

of poet, never did the instinct of hero-worship imagine such a Being with such wisdom on His lips, such love in His heart, such a character—so balanced and complete, with claims so outspoken and so lofty joined to so profound humility, and so great a kindness towards the gainsayer.

Would that all who so earnestly applauded these words would sink minor differences, and allow their common acceptance of the Word of God to be a true source of unity, and thus fulfil Mr. Spurgeon's secret hope.—*Earl Nelson in Church Bells.*

### WORDS OF WISDOM.

The Venerable Archdeacon Melville Scott, in his late charge delivered to the clergy of Lichfield, Wolverhampton and Stafford, Eng., spoke words well worthy of general consideration. We quote his concluding remarks:

"It only remains for me, in conclusion, to enumerate what appear to me to be some main lines of general duty and wisdom for us at the present time.

1. Let us realise our *Divine* our *Catholic* position. We claim to be historically one with the Church of the earliest days; one with that Church in order, in worship, and, above all, in truth. We are 'not of men, neither through man, but through Jesus Christ.' The State did not create us, nor do we depend upon the State. We were created as a Church by God Himself, and upon God Himself do we depend. We are not the feeble ivy clinging round the oak-tree of the State, though we honour the Christian State of England with all our souls. But we have an existence and a being of our own, which the State did not give and which the State could under no circumstances take away. And let us realise, I say, this our *Divine* position as a part of the Catholic Church of God.

2. In this our position let us be very humble and very Christ like. 'God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.' 'The Lord lifteth up the meek.' Let the power which we seek for our Church be Christ like power—the power to be holy, the power to be loving, the power to be useful. Let us be kind and humble, though firm, in every direction. Let us seek the power of lowly, loving, spiritual reality. Let our Church be not a proud, human thing, but an unboastful, gentle, tolerant, considerate, patient, Divine thing. Let us live to do Christ's work, to be the training-place of human souls for Paradise and for Heaven, to undo the work of sin and of the devil, to roll back the fearful curse which these have brought upon mankind, and to bring in the full flood of that blessing which Christ has purchased for mankind in a very ocean.

3. Let us be filled with that fullness of the spirit of life which in our Divine position becomes us. If we are indeed a part of Christ's true Church, let us be filled with the spirit of Christ. I said so last year, I will say so next year (if I am spared), and I say it now. Let prayer for the Holy Spirit in His increased power be one of our very highest objects. Our Church can never fail then. Both God and man will love and honor it. God Himself will defend it, and will overrule any and every change which comes to it for its real benefit and strengthening and purifying. Let the Church in all our parishes be a citadel of prayer and intercession, and especially for the fuller presence and indwelling of God's Spirit. Let us get our people together for this employ in every way we can. Let intercession services and intercession meetings abound, and they will not abound in vain. Thus we shall gain new power of the true kind; thus shall we see good old-fashioned piety increasing; and thus will our Church become like heaven in the lump.

4. Let us become ever more full of that effective and spiritual work which our position as a

part of God's true Church so demands of us. Let our missionary character be never forgotten for one moment; our home missionary duty and our foreign missionary duty also. Let us be more and more mindful of foreign missionary duty, for upon that Christ's presence with us at home is largely conditional. Let us put our very heart into foreign missionary work, which never since the Apostles' days was so interesting as now. Very admirable is the example, which is being set us by one very energetic deanery in this archdeaconry—the deanery of Rugeley. Last year, and again this year, they have a missionary week which touches every parish in the deanery, this year without one exception. The object is not to obtain money at the time, but to excite spiritual and intelligent interest by diffusing solid missionary information. And the work of this missionary effort is almost entirely done by the united action of men within the deanery. It is an excellent example of zeal and unity combined. And while we remember foreign missions, let us by no means forget our aggressive home missionary work. How very imperfectly have we touched the masses of our population yet! Our pastoral work greatly needs special evangelising effort to quicken its earnestness, and to draw fresh souls beneath its influence.

