

and the little body of cavillers have their answer from Apostolic example and constitutional Synodical authority founded upon the Master's promise, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us."

It would accord with individualism and congregationalism perhaps, but no Catholic Christian or devoted member, who catches a glimpse of the mission of England's Church to the English-speaking population of the globe, dare offer a prayer of limitation to the Holy Ghost less wide than that of the "Great Commission." With a "returned empty" of the discontents belonging to the "Presbyter Anglicanus" class—a living representative in England—your correspondent's allusions savours of wild detraction. The Canadian Church will be enriched when it can attract to itself servants of God of truest devotion and noblest gifts and loftiest attainments from any quarter of the globe.

The selection of the chief pastor, outside of any particular diocese, is one of the happiest omens for fresh spiritual life and enlarged Christian activities, and one of the surest guarantees of that impartial administration which makes the spiritual head of the diocese a true "Father in God" to every faithful and sincere labourer in the greater Shepherd's service.

—PRESBYTER.

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

ORDINATION AT WINDSOR.

Sunday, May 28th—Trinity Sunday—will long be remembered by the congregation of Christ Church. For weeks past the occasion has been looked forward to with feelings of the most pleasurable expectation, and as not only the energetic and painstaking rector, and his choir, but the clergy and choir connected with King's College, had spared no pains in their preparations for the important event, its success was confidently expected by all who were interested. It is needless to say that no one was disappointed; indeed, the general expression of opinion seems to be, that the services were even brighter and more attractive, and the whole occasion more imposing, than had been hoped for.

Matins was said separately at 9.45, as the length of the Ordination service rendered this necessary. The church began to fill with worshippers for the latter service as early as 10.30, and when the bell ceased ringing at eleven o'clock, there was hardly a vacant seat discernable. The Processional Hymn was No. 601. "The God of Abraham praise"—a beautiful hymn, which has never sounded better than when rendered by the long procession of nearly fifty vested choristers and clergy, as they moved slowly up the centre aisle from the main entrance, taking upon order as they reached the chancel to allow the Bishop and his chaplain, (Rev. E. T. Woollard, New Ross) to pass through. When all were seated in the chancel, the preacher of the morning, Rev. E. P. Crawford, of St. Luke's, Halifax, entered the pulpit and delivered the Ordination sermon, his text being taken from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, iv, 7-14. Those who had heard the reverend gentleman on other occasions were prepared for an earnest and eloquent discourse, and they were by no means disappointed, as the sermon was a fine one in every respect, his closing words addressed to two candidates for ordination being such as neither they, nor others who heard them will be likely soon to forget. At the close of the sermon, the candidates were presented to the Bishop by the Ven. Archdea-

con Weston-Jones, Mr. Howcroft, first, to be ordained deacon, and Mr. Warner, of Middleton, to be ordained priest. The Litany was sung by Rev. Mr. Crawford. Then followed the Ordination, the scene being a most impressive one, especially when the candidate for priesthood was advanced to that sacred office by the Bishop, "with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery," ten men taking part with the Bishop in this portion of the ceremonial. Rev. Prof. Vroom was celebrant at the celebration of the Holy Communion, Archdeacon Jones being server. The responsive part of the service, which, of course, was choral, was admirably sung by the combined choirs, whose efficient rendering of the musical portion of the ceremonies deserves the highest praise. The Hymns sung were "Lord, Pour Thy Spirit from on High," "Christ has gone up, yet ere He passed," "And now, Oh Father," (Communion Hymn) and, as a Recessional, "To the Name of our Salvation."

EVENSONG.

Towards evening, the clouds which had darkened the sky in the morning, lifted a little, and though it rained later on, at seven o'clock the weather was fine. The attendance, possibly on this account, but more probably because it had been announced that his Lordship Bishop Courtney was to preach, was even larger than at the morning service, the large church being crowded. Promptly at seven o'clock the long procession again made its way up the centre aisle, singing that grand old processional, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The first part of the service was intoned by Rev. Mr. Crawford, the second part by Rev. Prof. Vroom; Rev. J. Spencer, of Rawdon, read the first lesson, and Rev. K. C. Hind, of Newport, the second. The text selected by His Lordship for his evening's discourse, was the eleventh chapter of Job, 7th, 8th, and 9th verses. "Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? Deeper than hell: what canst thou know? The measure thereof longer than the earth, and broader than the sea."

