

our Mother English Church; and here, far away from the home of their fathers, they wanted the little baby laid away "in the quiet earth's breast," with the beautiful words of prayer and hope to which they were accustomed. At the appointed time the service was commenced, the little baby lay in a small tent under the trees, and the minister stood outside. There were many people grouped about him, pressing so close to him in fact that he could scarcely move his arm. Poor people they were but devout; kneeling down upon the ground at the prayers and listening reverently to the few words of hope and comfort which were spoken.

After reading the burial service, four little children were brought forward for baptism, the prayer book was laid upon an overturned water bucket which rested upon an old chair. Another chair held an old tin basin for the water, and with these simple adjuncts the service of this Church of form and ritual, so called, was carried out. After the baptisms the Churching office was read at the request of the mother of the youngest child, a boy only two weeks old, Major Fisher by name.

These poor people possessed no ability to read, so they had to say the responses after the minister. They could not write the English language, but they had been taught the principles of our blessed Church and they cherished them deep in their hearts.

The minister officiating was to them a Father and they called him so; the people were honest, working for their daily bread and possessed of sufficient means to properly and decently lay to rest their little loved one, and they seemed very sorry to find that no remuneration could be accepted for the few simple services the Church had rendered them. My friends, is not this an argument for "one Catholic and Apostolic Church," one universal way of worship? Should we not also rejoice that wherever we may go, by the grace of God we may hear, and use the same simple, yet magnificent words of prayer and praise we have done from our youth up, and our forefathers before us? Happy is the Church which possesses such people and such services.—C.T.B in *Cathedral Chimes*, Omaha Neb.

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

### DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Of the 97 Clergy in the Diocese of Nova Scotia ten years ago, under Bishop Binney, only 48 remain. The Bishop and forty nine priests have yielded their places to others; twenty (including the Bishop) by death, and thirty by removal. There are now Bishop Courtney and one hundred clergy.

**AMHERST.**—The services of the Rev. Mr. French, have been secured, and he has entered upon his duties as priest in charge of the Mission of Baie Verte, and Tidnish.

Rev Canon Partridge, Rector of St. George, Halifax, and secretary to the Board of Home Missions, visited this Parish on Tuesday the 5th and delivered an able address on the subject of Missions.

On Thanksgiving day, there was a celebration at eight o'clock in Christ Church and full morning service and sermon at eleven.

**ALBION MINES.**—Mr. Harris, architect of Charlottetown, has supplied excellent plans for the improvement of the nave of Christ Church. The Rector is projecting special services in Advent, by several of his brother clergy.

**WESTVILLE.**—The windows are now glazed in the new Church; with leaded lights prettily made with colored borders, by Spence & Son, of Bleury street, Montreal.

**NEW ROSS.**—After an interval of four years

this Parish has received a visit from a Bishop! on Wednesday Oct, 30th, the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia arrived in New Ross, for the purpose of holding a Confirmation and inducting the Rev. B. T. Woollard as Rector. Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, long before the hour for service a large congregation had assembled to welcome our Right Rev. Father. At 3 p.m. the Bishop, visiting clergy, layreader and Rector marched in procession from the rectory, preceded by the cross bearer, to the church. The church was packed to such an extent, that extra seats were required. During the service suitable hymns were sung in a very creditable manner, by the choir and congregation. Thirty five candidates were presented. After the confirmation the Bishop gave one of the best addresses it has been our privilege to hear, showing in a very able manner the successive developments of the Christian life. The life beginning at the font going on to confirmation and the altar.

After the service two women were presented by the Rector to the Bishop. They were formerly members of the Church of Rome, but now desired to enter the Anglican branch of the Catholic Church.

The Rector in the name of the parishioners, tendered to his Lordship an address congratulating him on work already achieved and praying for the blessing of Almighty God on his future efforts.

At 7:30, the clergy, choir and cross bearer again took their places and marched into church singing as a processional "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Bishop having informed the congregation that they were gathered together to induct the Rector. The Rev. S. Butler, Rector of Chester, was requested to read the letters of institution. The Rev. E. T. Woollard was then inducted by the Bishop. After the induction Evensong was sung by the Rector, the Rev. T. Gwillim reading the lesson, and the Rev. S. Butler the prayer after the third collect.

