

let there be this day joy in heaven over you? Then, dear reader, whoever you are, afflicted in "mind, body, or estate," this is surely a time to rejoice; "for unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a SAVIOUR, which is Christ the Lord."—C.

X The Rev. Canon Gray has gone to Halifax to spend the winter there, in the hope that rest and absence from the duties and cares of his parish may give him renewed health and strength. Previous to his leaving St John, he addressed a letter to the wardens and vestry of Trinity Church, and a feeling reply was returned in which they expressed the deep sympathy felt for him not only by his own but by the members also of other congregations.

WOODSTOCK.—The new and beautiful little Parish church just completed at Woodstock, called Christ's Church, was consecrated by the Bishop of Fredericton on Thursday the 7th Nov.

The clergy present assembled at the old church and formed a procession which, headed by the Bishop, moved off, singing No. 164 from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*—"We love the place, O God." Arriving at the entrance of the church, the procession was met by C. W. Raymond, Esq., who read an address presenting the building to the Bishop for consecration. This done, the clergy moved up the aisle singing the 24th Psalm to the 5th Tone, the choir joining in at the 7th verse "Lift up your heads, &c., as the procession reached the chancel steps. The Bishop and clergy having taking their places within the altar rail the usual form of consecration was proceeded with, and, after that, ordinary Morning Prayer. The Venite was sung to a single chant by Woodard in C. The Glorias to Jones in A; Te Deum, Dupuis in A, and the Jubilate to the Grand Chant. Hymn 180, "Christ is made the sure foundation" was sung to 69, *Hymns Ancient and Modern*—and the glorious Hymn "The Strain upraise", was admirably sung to its appropriate chant tune. The Bishop preached an excellent sermon after which the Holy Communion was administered to about forty persons, and concluded a service which must have produced cheerfulness and thankfulness in every earnest Churchman. The excellent choir of Christ's Church is under the able management of the Organist, Mr. H. W. Bourne. The new church which has been modelled after the Chapel of St. Anne, Campobello, is of the Early Pointed style with an open-timbered roof. It is 40 feet long and 20 wide, with a chancel 16 by 14 feet. The windows are all of stained glass and are all memorial. The East window, especially, is very fine. The seats are of ash, all open, and we believe free. A beautiful altar-cloth has been worked for the altar, (which is well elevated), by the daughter of the Rector, the Rev. S. D. Lee Street. The pulpit is made of maple wood and walnut.—This notice should not be closed without a passing recognition of the loving care and zeal bestowed for some time past by C. W. Raymond, Esq., one of the church-wardens, whose exertions in the raising of the funds with which to build the church, and his attention to it while building are worthy of all praise.

X The late Bishop of Toronto who died on the 1st of October last in the 28th year of his episcopate, had attained to the ripe old age of ninety. Bishop Strachan was born of humble parentage at Aberdeen in 1733. We quote some extracts from the *Toronto Globe* concerning him;—

In the year 1799, when only twenty-one years of age, he sailed from Greenock for Canada; and after a tedious voyage and journey by New York, reached the land with which his name has been since so much identified on the last day of the year to find nothing but disappointment and mortification. The Governor, upon whose invitation he had come, as he said, to superintend and organize a university, had in the meantime left, and the idea of a university had been abandoned. No provision had been made for him, in fact the Governor does not seem to have thought of him at all. A stranger in a strange land, he was no doubt sufficiently forlorn, and as he himself says, had he had money he would have forthwith returned to his own country. The necessary funds, however, were wanting, and he was kept in Canada, in due time to become Bishop of Toronto. Kind friends were raised up for him—one especially, Mr. Cart-