The sermon was a most brilliant discourse, to which no newspaper report could even begin to do justice. Especially in his closing words, did the eloquent speaker carry the hearts of his hearers far beyond the things of earth, and at its close, though the sermon had been rather a long one, there were few in the crowded assemblage who would not gladly have listened on.

The hymns sung at this service were:—Processional, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," "Bright the Vision that delighted," "Holy Father, cheer our way," "O Paradise, O Paradise," and the Recessional, "For all Thy Saints who from thy labors rest." The chancel was hung with its beautiful white festival hangings, the flowers above the altar being also of pure white. The fine new organ was heard to the best advantage at both services under the skilled and artistic touch of Rev. Dr. Willets, whose playing is always so much appreciated.—A. H.

Diocese of Fredericton.

NEWCASTLE.

The following extract, taken from the "Burnham Sutton (Eng.) Parish Magazine," refers to the rector of Newcastle, and will doubtless be of interest to his parishioners.

"On Saturday, April 8th, a deputation consisting of Mr. S. Palmer and J. Savony, waited upon the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, and presented to him an Easter offering, amounting to £14 15s, on behalf of 67 parishioners and friends, to mark their appreciation of the way in which he has discharged his duties as *locum tenens* during his eight month's residence amongst them."

Diocese of Quebec.

QUEBEC.

The Synod of the Diocese held its Session in the city on the 30th and 31st of May and the 1st and 2nd of June, the 1st being devoted mainly to the Centennial celebration. We hope to have an account of its proceedings for our next number, but we learn that during its session the scheme for the "Consolidation of The Church," as adopted by the Provincial Synod, was assented to, and that the appointment of the delegates to represent the Diocese at the meeting to be held in Toronto in September next was by vote of the House left in the hands of the Bishop of the Diocese. It was also learned that at this Session a resolution was passed looking to the giving up by the Diocese entirely of the grant which it has received from the S. P. G. Society amounting, we believe, to something like \$4,500 per annum—a not unfitting Centennial gift from the Diocese to the Society, to which it has been so much indebted.

LENNOXVILLE.

BISHOPS' COLLEGE.—A special meeting of the Convocation was held in The Church Hall, Quebec, on the afternoon of the first of June, the first held in that city since the foundation of the college. At it the honorary degree of D.D. was conferred upon the Rt. Rev. Dr. Courtney, Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, and that of D.C.L. upon the Rt. Rev. Dr. Potter, Bishop of New York. The degree of D.C.L. was also conferred *in absentia* upon His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, the Earl of Derby. There was a large attendance of members of the Convocation and of Churchmen and Churchwomen of Quebec to witness the ceremony.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese is to continue his Visitation to the Eastern Townships early this month, and immediately thereafter will visit the Gaspé district. From all quarters of the Diocese come expressions of high appreciation and evidences of His Lordship's daily increasing favor with the people.

Diocese of Niagara.

GUELPH.

On Sunday 29th ult., the Lord Bishop of the diocese held an Ordination and a Confirmation in St. George's Church here. The services were of a singularly impressive character. At 8.30 morning prayers were said, Revs. J. H. Ross and R. W. Archer taking parts of the service. At 11 a. m. the Bishop and clergy advanced through the west door, while a processional hymn was sung, and took their various places. The Rev. J. Morton entered the pulpit and commenced with "the Bidding prayer," after which he preached the Ordination sermon from the text 2nd Timothy, i, vi, "Therefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift that is in thee by the putting on of my hands."

The Ven. Archdeacon then presented the candidates Mr. Alfred Garden for the diaconate and Rev. R. H. Archer for the priesthood. The usual ordination service was then proceeded with, and the Archdeacon, Rev. J. Morton, Rev. J. W. Ross and Rev. V. Price, of Diocese of Ontario, united "in laying on of hands" on the candidate, Mr. Archer, on whom the office of the priesthood was conferred.

At the close the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, and a number of the laity remained with the clergy as communicants. The musical portions of the service were never surpassed in St. George's.