

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

I.

What do we mean by the word CHURCH?

The Church is the Body of Christ (see I. Cor. xii. : 27 ; and Eph. i. : 22). The Church is Holy because it is the Body and Bride of Christ and not because of the holiness of any of its members.

It is also called CATHOLIC, which means universal to distinguish it from the Jewish Church which was confined to one nation. Christ founded a Church, or Kingdom as it is called in the New Testament, for the whole world. He opened "The Kingdom of Heaven to all believers."

This is the reason why the Church is named in the Apostles' Creed "The Holy Catholic Church."

The great test by which the Church of Christ was to be known to all the world, was that her teaching was to be "the faith which was once for all delivered unto the Saints" (St. Jude iii). That is the same faith or doctrine to be believed by all, for all time and in all places, as expressed in the rule of St. Vincent of Lerius: "*Quod ubique, quod semper, quod ab omnibus creditum est.*" Which literally put into our own language means: That is to be believed, which has been held everywhere, at all times and by all people. This statement, so far as it applies to the Christian religion, is called the rule or test of the Catholic Faith.