

F. COSTER. The responses came back from the goodly company of the priests and people of the LORD, as in ancient times, "like the noise of many waters." That it was indeed good to be there,—on such a festival—and in such company—with such feelings of brotherly love and unity pervading the whole assembly—for such high and holy purposes,—was the language of many hearts. And then too the confident hope rose up in the mind that God in His infinite goodness to His Church would allow occasions of a like nature to be multiplied to the confounding of her adversaries, to the strengthening of the faith of her children, and to the gathering in of multitudes now wandering in the mazes of error and unbelief.

After the services of the morning, the Bishop received the visiting Bishops and the Clergy of his Diocese at his residence. At the close of the repast a cordial welcome was extended to his brethren from abroad by the Bishop in a very neat address, in which his Clergy heartily joined, and an unanimous desire was expressed for the publication of the Consecration Sermon of Bishop SOUTHWATE. The Bishops of QUEBEC and TORONTO and the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT responded to the kind sentiments uttered by the Bishop.

The Cathedral was again opened for Divine Service at six o'clock, when the Rev. Mr. MOUNTAIN, of the Diocese of Quebec, said Evening Prayer. The Proper Psalms, the cxxxii and cxxxiv were chanted to the 5th tone. The First Lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. BACON. The chant for the Magnificat was Battishill in E flat. The Second Lesson was read by the Rev. A. COSTER. The Nunc Dimittis was sung to a composition of the Bishop of FREDERICTON. The Anthem was by Dr. BOYCE, and taken from Job xviii v. 12—et Seq.: "O where shall wisdom be found?" &c. The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of QUEBEC, from 1 Chronicles, xxii 1: "Then DAVID said, This is the house of the Lord God." In the opening of his discourse, the Bishop touchingly alluded to his former connection with Fredericton as his first pastoral charge, and the scene of his earliest ministerial labors. After a full exposition of the teaching of Holy Scripture in reference to holy places, the Bishop proceeded to refute, in a very masterly manner, several of the current objections to the views of the Church on this subject. His able and eloquent sermon was listened to with deep attention by the large congregation which had again filled the Cathedral. At its close, HANDEL'S grand Hallelujah Chorus was sung with remarkable precision and energy by the choir. The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of the Diocese.

On the following day, Thursday, the Bishop held his Triennial Visitation in the Cathedral. All the clergy of the Diocese were present in the chancel, in surplices. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. THOMPSON. The Lessons were read by the Rev. Dr. JARVIS, and the Rev. Mr. DE VEMER. The Anthem was by Dr. BLOW: "I beheld, and lo! a great multitude which no man could number," &c., Revelation vii 9. After Morning Prayer the Bishop proceeded to deliver his Charge, after having received and confirmed the nominations of the several Rural Deans. We have not space to give an analysis of this masterly production, nor is it necessary, as it will soon be published. It was marked by his Lordship's usual perspicuity, eloquence and strength—his deep Catholic feeling, and his lofty views of the responsibilities and duties of the Church of CHRIST, and of all its members, and especially of those "who bear the vessels of the LORD." His closing words were most solemn and touching. Every heart was melted, and we retired from the Sanctuary feeling that we had indeed heard words of wisdom and power not soon to be forgotten.

In the evening we again repaired to the Cathedral, when prayers were said by the Rev. G. TOWNSHEND, of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, and the Rev. J. D. L. STREET. The Lessons were read by the Rev. J. DIXON CARDE, of Connecticut, and the Rev. C. M. PARKMAN, of North Carolina. The Anthem was by the Bishop of FREDERICTON: "Great is our Lord," &c.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT, of New York, from St. John iv, 24: "God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." The aim of the preacher was to set forth and illustrate the great truth, that all external worship is vain, unless accompanied by a devotion of the heart. After sermon the Hallelujah Chorus was again most admirably sung.

On Friday morning, the Clergy again assembled, when the Litany was said by the Rev. G. ARMSTRONG. After which they repaired to the Library, with the Bishop, for the transaction of business. The Rev. W. Q. KERCHUR was appointed Secretary. The oath of office was administered by his Lordship to the several Deans Rural who had been elected and confirmed for the next three years. He then proceeded to call the attention of his clergy to several matters, whereupon the following measures were adopted. A committee was appointed to act with the Bishop in selecting some additional Hymns to be appended to the Hymn Book published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and to recommend the work for adoption in the several congregations. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Mr. PODMORE for his noble donation to the Cathedral Library. An order was adopted with great unanimity and heartiness, for the publication of the Bishop's charge, and the several sermons delivered during the three day's services. A committee was raised to prepare an address to the visiting Bishops, and the clergy from other Dioceses; and one to prepare an address to the Bishop of the Diocese.

In the evening, Prayers were said by the Rev. C. LEE and the Rev. I. EDWELL. The Lessons were read by the Rev. W. ARMSTRONG, and the Rev. W. H. SHORE. The anthem was by CROFT—"Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms—cry aloud." The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. EDSON, from Ephesians iv, 4, 5, 6: "There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one LORD, one faith, one baptism, one GOD and FATHER of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all." It was a sound and able exposition of this important passage, and delivered with an earnestness which did not allow the attention of his hearers to flag. We are glad to know that it will be published with the other discourses.

After the service the Bishops and Clergy assembled in the Library, when the following address was read in the name and on behalf of himself and his clergy by the Bishop of FREDERICTON.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishops of QUEBEC and TORONTO; and to the Rt. Rev. HONORIO SOUTHWATE, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America; and to the Rev. the Presbyters of the American and Colonial Dioceses attending the Consecration of Christ Church Cathedral—

The Address of the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Fredericton, in the Province of New Brunswick:—

We, the Bishop and Clergy of this Diocese, now assembled in this city, having brought to a close the business on which we came together, could not think of separating, without an attempt to give expression to the feeling with which we have seen the delightful solemnities of the last three days graced with the presence, and forwarded by the assistance, of three distinguished Prelates—two of them belonging to our own branch of the Church Catholic, and the third a Missionary Bishop of the Sister Church in the United States—together with that of several Presbyters of other Dioceses, American and Colonial.

We are grateful for the honor you have all been impelled by the best of feelings to do to a portion of the Church not long ago so small and insignificant; and shall not fail to derive hope and courage to grapple with the difficulties of our position, from the kind interest you have shown in our well-doing, and from the animating words you have addressed to us.

The presence among us, on this great occasion, of such a noble band of Fathers and Brethren in the LORD, some from very distant parts of the world, has enabled us to exhibit an example of Catholic union upon which we shall never cease to look back with comfort and encouragement; and we trust this is only the first of many occasions on which similar examples of it will be exhibited on this side of the Atlantic.

We entreat, Fathers and Brethren, your prayers to the throne of grace upon our labours, in the cause of CHRIST and His Church, which you have done so much to stimulate; and shall from our hearts pray God ever and in all things to prosper you and yours.

(Signed.)

JOHN FREDERICTON,  
and on behalf of the Clergy.

Fredericton, Sept. 2, 1853.