

poor taste themselves and of very mediocre ability, but they are protected by their admirable ritual and liturgy. There are some dispositions so finely strung that a gross violation of taste in any part of the service of the sanctuary wounds like a blow. There is never any danger of this in the Episcopal worship. This is a great element of attractiveness. Robber of this characteristic feature, and it would be like shaving Samson's head.

3. The prominence given to the devotional in her services. The Episcopalian may have, and too often does have, a very poor sermon indeed, but he always has his liturgy. This he considers as more than compensation for a feeble discourse; this he prizes above his chief joy. The devotional part of the worship assumes chief place in time and importance. The absence of the Rector makes little difference, provided they have a good "lay-reader." When a ruling elder reads a sermon, in the absence of the pastor, the faithful few who punctuate the spacious roominess of the pews is an invitation to solitude! The attraction is gone with the sermon; the idea of *worship* does not draw the congregation together.

THE CHURCH MISSION IN PROVIDENCE, R.I.—The Providence *Journal* gives the following editorial summary of the methods and results of the Mission conducted in Grace Church by the Rev. President Bodine, of Kenyon College:—

The attendance has been large, and an increasing interest shown from the first. There have been no appeals to the mere emotions, no attempts to raise the feelings beyond the point where they can steadily be maintained. There has been no implied classification of hearers into saints and sinners, but they have been addressed as men and women alike in need of finding a truer and purer way of life. There has been little departure from the ordinary methods of conducting the services of the Church, and none at all from the use of the Prayer Book. The preaching has been of the essential common-place truths of the Gospel, enforced, however, with great earnestness and directness by the missionary, Rev. Dr. Bodine. The results seem to have been confined, as was doubtless anticipated, to the church-going class, but there is good evidence that many have been led to desire and strive after a healthier and nobler form of religious life.

THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER ON MEXICO.—Bishop Thorold, who has been paying a flying visit to the capital of the former empire of the Montezumas, gives a graphic account of the country and people in a letter to a friend in England. The Bishop writes:—

The religion of the country is Roman, and an intelligent young American Churchman told us that in the churches Christ was altogether left out in teaching and worship. The Virgin monopolizes all. Certainly in a Church of St. Joseph, which I entered, He was not even represented as an infant in His mother's arms; only St. Joseph and the Virgin were there. The railway journey from the sea to the metropolis is one of the wonders of the world for engineering and for scenery. The tropical vegetation is enchanting; pineapples were selling at Cordoba at threepence apiece, and I never saw such oranges for color. The line winds round and round the mountains like a snake, and in one place reaches an elevation of 8,400 feet. But the dust is terrible, and some of the country which the line traverses is noted for malarious fever of the worst type. Mexico, with its romantic history, melancholy past, inexhaustible resources, and picturesque scenery, is certainly worth a journey of 14,000 miles, which may be thought to imply a good deal when so much of the travelling is by sea. To begin to dilate on it with the limited space

at my disposal is a temptation to be sternly resisted. Visiting it in winter means the inevitable loss of verdure and of flowers, though it is still the City of Flowers. It is at an elevation of 7,600 feet above the sea, and in mornings and evenings the air is penetrating for weak lungs. The snowy volcanoes made me think of the mountains about Jerusalem, and the Psalmist's figure. I am not sure if they come up to the Andes round Santiago. Montezuma's cedars, full-grown trees when he was king and meditated sadly under their shade about his waning fortunes, interested me even more than the Cathedral, which is stately and imposing, and seen from afar. The sacrificial stone on which the human sacrifices were daily offered is still to be seen, and has a hideous interest about it. The country has an immense future, and resources both mineral and vegetable of inexhaustible opulence. Religion is free, travelling safe, the government sagacious, the climate incomparable, education progressing, but the natives are ignorant of what enterprise means.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this Paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia will meet this year on July 1st. We notice among other improvements that the Synod assemblies on Thursday, and is to last over Sunday. The annual Missionary Meeting is to be held on Friday, and a Conference of Clergy and Laity on the Monday following. The subject for discussion at the Conference will be, "How to increase the number and efficiency of Candidates for Holy Orders," and "How best to extend and deepen the Church's work in our Parishes." A Paper will be read on the former subject by Rev. Canon Brock, M.A., and on the latter by Rev. V. E. Harris, M.A., Vicar of Amherst. Selected speakers will follow, and then the subject will be open for general discussion.

