

morial before the Lord for His goodness toward us and our fathers in the land of our adoption. In Holy Trinity Church, New Westminster, there were special services on the day of the Centenary. In addition to the daily celebration at 8 a. m., there was Choral Celebration at 11 o'clock with an appropriate sermon by the Rev. R. Small, of St. Paul's Mission, and at 8 p. m. Choral Evensong, the sermon being by the Rev. Charles Croucher, Incumbent of Maple Ridge and Trenant. Sunday, August 21st, was a day to be remembered by all connected with Holy Trinity Church, New Westminster. At the 11 o'clock service the Rev. A. L. Parker, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Eugene City, Oregon, having read the Lessons, was preacher at the subsequent celebration in which he acted as server, the Rector being celebrant. Evensong was a surprise to many, there being no less than eight priests present besides the Archdeacon. The Rev. H. A. Tudor, M. A., Rector of All Saints, Winnipeg, intoned the service. The first lesson was read by the Rev. Edwin S. W. Pen-treath, B. D., Rector of Christ's Church Winnipeg; the second lesson by the Rev. O. Fortin, M. A. Rector of Holy Trinity, Winnipeg, and Rural Dean, the preacher being the Rev. Daniel Lewis, M. A., Incumbent of Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa., while as members of the congregation there were present: the Revs. A. L. Parker, F. Cooper, Incumbent of Grenfell, Assa.; T. N. Wilson, Incumbent of Morden, Manitoba, and the Rev. Stuart Clement Scholfield, who reached New Westminster by the mid-day train, for the purpose of working in conjunction with Archdeacon Woods in the Church and district of Holy Trinity.

LYTTON.—A very handsome brass Altar Cross and Candlesticks have been received by St. Paul's Mission, for the Church at Lytton, from the Church of St. Mary Steps, at Exeter, England. They were first used at Lytton on Sunday the 14th July, and they add much to the dignity of the altar of the Church.

We learn that the Lord Bishop hopes to arrive in His Diocese near the 1st. of October, and intends administering Confirmation at Kamloops and Lytton, on his way to New Westminster; also at Holy Trinity, sometime between the 20th and 30th of October. The Diocesan Synod will meet sometime in the early part of November.

UNIVERSITY OF BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.

The Scholastic year of this the University for the Dioceses of Quebec and Montreal, and representing the Church of England in the Province of Quebec has just been inaugurated by a visit from His Excellency The Governor General, and Lady Lansdowne. A special Convocation was held on the 14th of September, on which the degree of D.C.L., *honoris causa*, was conferred on Lord Lansdowne. The refectory of the College which has for so far served as a Convocation hall, was prettily decorated with growing flowers. On the platform with their Excellencies were the Bishop of Quebec; the Chancellor, (Dr. Henneker,) and Vice-Chancellor, the Rev. Dr. Norman. Of the College Faculties were present, the Principal Rev. Dr. Adams, and Rev. Professor Read, in Arts; The Rev. Dr. Roe, Rev. Dr. Allnatt, and Rev. Professor Scarth, in Divinity; Dr. Campbell, and Dr. Slack, in Medicine; and R. N. Hall, D.C.L., Judge Brooks, and H. B. Brown, in Law. Of the Alumni the Venerable Dr. Reid, R.D. of St. Francis; Revs. L. C. Wurtolo, J. Foster, G. H. Parker, G. Thornloe, T. L. Pratt, A. J. Balfour, A. Stevens, A. H. Judge, R. W. Colston, J. Eames, and A. H. Robertson. The Hon. E. Baker, of Bedford district; J. Stewart, D.C.L., King's College, Nova Scotia; the Rev. J.

Hooper, of Columbia College, New York; and several Bachelors of Arts still in attendance at the College. An address from the Corporation setting forth the History and aims of the College was read and presented by the Chancellor, who then pronounced the Convocation open and called upon the Principal to present His Excellency for the Degree, which was conferred with the applause of all present, and notwithstanding the wet morning the Hall was well filled. His Excellency in returning thanks made a very instructive and elegant address acknowledged by all as worthy the position, the occasion, the man and name of Lansdowne.

The Chancellor then called upon the Bishop of Quebec, who in addition to the scholarly colloquial gifts always manifested in His Lordship's speeches gave evidence of his knowledge of Italian in a quotation from Dante confessed to have been read with a crib, though it is the received opinion that the venerable prelate could throw around several of the modern, all the ease and gracefulness with which he scatters the Classics and the English language. He was followed by the Rev. Dr. Norman in one of his energetic and forcible speeches, always neat and to the point. The Rev. Mr. Hooper, of the Diocese of Vermont, expressed his thankfulness in acknowledging the pleasure he derived in testifying to the bond of union between the American and Canadian Churches, and he trusted between the people of the two Countries. Dr. Stewart, of King's College, added a few words, declaring the worthy Chancellor in his warm-hearted way had given him an honor he did not hope for in that he had addressed him as Reverend. The Convocation was then closed by His Excellency asking for a holiday in all departments. The Principal considered if they took in all the wisdom displayed in His Excellency's speech, it would be sufficient instruction for one day, and promised a whole holiday to the boys the first fine day. The Professors, Alumni, and many of the guests then had the honor of being presented to their Excellencies.

