

NEWFOUNDLAND.

I have further the honour to inform your Lordship, that I intend to leave Newfoundland by the present packet, *en route* for Bermuda, and that I have drawn on Her Majesty's Paymaster-general for the usual allowance of sixty pounds (60 *l.*) towards the expenses of my journey and visitation.

The Right hon. the Earl Grey,
Her Majesty's Secretary for the Colonies,
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I have, &c.
(signed) *Edward Newfoundland.*

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 101.

From the "Times" of Wednesday.

THE Lord Bishop of the diocese held his triennial visitation of the clergy on Saturday last, the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle. This event, always interesting and important to the ministers and members of his Lordship's flock, was rendered particularly so on this occasion, by being held in the new cathedral on the very day of its consecration. The consecration of the cathedral, immediately followed by the Bishop's installation, was celebrated in the morning, and in the afternoon his Lordship delivered his charge to the clergy.

Of the cathedral itself we do not feel competent to furnish any description in detail. We believe it to be generally admitted, that if the design of the architect were carried out and completed, no ecclesiastical edifice in British North America could rival it. The part now built consists only of the nave and aisles, and in consequence the great height is very much out of proportion. The height is increased on the south side by the sloping ground, but the whole building would be much more imposing from this circumstance. This additional elevation has given occasion for, or rather has made necessary, a fine crypt or under-croft, extending the whole length of the aisle (fully 100 feet), which might be available for schools or vestries, or any similar purpose. The unfinished state of the building is proclaimed not only by the disproportionate height, but by a clothing of clapboard on the whole eastern end, which is necessary for the protection of walls not intended to be exposed. This clapboard dress is of most unecclesiastical character, and betrays unmistakably the abrupt stop put to the progress of the work through the want of funds. A temporary apse has been erected, sufficient for the holy table with its furniture. There are two noble porches, one at the west end, approached by a very handsome flight of steps, and another on the north side, with a beautiful groined roof; over this is the parvise.

The doors and hinges are of very beautiful workmanship, and in admirable keeping with the style of the building.

The fittings of the interior were imported ready made from England; they were designed by Mr. G. Gilbert Scott, the architect, and fully sustain his reputation for perfect knowledge of all the details of ecclesiastical art and ornament. All are of English oak; the holy table, pulpit, and seats for the clergy enriched with carving; the seats (which are all open) of the same substantial make and material, but (except the Governor's pew) with plain square ends. Seats are provided for 800 persons. The windows were furnished by Mr. Wailes, of Newcastle, and are of that kind of glass called, we believe, cathedral green, which being very thick, subdues the light, and gives some of that "dim religious" character, which the poet admires in the "richly-dight windows" of our ancient churches.

Considerable fears were entertained lest the fittings and windows should not be fixed by the Visitation, as the latter arrived little more than a fortnight, and the seats and other furniture not ten days, before the time. It was originally intended that the consecration should take place on Sunday the 15th instant, and be followed by appropriate services every day till the Visitation; but it was with great difficulty, and by working day and night, that all was finished and furnished on the 19th, and a single day left for other necessary arrangements.

The service of consecration commenced at 10 o'clock. The Bishop, preceded by his domestic chaplain (the Rev. Mr. Grey) bearing the pastoral staff, and followed by the rest of the clergy, two and two (36 in number), all in surplices, walked in procession from the crypt, and on entering at the west door, began to chant the 24th Psalm. This was continued till the Bishop reached the sacrarium, or platform at the eastern end; on either side of which are the stalls or seats of the clergy. A chair was placed in the centre for the Bishop. On his Lordship's right hand stood the registrar, and on his left the chaplain holding the staff. The deed of conveyance of the site was then presented to the Bishop, and, after an address and prayers appropriate, the sentence of consecration was read by the registrar. The sentence recited the grant of the site to the first Bishop of Newfoundland, for the uses and purposes of the Established Church, and the ceremony of laying the first stone by his Lordship in the year 1842. Then, after mention of the translation of Bishop Spencer to the See of Jamaica, and the appointment and consecration of Bishop Field, it was further stated, that by the charity of Christian friends and benevolently disposed persons, the building had been carried on to that degree of completion that the Bishop's chair might be conveniently set up, and Divine Service decently celebrated with all due and accustomed solemnities; and was now to be consecrated to the honour and service of Almighty God, by the name, title, and dignity of the Cathedral Church of "St. John the Baptist." The Bishop signed the sentence, and ordered it to be preserved in the archives of the diocese.

His Lordship was then conducted to his episcopal chair, by the Archdeacon and his chaplains, and the ceremony of installation gone through according to the ancient forms.

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