

hold a Confirmation previous to his departure for Europe, whither he goes for the benefit of his health.

His Lordship came over from Quebec the evening before, accompanied by Mrs. Williams. To our great disappointment and dismay Sunday morning was ushered in by one of the heaviest rainstorms of this rainy season, and there were great fears that the candidates from the country—who had eight miles to drive—would fail to come in time. But to their great credit they set the rain at defiance, and appeared in church punctually. The congregation was, for such a morning, excellent. The candidates for the holy and Apostolic rite, twelve in number, seemed fully to feel the solemnity of the occasion, and to listen with serious attention to his Lordship's most impressive address.

The Confirmation concluded, the Bishop preached, as usual, an able and telling sermon. At five in the afternoon his Lordship left on his return to the city, where he was again to preach in the evening.

The Bishop's visit will be remembered here with many pleasureable feelings, and we all join heartily in the wish so universally felt, that he and Mrs. Williams may thoroughly enjoy their trip to Switzerland, and return strengthened and refreshed to spend many happy years in this Diocese, where they are so highly and deservedly esteemed.

His Lordship was greatly pleased with our new parsonage, which is indeed a model one—comfortable, convenient, healthy and finely situated. There is but one drawback to the satisfaction with which we regard it, and that is the debt which encumbered it; but that we trust gradually to discharge, with the assistance of kind and generous friends.

Faithfully yours, E.

#### REMINISCENCES.

To BISHOP STANLEY succeeded Bishop Hinds in the See of Norwich. When he was appointed I was awaiting Priest's Orders; and I only saw him on the day previous, when he addressed a few words to us in his dining-hall, and at the Ordination in the Cathedral. His West Indian origin showed itself in his dark, curly, curling hair, and in the features of his face. His Episcopate was chiefly remarkable for the manner of its beginning and of its ending.

The story goes, that Archbishop Whately, of Dublin, had the offer of being translated to York, but the Prime Minister, finding that the move would injure him politically, wrote to ask Dr. Whately to forego his claim,—to which he replied that he would consent to do so only on the condition that the English See next vacant should be filled by his friend Hinds. Norwich became next vacant, and Dr. Hinds was appointed.

Probably Bishop Hinds would have made a more efficient overseer, had he been blessed with better health. He was troubled with a painful disorder, and required much nursing. At last he felt his own unfitness so keenly that he resigned, and lived in retirement.

While speaking of Bishops, I must not omit to notice him under whom I first worked,—Bishop Peps of Worcester, brother of Lord Chancellor Cottonham. His kindness I shall always remember; the depth of his learning many have doubted.

An honored friend of mine was present in the Town Hall of Birmingham, on the occasion of a meeting to resist what was called "The Papal Aggression,"—when English Titles were conferred by the Pope on Roman Bishops. The good Bishop of Worcester was presiding, and got unusually warm while deprecating Roman teaching, which, unfortunately, he persisted in calling *Catholic*. The Bishop's voice was very round, and not very clear, and he burst forth vehemently declaring: "We have had too much of this *Catholic* faith in England; I say we have had too much of this *Catholic* faith."

"Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly," pealed forth in a peculiarly sharp voice from my friend, much to the confusion of his Lordship.

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