

Archdeacon Gilson, the first lesson by the Rev. Canon Townsend, the second lesson by the Rev. E. Wood, the remaining portion of the prayers, including the Litany, by the Very Reverend the Dean. The Bishop of Rupert's Land read the Epistle and Bishop McCrosky of Michigan, the Gospel. The Sermon was preached by the Bishop of Montreal, who took for his text, 1 Cor. ix. v. 25. 'And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible.' After referring to several of the metaphors employed both by our Lord and His apostles to illustrate the nature of the Gospel and the condition of the Christian, the Bishop proceeded to shew the fitness of that used by St. Paul in the text and the verse connected with it. He especially dwelt upon the circumstance that in our course as disciples of Christ watchful care over ourselves and much self-discipline were absolutely requisite if we would win the prize. "We as Christians have our race to run; we must like the Corinthian competitors keep under our bodies and bring them into subjection. we must not give a loose rein to self-indulgence, to sloth or luxurious living, and this, not like them, that we may be able to perform great feats of bodily strength, but that by mortifying the deeds of the body we may give place and preëminence to our spiritual nature; not allowing the corruptible body to press down the soul, nor the earthly tabernacle to weigh down the mind; which soul and mind in the Christian have been renewed again after the image of their Maker and are capable of high and holy communion with Him." But here, the Rt. Rev. preacher, went on to shew the comparison ended. For the Christian prize, was not for one to the exclusion of others, but for every racer who pressed forward resolutely to the end. "If we failed, it would not be because a brother's hand had snatched the prize from our grasp, but because we had not run with patience and perseverance." And for our encouragement to do this Christ has often told us of the exceeding greatness of the recompense which is prepared for those who are faithful unto death. "The duty and the reward walk hand in hand, the richness of the promise still surpassing the strictness of the precept, and (as it has been well observed, that it is the custom in the royal diadems of Christian kings) the cross and the crown are put together." After shewing how mercifully God had dealt with us in thus strengthening us to endure the hardships of our present life of trial by the assurance of the prize of an incorruptible crown, the Bishop concluded by an earnest appeal to all, that they would so run as to obtain. "Shall we forego the prize? We have been entered as candidates for heaven, as baptized Christians we have been put in trust with a great mystery; shall we forfeit our adoption? Shall we not strive for the mastery? Shall we not at the close of our earthly career wish to die the death of the righteous? Then let us live the life of the righteous. Be thou faithful unto death (saith the Spirit) and I will give thee a crown of life."

The Offertory after the Sermon was read by the Dean and the concluding prayers and benediction were pronounced by the Bishop.

On Monday the 27th at the Levee which was held by the Prince in