

THE CHURCH.

ON Tuesday, the 30th ult., and the two following days, the Lord Bishop of Quebec held his biennial visitation at Bishop's College, Lennoxville. More than thirty of his Clergy were present, those prevented from attending belonging chiefly to the remote district of Gaspé. It has been his Lordship's practice since his elevation to the See to mark the period of each visitation as a season of special prayer and counsel, as well as of hospitality to his Reverend brethren. For three days the Clergy were the Bishop's guests within the college, which had been kindly placed at his disposal. This Diocese has always been distinguished for the brotherly love and Christian toleration prevailing not only between the Clergy and the laity, but also among the Clergy themselves. Much of this kindly feeling is due to him whose memory is still dear to us, the late Bishop Mountain. But we are confident no surer means could have been devised for preserving and perpetuating this godly union and concord than that so happily inaugurated by the present Bishop, and which, as all who have attended these conferences can testify, has already been attended, in many ways, with the happiest results. We are sure our readers will feel obliged to us for a brief summary of the proceedings.

The business of each day was preceded by the celebration of the Holy Communion, at seven o'clock, in the College chapel. At noon, matins, and at 8 o'clock P.M. evensong were said. The services, which were under the direction of the Rev. W. S. Vial, were chorally rendered, and will long be remembered by those who were privileged to take part in them. From 9 o'clock till noon, and from 3 to 6 o'clock, the Clergy, under the Presidency of the Bishop, were engaged in discussions; the subjects of which, as well as the speakers by which they were introduced, having been previously chosen by his Lordship. On Tuesday morning a paper on "Public Worship" was read by the Rev. A. A. Von Iffland. Nothing could be more cheering than the unanimous, hearty assent of the Clergy to the obligation of daily Common Prayer, the weekly celebration of the Holy Communion, and to the distinctive position of this blessed Sacrament as the Church's perpetual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. We were not less pleased with the generous tone of the Clergy with what is popularly known as Ritualism. We cannot but augur well of a Diocese in which strict observance of the formularies of our Church is not deemed incompatible with obedience to the Chief Pastor, and with Christian toleration of the reasonable wishes of the laity.

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