

6. Co-operation with the parish priest in all good works. There are some parishes in which the parson and people *might work together more than they do*, and wherever the need for improvement exists, affords an opportunity for making a beginning.

It is within the power of the laity of the Church to become the means of bringing great blessings both to Church and State. Let them receive these hints in the confidence that they are lovingly meant.

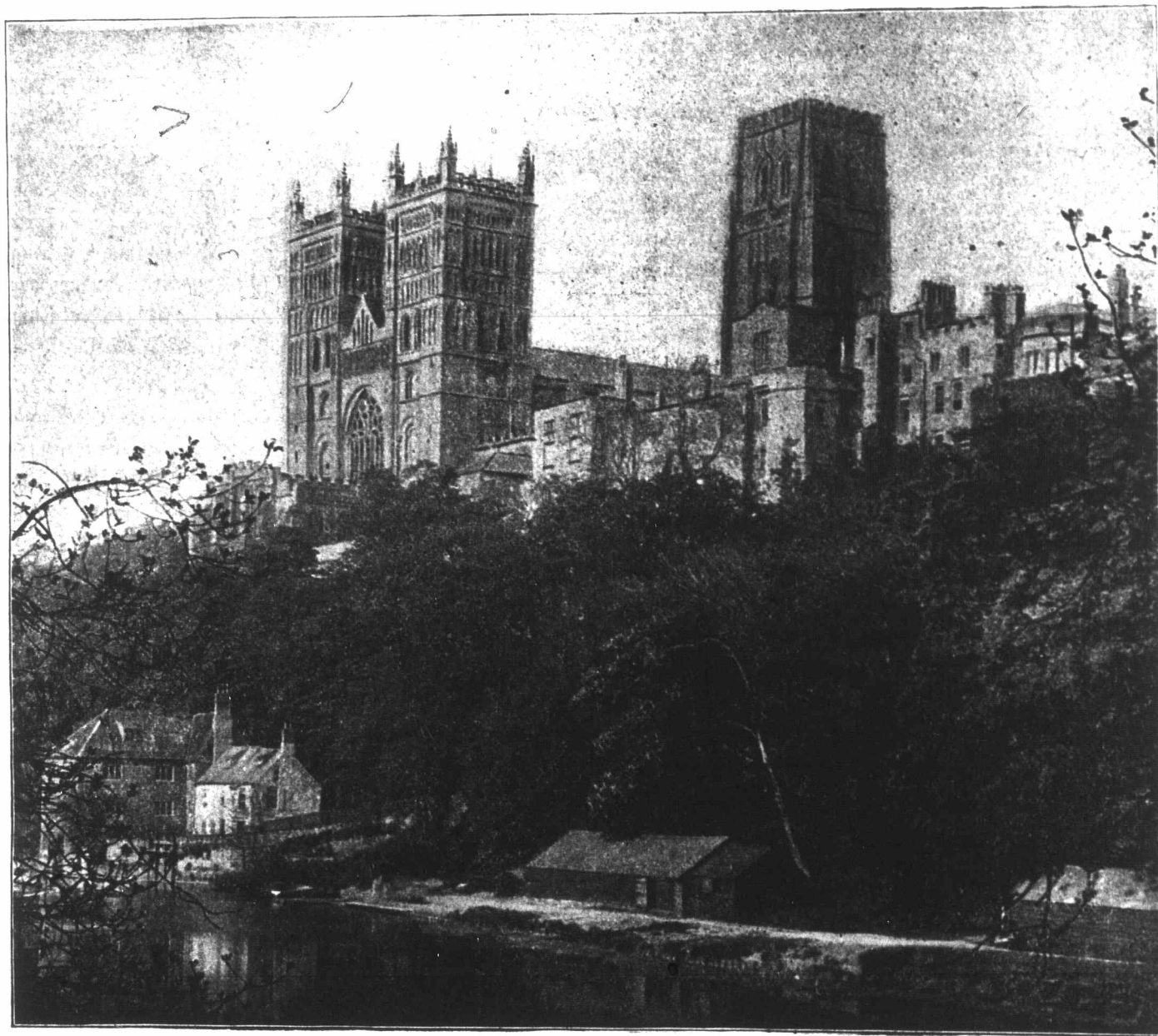
AMONG THE CHURCHES.