The Bishop chose for his text, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Dealing with the respective duties of Rector and people, and the ever abiding presence of Christ with His servants, he said, as Christ was manifested to St. Stephen to St. Paul, and Silas to St. Peter, and to St. John in the Isle of Palmos in his lonely home, so He would be near His ministers in every duty they are called to perform for Him. The sermon was an impressive one and cheered both priest and people. Not by any means the least important event, was the celebration on Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock. Although most of the people live at a great distance from the church about 65 received their spiritual food. The service was full choral, the Kyrie from Mozart, the rest chiefly from Marbecke. The Rector was celebrant, the Bishop pronouncing the absolution and blessing.

The Bishop's visit has given us all a fresh start in the good old Church ways.

### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**SHERBROOKE.**—The Church of England Temperance Society have made arrangements with Mr. L. O. Armstrong, to deliver his popular illustrated Lecture on "Ben Hur, the Prince of Jerusalem," in the Church Hall, Montreal street, on the evening of November 25th.

### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

**MONTREAL.**—Thanksgiving Day was very generally observed by the English speaking portion of the citizens; services being held in most of the churches of the various Protestant bodies, but as usual little if any attention was paid by the Roman Catholics and French Canadian population to the proclamation of the Civil Governors; and this too, though the local Governor added his sanction to the appointment

of the Governor General. Services were held in Christ Church Cathedral, St. George's, St. James the Apostle, St. Jude's, St. Luke's, and All Saints, at 11 a.m. At St. Martin's and St. John's special celebrations of Holy Communion took place at the former at 9 a.m., and at the latter at 6:15, 7 and 8 a.m., and Evensong with sermon was said at each at 8 p.m. At St. Stephen's evening service was held with the Lord Bishop of the Diocese as preacher.

At the Church of St. Matthias, Cote St. Antoine, service was held at 10:30 a.m., at which the pupils of the Sabrovois Colloge attended and hymns in French were sung.

At Cote St. Paul, Morning Prayer was said in the Church of the Redeemer.

The day was also well observed in the Church of England parishes and Missions in the country parts;

**PERSONAL.**—The esteemed Rector of Grace Church, Point St. Charles, the Rev. John Ker, has lately obtained, after an examination most successfully passed, and in which very high marks were obtained, the degree of B. D. from Trinity College, Toronto. The many friends of Mr. Ker will join us in hearty congratulations, and it will be a satisfaction to him to know that the degree he bears is not, like too many others *unsarn'd*, and of ignoble source, but obtained after careful test and from a Colloge whose degrees are held in honour everywhere.

**St. James the Apostle.**—A "Harvest" Thanksgiving service was held on Sunday. The Litany Service at quarter past four o'clock has been resumed: still called a Service of Praise. It is to be regretted that the old time Litany Service with short earnest address has been replaced by this nondescript function.

**St. George's Y.M.C.A.**—This Society held its annual meeting last Thursday evening, when the following officers and committee were elected:—President, the Rev. L. N. Tucker; first vice-president, the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael; second vice-president, F. M. Cole; secretary, W. H. Walkley; treasurer, E. H. Parnell; general committee, W. W. L. Chipman, D. Brown, E. F. Dartnoll, A. W. Cole, S. C. Kyte, W. J. White, A. B. Haycock, R. Elwell, W. Middleton, MacNab. The Society is doing good work and is in a prosperous condition.

**POINT ST. CHARLES.**—*Grace Church.*—At the last meeting of the Y.M.C. Association, the Rev. John Ker, B.D., president, occupied the chair, and there was a full attendance of members. Two very able papers were read, one by Mr. C. Manning, on "Moses," in which the fortunes of the great leader and law giver of the Hebrews were sketched with signal ability; and the other by Mr. H. Collins on the "Equality of Women."

### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

**COBOURG.**—A crowded meeting listened with rapt attention and the deepest interest to Miss Ling's earnest address upon Zenana Work in India.

The Woman's Auxiliary in this Parish is in a most flourishing condition, the membership being larger than ever, while the work accomplished has been most satisfactory.

The service on Thanksgiving Day was well attended, the church being decorated with excellent taste. The large number of communicants was especially encouraging. By-the-by it would be worth i quiting in how many churches the Divine Thanksgiving Service is celebrated on Thanksgiving Day.

Said a heathen to a missionary: "There must be something in your religion which makes you come all the way out here to tell us of it. I am sure I would not go so far to tell you of mine."