A visit was made to the Chapel, Library, Classrooms, Dormitories of the College. The Vice-regal party then crossed the quadrangle and entered the School building by the East door, when they were met by the resident Masters and boys. His Excellency on greeting them referred to his own school-days and that happy period of life. The Masters and some of the older boys were presented, when want of time prevented further presentations, the motherly feeling of Lady Lansdowne led her to cross the Hall and greet several of the smaller boys a kindness always to be remembered as one of the many graceful acts of their Excellencies. A visit was then made to the Matron's room, corridors and dormitories of the school which it is unnecessary to say were the picture of neatness and order, as the well known abilities of the Matron are acknowledged. Passing out on the opposite side after three rousing cheers and a tiger from the boys, the party had opportunity of admiring the exterior of the chapel, and the view down the river. Their Excellencies then entered their carriages and departed around the sweep of the grounds towards the St. Francis amid the waving of adieus from the steps of the College and Chapel.

The clergy and many of the guests from a distance were invited to lunch in the College, and entertained by Mrs. Adams, Miss Adams and Miss Gill in a most hospitable and pains-taking manner. It would be difficult to describe the hearty and successful way in which Dr. Adams, the worthy Principal, carried out the arrangements made for the ease and happiness of all present. And it could not fail to strike the mind of the older Alumni that Dr. Nicholls of sainted memory has been followed by successors well fitted to carry on the work, and recall the old days when Lord Monek and other representatives of Her Majesty visited the College.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The *Churchman* of N.Y., says:—

One has but to study most cursorily the signs of the times in the religious world about us to realize the untold blessing which accrues to the Church from the prominence given to the Catholic creeds in her public worship. These creeds are no mere device of men. They come to us with the august authority of God Himself, for they are the utterance in her corporate capacity of that Church to which the promise was given that he would be with her till the end of time and guide her into all truth. Their statements are moreover simple, easy to be grasped by the plainest and most unlearned among men; they chronicle divine facts of revelation, not theories,—they tell what God has done for man, not of man's speculations concerning God. Theological opinion varies doubtless within the Church as well as out of it; individual thinkers follow up lines of thought and indulge in teachings widely divergent from one another; but the creeds are repeated still Sunday after Sunday with all the old fervor and faith; they are the anchor which keeps the Church from drifting far into doctrinal error, however individuals and parties may from time to time wander. On the other hand it is an old story how doubtful is the orthodoxy of the sects which have repudiated the old creeds; many are the instances in which religious bodies have in the course of a few generations drifted from their original position into the blankest negation of the faith of their founders. Once cut loose from the creeds, declare that the Bible is all-sufficient for doctrinal statement, bid every man find there the treasure for himself, and the door is opened to every form of unfaithfulness and wild vagary. Mr. Spurgeon, in his monthly organ, "The Sword and Trowel," laments this very fact, though he seems hardly to search very deep for the causes of that doctrinal instability which he deprecates. He denominates it "the down grade" of theology, and in these burning words of rebuke chronicles the fluctuations of teaching which he beholds on every side in avowedly orthodox societies:

No lover of the Gospel can conceal from himself the fact that the days are evil. . . . How much farther could they go? What doctrine remains to be abandoned? What other truth to be the object of contempt? A new religion has been initiated, which is no more Christianity than chalk is cheese; and this religion being destitute of moral honesty, palms itself off as the old faith with slight improvements, and on this plea usurps pulpits which were erected for Gospel preaching."

The *Young Churchman*, Milwaukee, says:

Notwithstanding the high authority which has declared consistency a jewel, its glitter may nevertheless be a very false and delusive one. In fact it bears a strong resemblance to its sister gem, *persistence*, both valuable when wisely chosen, but the worth of each depending wholly upon what their "sistency" consists of.

If, for instance, one has unadvisedly committed himself to an unwise course, or thoughtlessly undertaken an ill-judged task, nothing could be more unwise than for the sake of "persistence" to continue in the path thus marked out.

So, likewise, if one has foolishly committed himself to the expression of ill-founded opinion, or assumed a position unsupported by calmer reflection, nothing could be more foolish than for the sake of "consistency," to endeavor to sustain that position by acting it out. He who repeats the self-willed act, or one in accordance with it merely to be thought consistent, is indeed seeking a very worthless jewel. Both in *persistence* and *consistency*, let us be very sure of our ground, and if not sure it is the right one, let the "sistency" go, for as some one has