KING'S COLLEGE.—The Board of Governors have made arrangements for the rebuilding of the Professors' rooms at Windsor. Two of the houses are to be built near the woods in the rear of the college, thereby obtaining shelter from the cold winds in winter; and the third house will be built in what is known as the President's garden.

CONFIRMATIONS IN HALIFAX.—The Lord Bishop of the diocese has been busily engaged during the latter part of Lent in holding Confirmations in some of the city churches. The addresses of the Bishop to the candidates were especially earnest in personal appeals to enjoy the full benefits of the Church by coming to the Holy Communion. Confirmation was held in the following churches:—St. Luke's, 56 candidates; Garrison Chapel, 45 candidates; St. George's, 34 candidates; Bishop's Chapel, 15 candidates. Classes were commenced in St. Paul's, and gave promise of a large list of candidates; but in consequence of the recent ministerial changes the classes were unfortunately discontinued.

HOLY WEEK.—This season was well observed in Halifax this year. In every church there was Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, with sermon. In many of the churches there was also a daily celebration of the Holy Communion. Exchange of preachers was general and acceptable. Special courses of sermons have been marked features of the Lenten and Holy Week services.

THE VACANT CANONRY.—A local contemporary, not always trustworthy in its Church intimations, is authority for saying that the Rev.

Isaac Brock, M.A., who is now an acting Professor of Divinity and Acting Rector of King's College, Windsor, has been appointed Canon of St. Luke's, Halifax, in the place of Rev. Dr. Dart, now in England. Since Mr. Brock came to the diocese, his elevation has been as rapid as surprising. It is less than three years ago since Mr. Brock first took duty in the diocese as Rector of Londonderry Mines. The friends of Mr. Brock will be glad to hear of his advancement.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. E. E. B. Nicholls, D.D., who has been in town during the past few months, returned to his charge at Liverpool last week. The rev. doctor has endeared himself more closely than ever to his many friends here. He is one of the full worthy veterans of the work in this diocese, having spent health, money and faithful effort in forwarding the Church's work, with great success, in Liverpool for the past forty years.

Rev. Mr. Dunsworth, of Newfoundland, officiated at St. Paul's last Sunday.

Mr. Mellor, Lay Reader of Harrietsfield, is taking duty at Trinity Church.

The Rev. J. O. Crisp, of St. Mark's, and Rev. W. C. Wilson, of St. George's, leave for new spheres of labor this week.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Isaac Brock, M.A., Oxon, Professor of Divinity in King's College, Windsor, and Acting-President, has been appointed to the Canonry in St. Luke's Cathedral, vacant by the resignation of Rev. John Dart, D.C.L., late President and Professor of Divinity at King's College. Canon Brock is to be installed at an early date. We congratulate him upon the reception of this honor, of which he is in every way worthy. There can be little doubt that the wise administration of Canon Brock has saved Kings College for the present.

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DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Good Friday was well observed in the city, most places of business being closed, and large numbers attending the services held in the various churches, and referred to in our last number. At the Church of St. John the Evangelist there were services at 6:15, 7 and 10:30 a.m., 5 and 8 p.m., and also a Three Hours' Devotion (from 12 to 3) conducted by the rector, commemorative of the Lord's Passion, and consisting of meditations on Christ's Seven Words from the Cross, interspersed with prayers and hymns.

We notice, too, that among the denominations the day was not unmarked. The daily papers report services held by the Methodists in their large Church on St. James street, both morning and afternoon, and at St. Andrew's (Church of Scotland), where the Rev. J. Edgar Hill preached from the text, "Behold the Lamb of God;" and a choral service suited to the occasion was rendered as follows: Anthem, "There is a Green Hill Far Away," with solo by Mrs. Page-Thrower. Hymns 38 and 41. Anthem, "Come Unto Him All Ye Who Weep," with solo by Miss Maltby. Hymns 43 and 52.

EASTER SUNDAY IN MONTREAL.

We take from the *Gazette* the following account of the Easter services:—

Christ Church Cathedral.—The Easter festival was well marked at the Cathedral, both by the beautiful music and by the quantity of Easter lilies and white flowers which had been given by ladies of the congregation to be placed on and round the Communion table. There was an immense choir, and the music was truly magnificent, the psalms, hymns and simpler parts being most heartily joined in by the very large congregation who were present at all the services. Dudley Buck's *Te Deum*