

which, alike with all the solemnities of worship, in the turreted Minster, or on the deck of a lonely ship in the midst of the ocean, or within the walls of the humblest cottage that graces the clearings of Western America, the Communion of Saints is vividly felt and realized. Wherever we are, we feel that we are not worshipping alone. We belong to a national church that has extended its ramifications throughout the various dependencies of the British Empire, which now encircle the globe. Of our own fellow-subjects, there are tens of thousands, of every color, and almost every race, and in every clime, who not only bow with ourselves at the Name of Jesus and own his sway, but who offer the very same prayers, and unite in the same praises as those which ascend from our lips.

But we likewise belong to a more extended community, the Catholic Church, which embraces not subjects of the Queen of England alone, but all, of every nation under Heaven, who have been admitted into "the Apostle's doctrine and fellowship," and continue therein. With this vast multitude we are one; one in *the Faith* which all profess; one in *Hope* of the "glory which shall be revealed;" one in *Charity*, which is "the bond of perfectness;" one in our mutual participation in the sacrifice of adoration and homage paid to the Eternal and undivided Trinity, by the "Holy Church throughout all the world." It is the consciousness of this which is nourished in us by the constant use of the Liturgy of our own Church, that gives to our acts of united worship, under whatever circumstances of privation they may be performed, their peculiar sweetness and value.

Let a tribute of acknowledgment be paid in these lines to Captain McMaster, the commander of our vessel. He is not only felt to be well qualified for his post by his experience as a navigator, having crossed the Atlantic no less than eighty-six times; his gentlemanly manner and agreeable humor have won for him the esteem of all on board. Himself an Episcopalian, it was at his suggestion that the ship was furnished with Prayer Books in addition to the Bibles which had been provided by the Company; and, with his concurrence, the principal meal of the day was invariably prefaced with the asking of a blessing, a public testimony to religion which one would be thankful to see more generally borne.

In less than seven days from the Straits of Belle Isle, we sighted the coast of Ireland; and in ten days and eighteen hours from the time we left Quebec we were at anchor in the Mersey. The "Atlantic," which had sailed from New York on the same day that we had sailed from Quebec, arrived in Liverpool about an hour before us, and had it not been for a violent head wind which met us in going down the North Channel, and made it necessary for us to go outside the Isle of Man, we should have beaten her by some hours. So much for the first trip of the Canadian Mail Steamer Anglo-Saxon.

Gold and the Gospel.

WE have before us a remarkable volume bearing this title. Of the contents we do not propose to speak on this occasion, although it is gratifying to us to find that it bears strong testimony in favor of a principle which "THE CHURCHMAN'S FRIEND" has not hesitated to advocate. It is, however, to the circumstances under which this volume is published that we design to call attention. It appears that a number of gentlemen, members of "different churches," combined to offer prizes for the best Essays on a certain subject. Fifty-one essays were submitted to the adjudicators, and they selected five as of equal merits, which are now published under the above title. The authors "belong to different Christian communities. One is an Episcopalian Clergyman; the second is a Presbyterian minister, the third is a Scotch Dissenter, the fourth is an English Nonconformist, and the fifth is a layman. And as the scheme in the first instance originated with Baptists and Wesleyan Methodists, it may so far be regarded as combining the suffrage and sympathy of the largest evangelic denominations in the United Kingdom." And further, of the authors "two are Englishmen, two are Irishmen, and one is a Scotchman." Through the action of the Evangelical Alliance the volume is published at a price almost unprecedentedly low. "A Presbyterian, a Congregationalist, a Baptist, and a Wesleyan gentleman have each ordered a thousand copies for gratuitous distribution;" and it has reached us bearing the inscription, "Presented by a few Members of the Church of England" in Montreal. It is almost startling to find in these days of division such har-