

And those acts I firmly believe set forth, as distinctly as words can possibly do, the continuous maintenance, through the Reformation and up to the present time, of the same belief in the necessity of the three Orders for the validity of the Sacraments and for the continuance of the ministry, and therefore for the existence of the Church, that had been held by the Church of Christ from the beginning.

Whether the Church was *right* or not in this matter has been repeatedly discussed by the most able and learned writers, and is not now the question. Nor, if you will permit me to say so, has the permission of Baptism by laymen in extreme cases of necessity, to which your Lordship alluded, anything to do with the recognition of the authority of persons in separation from the Church to minister the Sacraments as Ministers.

All I contend is that our Church does, whether rightly or wrongly, most undoubtedly and plainly maintain the ancient belief as to the necessity for the three Orders for the existence of the Church.

In 1549, under Edward VI., the Ordinal was published, with the Declarations at the beginning, to the first part of which your Lordship alluded, practically as we now have it. That Preface says:—

"It is evident unto all men diligently reading the H. Scripture and ancient Authors, that from the Apostles' time there have been three Orders of Ministers in Christ's Church."

So far your Lordship quoted, and added that you heartily admitted the statement. But why did not your Lordship continue the quotation? The words that follow express, as distinctly as words could do, that these Orders not only existed as a matter of history, but had been considered, and were to continue to be esteemed necessary.

"Which Offices were evermore had in such reverence estimation, that no man might presume to execute any of them, except he were first called, tried, examined, and known to have such qualities as are requisite for the same; and also by public Prayer, with imposition of Hands, were approved and admitted thereto by lawful authority. And therefore, to the intent that these Orders may be continued, and reverently used and esteemed in the Church of England, no man shall be accounted or taken to be a lawful Bishop, Priest, or Deacon in the Church of England, or suffered to execute any of the said Functions, except he be called, tried, examined, and admitted thereto, according to the Form hereafter following, or hath had formerly Episcopal Consecration or Ordination."

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

**SPRINGHILL.**—All Saints' Day of this year will ever be remembered in this parish. The exquisitely beautiful church built by the untiring energy of the rector, the Rev. W. C. Wilson, was opened and consecrated by the bishop of the diocese. The morning broke without a cloud, an omen of much promise to the future of the parish. A number of the neighboring clergy were present and the church was packed by happy parishioners assembled to witness the consummation of their long-looked-for hopes.

The church, which is a wooden building of correct gothic architecture, is 108 feet long, with a nave of 78 feet and a chancel of 30. It is of cruciform shape, with aisles, clerical story walls supported by handsome pillars, transepts, chancel, and chancel aisles for vestry and organ chamber. The width between pillars is 30 feet and from wall to wall 42 feet. The nave is exceedingly lofty, and the ceiling, which stands 42 feet from the floor, is cased in wood, the chancel being beautifully grained, and ending in an apse. Externally it rises 54 feet to the ridge-pole, to which height a large and well proportioned tower rises over the south-west entrance, upon which is erected a spire of 110 feet. The nave will seat 500 worshippers, and 100 can be accommodated in the chancel and organ room, now used for the orchestra. Mr. Wilson has been about five years collecting funds for the building, and he has wisely waited until sufficient money has been given to complete and consecrate the church before opening it for Divine service. He had, therefore, the somewhat rare happiness of witnessing the consecration of his church as the first offering of worship in it to Almighty God.

Another novel feature of this first service was the presence of a large mixed choir of boys, girls and men, correctly robed in cassocks and surplices. Most of the clergy present had never seen women robed for service in surplices before, and it is the least that can be said that very many, if not most, of the prejudices they possessed against this novelty were removed by the grace, reverence and unostentatiousness of this exceedingly well drilled and efficient choir. There were 20 girls, 10 boys and 5 men in

