Offertory shall be read the following Sentences.*

Whatever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them, for this is the law and the prophets.

Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

¶ *After the Prayer for the whole State of Christ's Church Militant, &c. the following shall be used.*

A Prayer for Unity.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour the Prince of Peace, give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from Godly union and concord; that as there is but one Body and one Spirit and one Hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may honestly be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT O Lord we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all Godly quietness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's Name, we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ear to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee, and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will may essentially be obtained to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

THE ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *Let him that ministereth read with a loud voice the Sentences of Scripture; and after them the exhortation, Dearly beloved Brethren, &c.*

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

O let us magnify the Lord our God; and fall down before His footstool; for He is holy.

The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we rejoice.

¶ *The Hymn appointed to be used at Morning Prayer, instead of Venite exultemus, shall here also be used before the Proper Psalms:*

O give thanks unto the Lord, &c.

¶ *Proper Psalms, XCI. CXVI. CXLV.*

¶ *First Lesson, 2 Samuel, XXIV. v. 10 to the end.*

¶ *O sing unto the Lord a new song, &c.*

¶ *Second Lesson, Romans, XII.*

¶ *God be merciful unto us, and bless us, &c. &c.*

¶ *Then the Creed, &c. to the end of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Instead of the Collect for the day, the Collect used in the Morning Prayer shall be read.*

¶ *Then the two Collects for Evening Prayer, &c. to the end of the Prayer for the Clergy and People—After which the following shall be used.*

A Prayer for this Church and Kingdom.

O GRACIOUS God, who art kind to the unthankful and the evil, we humbly acknowledge that we have not manifested a due sense of the numberless blessings, both spiritual and temporal, which we and our father have received of Thy hands, and of the mighty deliverances which Thy power hath wrought for our Church and nation. Through our neglect of Thy ordinance, and misuse of Thy bounties, offences have been multiplied in the land; and in our prosperity we have not sufficiently honoured Thee, the Author and Giver of our blessings. Yet forsake us not utterly O Lord our Redeemer, but continue Thy loving kindness to Thy servants as in the days of old. Send Thy heavenly blessing on our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and on all that are in authority under her, and direct their proceedings to the advancement of true religion and piety, and to the peace and prosperity of the whole Realm, and especially of this Province. Pour forth the gifts of Thy Spirit on all Pastors and Teachers of Thy Flock, that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. And to all orders and degrees of men amongst us, vouchsafe such a measure of Thy grace, that righteousness may flourish in our land, with abundance of peace; and that being reconciled to Thee through Thy Son Jesus Christ, and united with each other in charity, we may be an acceptable people in Thy sight, and make known to the ends of the earth the riches of Thy mercy in Christ; to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow the Prayer for the time of war and tumults and to the end of the general Thanksgiving, then the Prayer, O God our heavenly Father, at the Morning, and to the end of the Evening Prayer.*

Correspondence.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

BEAVER HARBOR PARSONAGE,
50th Aug. 1854.

ERECTION OF ANOTHER CHURCH ON THE EASTERN SHORE.

It must at all times be gratifying, as well to the friends who steadily make their yearly contributions in aiding the Diocesan Church Society, in its praiseworthy objects, as to those who occasionally bring forward their help,—to learn that the Frame of another Church has been permitted by the Almighty, to be recently raised to dot the Eastern Shore. It is situated on a high hill, at the entrance of Sheet Harbor, commanding a splendid and an extensive view of the lands and sea beyond; and it will be one of the objects seen by a mariner upon approaching the part of the coast,—warning him that he is near the port, or to keep off, if bound elsewhere. May it, however, intimate to him and many more of his brethren, that the building seen on the deck afar off, is none other than the House of God, to which they are invited to enter, as early as possible, to offer up their holy praises and thanksgivings for mercies lavishly vouchsafed to them, while on the watery deep.