

Colonial and Foreign Church News.

"A Churchman" informs us that "though so late in the Fall, the good work of Confirmation is still being continued. On Sunday, 3rd Oct., the Bishop administered this Apostolic rite to 21 persons, in Christ's Church Maugerville. The day was wet and the travelling unpleasant, especially for those who had to cross from the Burton side, but the beautiful little church was well filled with devout worshippers, and the religious quiet, and holy peace within, contrasted with the storm without, reminded us that the Church of Christ is the only refuge against the storms of temptation and the winds of false doctrine, and seemed an earnest to those about to be confirmed of that inward peace and quiet; the reward of a life spent in the fulfilment of their Baptismal vows. Immediately before Confirmation one of the candidates was admitted into Christ's flock by baptism. After the 'Laying on of hands,' the Bishop delivered a most instructive and interesting address from the lesson for the day (St. Luke ix, 57-62), which was followed by the administration of the Holy Communion. A large number of the newly-confirmed joined their elder Christian brethren in this solemn feast.

The Maugerville people are favoured in having one of the best organs in the province; and the singing, on this occasion was very good."

TOBIQUE AND GRAND FALLS.—Confirmation was held in this mission last month, but no particulars have been sent to us concerning the services or the number of candidates.

LUNenburg, NOVA SCOTIA.—The corner stone of a new church was laid in Markland a settlement in Mr. Snyder's mission on Friday Sep. 28th:—

The clergy vested in surplices, hoods and stoles, proceeded to the site in procession, repeating in response the 24th Psalm. The Rev. Mr. Shreve said the appointed prayers. Mr. Moore read the Lesson—parts of I Kings, V. and VI. Mr. Owen made a most instructive address on the need and propriety of building proper "Houses of God," and the sin of living ourselves in "ceiled houses," while God's house lies waste or is unfinished. Mr. Payne and Mr. Bullock followed in appropriate speeches, and Mr. Snyder offered the prayer for "unity" and gave the Blessing of Peace. The stone was then laid, by Mrs. Barry, wife of the donor of the site, in the name of "the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."—*N. S. Ch. Chron.*

MORE than a year's canvassing, on the continent as well as in England, has raised only £19,000 as a memorial of Cardinal Wiseman; while a few weeks have raised £27,000 for a memorial to John Keble.—*N. S. Church Chronicle.*

CANADA—Toronto. The special meeting of Synod was held in Toronto on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Sept. 19, 20, and 21; the Lord Bishop of the Diocese presiding. On the ninth ballot the Venerable Alexander N. Bethune, Archdeacon of Toronto, and Rector of Coburg, was duly elected Coadjutor Bishop. The lay vote for Dr. Bethune on the first ballot was only 21 out of 91; but on the ninth and last 47 out of 91. Provost Whittaker withdrew his name after the eight ballot; and the bulk of his supporters thereupon voted for Dr. Bethune, and secured his election. The Lord Bishop then rose and addressed the delegates as follows:—

"My brethren of the clergy and laity: it is with great satisfaction that I hear read to me, officially, the result of the election of Coadjutor which has been now made. I congratulate the whole diocese, as well as all connected with the Church, on the way in which the proceedings have been conducted. Nothing could be more praiseworthy than the whole of the voting in this sacred edifice. It is, therefore, with more gladness and gratitude than I can well express, that I find this duty has been so well performed and finally accomplished. I therefore proclaim in all your hearing that the Venerable Alexander N. Bethune has been duly elected Coadjutor of the Diocese of Toronto; and I trust and hope that his future life will be as the past has been—just, and holy, and upright in every respect, and worthy of the high station to which he is now called."

UNITED STATES.—St. Stephen's Church, Portland, recently destroyed by fire, is to be rebuilt as a memorial to the late Bishop Burgess.

The Right Rev. A. C. Cox, Bishop of Western New York, at a recent D. Church Society meeting in Toronto, C. W. speaking of the growth of the Church in the United States said, "Bishop Burgess asserts that the entire growth of our American Church must be dated from 1818; until that date she had hardly held her own. I am not counted an old man, but according to these statements, all that our Church has become, is the growth of a period within my own lifetime: almost within my own recollection. In view of the hostility which it has had to encounter, from the beginning, its progress has been very remarkable. By God's blessing upon Apostolic labours, animated by such principles as I have endeavoured to illustrate, our Church has not only grown thrivingly during the last half century, multiplying her bishoprics to forty, and her parishes and stations to more than 3,000, but a mighty influence has gone forth from her, which has greatly changed for the better the religious sentiments of thousands of pious men. The Prayer Book is our great missionary, and supplies our lack of service, as nothing else could do so well. In Virginia the Church was all but extinct at the beginning of the century: it grew rapidly under the Episcopate of Bishop Moore, and that of his successor, until the civil war. In Maryland, under the eminent prelate who still adorns that state and diocese, the number of the clergy has doubled, and there has been a great development of strength. The South and South-west are yet missionary ground, where the Church was never strong, and is now deplorably enfeebled; but there, also, the intelligence and culture of society gravitate to the Church. Under my truly great predecessor, Bishop Doane, a great diocese was developed, and my venerable friend, who is with me on this platform, could tell you how he came to Buffalo as a missionary to a few scattered Churchmen, 40 years ago, and how on last Easter day, under the roof of his own church, 1500 children were gathered, representing seven parish churches.