the choir, besides 10 young men who formed the orchestra. Of this number only two women were of what is called the upper classes of society. All the others were sons and daughters of men who are daily at work in the coal mines. Still another feature deserves mention. The church is singularly well filled even at this, its initiatory stage, with memorials, many of which have been supplied by young men, either engaged in the mines, or now in the States, but formerly members of this class. Three memorial windows were given by Dr. J. A. Byers; Mrs. Sprague gave the altar in memory of her sons; Rev. W. B. King, late of Halifax, gave the brass altar cross; altar vases were given by Mrs. Beaumont, J. Hargreaves, and Jenkin Morgan. The altar desk is a memorial of the late Joseph Ovens; and the pulpit, of the late Boulter Empey. Some of the S. S. children gave the font, which was especially designed by the architect for the church, and is a noble piece of work of large dimensions, carved out of a single block of Wallace stone by a parishioner. A handsome brass plate placed upon the west wall contains the names of 28 Churchmen who perished in the awful disaster which occurred in one of the mines three years ago. There stands a commodious porch on the north-west side as well as the south. This was built in memory of Miss Landell by her sisters, at a cost of about \$300. The builders, Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, generously presented a wooden eagle lectern carved in their own establishment, and gilded. The architect is W. C. Harris, A. R. C. A., of Charlottetown, P. E. I., a brother of Mr. Robert Harris, the well known artist of Montreal. Mr. Eli Rowe supervised the construction.

The following clergy were present: The Archdeacon of N. S., the Archdeacon of P. E. I., Rural Dean Harris, W. J. Ancient, S. Gibbons, Canon Partridge, Richmond Smith, A. M. Bent, H. Taylor, C. de W. White, — Underwood, — Hays. The ceremony was a most imposing one, and will never be forgotten by all those who on so lovely an All Saints' Day were fortunate enough to be present. The sermon was preached by the Bishop in his own excellent style, from the text "Let us draw near." After service the clergy were regaled at a sumptuous luncheon in the parish house.

At 4 o'clock the Bishop formally opened the beautiful cottage hospital, which has been also built during the same time and is free from debt. The cottage hospital contains 26 beds, and is constructed with modern hospital improvements. It is intensely interesting from the fact that all the rooms are gift rooms, and bear the names of the donors. The following are the names: "Grace," by Grace Church, N. Y.; "St. Mary," by St. Mary's, Philadelphia; "St. Paul," by St. Paul's, Brooklyn; "St. Bartholomew," by St. Bartholomew's, N. Y.; "Advent," by the Advent Church, Boston; "Holy Trinity," by Holy Trinity, Newport; "Our Saviour," by St. Saviour's, Longwood, and Church of our Saviour, Philadelphia (the S. S. children); "Holy Comforter," by the Church of the Holy Comforter, Philadelphia; "Lennox," Holy Trinity, Lennox; "St. Monica," by the Tuesday Bible Class, Philadelphia; "Leckie," by Mrs. R. G. Leckie, Londonderry, N. S.; "Lillington," by Miss Lillington, England; "Wheaton Seminary," by the missionary society of that seminary, Massachusetts. Many of the beds are gift beds bearing the names of the givers. The cost of a gift bed (the simple furnishing of it) and the table which stands by its side, is \$50. Three of them were given by three parishes in Halifax, viz., St. Paul's, St. George's and St. Luke's. One half of the beds in the hospital have been so given. A bountiful supply of bedding was generously given by the Women's Auxiliary of Toronto. The cost of furnishing a room varies according to the size of the room, from \$100 to \$600. It is hoped that some friends will come forward now and supply the means to carry on the work of the hospital. One lady has started the ball rolling by giving \$200 and so endowing a bed for one year. \$5,000 will provide a permanent endowment for a bed, and it is thought that as soon as the work is better known some charitable friends will thus leave their good deeds to follow them. There is no doubt about the want of such an institution as this cottage hospital, and Mr. Wilson deserves every praise for his abundant faith in going on thus far with this noble work. Hospitals are found in great numbers in our cities, but such a thing in a town of 5,000 inhabitants, where there is no wealth, and hardly a person who does not either engage in the dangerous labour of mining, or at least derive a living from such labours, is almost unknown. But why, we might ask? Is there a law of the Medes and Persians which altereth not, making provision for such a class of our Christian brethren, unlawful, or wrong? It is to be hoped that Mr. Wilson, by this labour of love of his, will have opened many a heart to a sense of the needs of our suffering brethren, who are not so fortunate as to dwell in great cities. With his success so far it is difficult to see why he should not succeed further. May God grant it. The church cost \$11,500 and the land \$1,000

more. The hospital cost about \$9,000. These have been paid for.