And last of all I would say (5), Let us be ever aiming at a higher degree of that spirit of unity which is one of the greatest marks and evidences of a Church which is truly Divine. In our own diocese we enjoy a most happy degree of union and peacefulness, and a growing degree of these. An atmosphere of generous breadth and kindness exists among us to a great extent, and sounds of contention are wonderfully silent. But a yet higher spirit of unity might even among us be attained, and when we look through our whole Church with an observant eye, or without one, we cannot fail to detect very dangerous divergences from that unity of spirit which should mark a true and living branch of Christ's Church. Especially during the past year has this been too evident in the pages of our newspaper literature and elsewhere. And the one great standard and rallying-place for the higher unity which we seek must be, I am sure, firm and deep and enthusiastic loyalty to our grand Anglican position, which is Catholic, Protestant, and Evangelical, all in one. Some quarter of a century ago I wrote these words in my Prayer book: 'Thank God for what is in this book; and thank God for what is not in it.' And I can say those words to day with all my heart. I love our Church's utterances, and our Church's silences too. I love our Church's courage and outspokenness, and I love our Church's most Scriptural carefulness and caution; and I love that safe, and sound, and primitive, and Scriptural Anglican position which the whole Prayer book, taken together, does so sufficiently define. Here then, I think, lies our hopeful rallying place for ever higher unity, viz., in enthusiastic and heartfelt loyalty to our position in our English Church as reformed. With this true Anglican loyalty in ourselves, and with confidence in the existence of the same in our brethren, I am sure that our spirit of unity must grow, in spite of even a large diversity of æsthetic taste, and in spite of a large diversity of ritual observance. And so, by God's mercy, may it be, even more and more continually. And then, as we grow on still in love to the great truths and aims of Christ's Gospel, as we grow on still in the possession of Christ's spirit within us, as we grow on still in personal intimacy, courtesy, friendship and intercourse, and as we grow on still in mutual consideration, avoiding all needless causes of pain and trial of spirit to our brethren, we shall be learning more and more the truth of the Psalmist's words: 'Behold how good and how pleasant a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity.' And we shall find what in degree we have already found, that 'the greatest thing in the world' is neither a high ritual nor a low

ritual, but that principle and practice of Christian love which an inspired Apostle tells us is greater even than Christian faith or Christian hope.—*Church Bells.*

### NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

#### DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—The Rev. F. H. Almon, Rector of Trinity Church, Halifax, (address 82 Brunswick), having been appointed by the Rev. E. F. Wilson agent for him in the Diocese of Nova Scotia will receive donations and subscriptions in aid of Mr. Wilson's Indian Home.

ORDINATION.—The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia held the usual Trinity Ordination at St. Luke's Sunday morning, when Rev. D. P. Allison, jr., B.A., who has been serving during the past year as curate to the Rev. P. J. Fillonil, of Weymouth, was ordained to the Priesthood; and H. Boers, who has just finished his course at King's College, was admitted to the Diaconate. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Canon Partridge, D.D., one of the Examining Chaplains. The sermon was preached by the Ven. S. Weston-Jones, Archdeacon of P. E. Island, who delivered a well weighed and orthodox discourse on the duties and responsibilities of the ministry, and a defence of the succession in the Church of England. The music rendered by the efficient choir was very good and steady. Tours' Gloria in Excelsis was sung with much spirit, the solo being taken by Master Slater.

RAWDON.—The Bishop visited this parish and held a Confirmation service in the Parish Church on Friday evening, May 30th, when 20 candidates received the Apostolic rite, twelve being males. The Bishop's address to those confirmed was very impressive, and was listened to with deep interest by the large congregation which filled the church.

At ten o'clock the Rector held a baptismal service, and administered that Holy Sacrament to four adults previous to receiving the laying on of hands. The altar was vested in white; and on the super altar stood a beautiful floral cross, flanked by pots of geraniums; the whole looking very pretty.

We feel cheered and strengthened by the visit of our Bishop, and trust much good will result from it.

WINDSOR.—The Rite of Confirmation was administered in Christ Church, Windsor, on Thursday, May 29th, at 9:30 a.m. His Lordship Bishop Courtney arriving in Windsor by the early train from Wolfville. The candidates, who numbered thirteen, six young girls from the parish, and seven from the Collegiate school, conducted by Rev. Arnoldus Miller, were presented by the Rev. F. W. Vroom, who also assisted in the service. The address given by the Bishop to the newly confirmed was full of tenderness and feeling, portraying as he did the love existing between father and child, and the greater love manifested by our Heavenly Father to us His erring children. Our Bishop has only been with us two short years, but in that time he has won the love and reverence of both clergy and laity throughout the Diocese. Those who have been fortunate enough to be confirmed by him will never forget his tender words.

The names of those confirmed on the 29th ult., are as follows: Misses Lucy Gossip, Edith Dimoch, Mahala Dimoch, Naomi Daniels, Mirrian Ousely, Ada Mills; Masters Worsley, Drysdale, Nichols, Pitman, Uniacke, Lesley, Stanfield.

After the service His Lordship attended a meeting of the Board of Governors of King's College, and in the afternoon drove to Rawdon with Rev. K. C. Hinds.

A large congregation assembled to hear the