BY REV. HENRY E. BENOIT.

Your correspondent was recently invited to spend a few days with the Rev. H. J. Spencer, of Flinton, in Addington county. For many years this part of the country had been without a clergyman, but through the earnest representa-

of helping them that your correspondent visited this part of the country, and held one service exclusively for the French-speaking people. The prayers were read in French. Mr. Spencer presided at the organ, and the singing was rendered by a number of French Canadian ladies who had been invited to take seats in the choir stall. At the close of the service many questions were asked concerning the Church of England, so that it was not until after midnight that we were permitted to take a well earned rest. Many of the French Canadians of Flinton have already given assurance that they would assist in the building of a church for our people. The Christmas day services were well attended, considering the inclemency of the weather: 25 to 30 persons were present in the morning, and 35 to 40 in the evening. The concert and Christmas tree on Monday night netted over 25 dollars, which will be applied toward the payment of the organ.

to attend our Church services regularly. This year the French speaking people of this part of the Diocese of Ontario will be represented at our Sabrevois mission school by one of their own boys. It is impossible to over-estimate the good results which may be accomplished through this agency for the people of Flinton, and for our Church in particular. My visit in this part of Ontario Diocese ended Friday evening, when I had the honour to be present and make an address at the annual gathering and banquet of the Masons in Tweed, where we were introduced to the elite society of this beautiful little town. Later in the evening I took passage for Montreal, having in six days given nine addresses, and travelled 500 miles, more than 100 of which was with horse and carriage through muddy roads, such as can only be found in this tract of country.



DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

tion of Rural Dean E. H. M. Baker, of Bath, an appropriation was made at the last Synod of Ontario for mission work in North Addington, and the Rev. H. J. Spencer was appointed to Flinton. Until the present time the services have been held in the town hall. A good congregation has been gathered together, and it is hoped at no distant day to build a substantial church building. A large number of those who attend the service are Roman Catholics. Within a radius of 15 miles are found 75 French Canadian families, who for the most part have become dissatisfied with the Roman Catholic priest, who holds a monthly service in Flinton. Some of these people, among whom are the leading French Canadians, have not attended the Roman Church for two years. However, since we have begun to hold Church services, many of these people have become regular attendants. It was in the hope

About twelve miles north of Flinton is Cloyne, Mr. Spencer's first out-station. Upon my arrival in Tweed, I was driven 32 miles to this appointment, but on account of the bad state of the roads we were a little late in arriving, and the concert did not begin until eight o'clock. At about eleven o'clock the presents were given from a huge Christmas tree. The proceeds of this entertainment, which amounted to 25 dollars, will be added to the church building fund in Cloyne. Next morning being Sunday, we were awakened before seven o'clock and driven two miles to see a French Canadian couple united in the holy bonds of matrimony, and at eleven o'clock I had the pleasure of preaching to an audience composed nearly all of Dissenters and Romanists. I also preached in this place at four o'clock Christmas day. After the address, a Presbyterian lady came to buy a Prayer-book, and made known her determination

—The late Rev. Robert Norris Merritt, S.T.D., rector of Morristown, New Jersey—the first M.A. from Trinity University—bequeathed his library to his *alma mater*. He was rector of St. Peter's Church, Morristown. He was a man of extremely retiring disposition, refusing to thrust himself forward, and declining many offices that would otherwise have been awarded him. He expressly stipulated that all his sermons must be destroyed within 30 days after his death. He was a man of intense strength of will. His steadfastness of purpose appears in the magnificent church which is due to his indomitable will. He gave his personal attention to every detail of construction. His executive and financial ability was wonderful. Busy at all times, he yet managed to keep himself conversant with the newest thought of the day, both theological and scientific. His parishioners always welcomed him, especially the humble, to whom he was a constant visitor and sympathizer. He was a man of strong convictions, and firm in his maintenance of the principles in which he believed.

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