I must add a word about the parish house. This was the gift of one person and has been in use for a couple of years. It is most commodious and useful. Here a kindergarten school is in daily course, and on two days a week there is a cooking school. In the building is a fine reading room well supplied with illustrated and other papers; a room for games of various sorts; a room for practise for the parish orchestra, and a woman's parlor; these are in daily use. There is besides a large Sunday school and lecture room, which has been used for months for services during the building of the church. All sorts of parish guilds and societies are in active working order.

The collections at the opening service amounted to \$172.14 for church furnishing, etc., and \$50 for the hospital, besides over \$17 for the Bishop of Algoma.

### QUEBEC.

**QUEBEC.**—*St. Matthew's.*—The festival of All Saints, an important day in this parish, being not only observed by the Lay Helpers' Association as their anniversary, but also as the anniversary of the consecration of the church, was this year no exception to the rule. On the Eve of All Saints the annual re-union of the lay helpers was held in the parish rooms, and a very large number were present, including the Lord Bishop and Mrs. Dunn and most of the city clergy. The services of All Saints' Day began with an early celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7.30 a.m., when several hundred received the Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Matins were said at 10 a.m., and at 10.30 a.m. there was a choral celebration, with a special sermon by the rector, at which quite a number again received. At 8 p.m. there was full choral evensong, when the church was crowded, the Lord Bishop preaching an eloquent, able, instructive and plain sermon on "Paradise," setting forth most distinctly the meaning of the article of the creed, "The Communion of Saints."

*The Cathedral.*—A largely attended meeting of the congregation of the cathedral of the Holy Trinity was held on the 2nd inst., when the Lord Bishop explained the principal changes proposed by him in the service, which include the substitution of choral evensong for the plain evening service now held, and the daily singing of prayers, as is done in nearly every cathedral in Christendom. It is also suggested to make such changes in the chancel as will accommodate the choir with seats there. We congratulate the congregation on the prospect of their having, in the near future, a service worthy of a cathedral, and one which is in almost universal use in the cathedrals of the great Anglican Church.

**WATERVILLE.**—A very successful missionary meeting was held in St. John's church, Waterville, on Monday evening, the 6th inst., when addresses were delivered by the Rev. Canon J. Foster, M.A., rector of Coaticook, P.Q., and the Rev. G. H. A. Murray, M.A., of Dixville, P.Q. On the following morning there was an early celebration of the Holy Communion, and afterwards at 9.15 a.m., matins. At 3 p.m. the same day the Rev. Chas. H. Brooks, of Way's Mills, P.Q., who for a number of years has been a missionary in Constantinople and the East, gave a public address in the school hall, on "The training, the manners and customs of children and young people in oriental lands, particularly in Turkey." A general invitation had been extended to scholars, parents and friends, consequently there were a large number present. Collections for missionary purposes were taken on each occasion.

### ONTARIO.

The Archbishop of Ontario will (D.V.) hold a general ordination on Sunday, Dec. 17th (3rd Sunday in Advent), in Kingston. Candidates for deacons' and priests' orders are requested to send their papers, etc., to the Ven. Archdeacon of Kingston (Brockville, Ont.), who will supply all information required. The examination will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 12th, at 3 p.m., in the Synod Hall, Kingston.

**ROBLIN.**—The laying of the corner stone of All Saints' church was accomplished under auspicious circumstances. The sun shone brightly and the festivities were very interesting. Mrs. W. H. Wilkin, wife of his honor the judge, performed the ceremony of laying the stone very gracefully, and the following clergymen were present: Revs. S. Tighe (who delivered an eloquent address at the service), J. A. Anderson, A. Jarvis, F. D. Woodcock and R. Atkinson, incumbent. Proceeds of the day were \$100.

**WOLFE ISLAND.**—*Christ Church.*—During the past few weeks this church has received additional improvements—a neat vestry, several large lamps and a new coal stove. The services are always well