

with error; such evidence of the mental condition of "a committee appointed by the Bishop of Montreal to compile the book," is apt to impress one with the urgent need there is of such gentlemen occupying themselves otherwise than with disputes as to the respective merits or demerits of high and low churchism. The service at the above named church was conducted by the Rev. J. S. Stone, and as it is not the writer's intention to criticize *that*, he will content himself with remarking that it may be well it did not devolve on him to cross-examine the esteemed incumbent, when, in connexion with an exhortation to bring as many children as possible to "baptism," he informed us that "*Christ had commanded*" such a proceeding. Before commenting on the sermon, it may be desirable to invite attention to the circumstance that the congregations are few which do not combine the worship of their Maker with the transgression of his laws, in the same act; and the deep interest the writer took in everything connected with the church of St. Philip need not prevent him remarking that the congregation was inhaling the air of an unventilated box throughout the service, although a means of ventilation was at hand, owing to the windows in the roof admitting of being opened. It would be well if Christians would remember that to obey God's natural laws is as filial an act, as is the endeavour to "honour their father and mother," etc., and to disobey them is to entail on themselves the penal consequences of their transgression, consequences which are too often attributed by pastors and people to the arbitrary decree of the Almighty. A faint, on the part of one of the congregations at St. Philip's, was one of the consequences of the condition of the atmosphere above indicated. The sermon was taken from 1 Pet. v. 10.—"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." The spirit in which it was delivered, may be gathered from the

prayer which preceded it, which is as follows:—"O Almighty God, giver of all grace, pour down thy Holy Spirit upon us, and grant that under His gracious influences we may profitably hear thy word expounded, and in our daily lives may bring the same to good effect. Give thy blessing to him who speaks, and to those who hear, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen." The sermon was based on the assumption that it was addressed to persons occupying a similar relation to the Almighty, to that occupied by those to whom the Apostle Peter addressed his epistle; and it was commenced with the remark that "there are mountain heights in God's word, as well as in the world of nature. Our text is one of them." The preacher then proceeded to amplify the several items of the selected passage, and reminded the believing section of his hearers, that they were as plants in the garden of God, who needed all the fructifying influences which the Most High has to bestow, in order to develop the manifold graces of the Christian life, and he encouraged them by enforcing the verity that in so far as they loved God, it was because "He first loved them;" he dilated on some of the lovely aspects of nature, as illustrative of the glory of God, and he *might have quoted* the nineteenth Psalm, in furtherance of this, which if permitted to reach us in its pristine beauty, would be recited thus: "The heavens are telling the glory of God; the firmament displaying the work of his hands; day unto day welleth forth speech, and night unto night breatheth out knowledge. (There is) no speech nor language without their voice being understood. Their *line* (sound of a musical chord) is gone forth through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world," etc. The reverend gentleman observed that the scattering worlds through space involved no sacrifice on the part of the Almighty, but the "not sparing his son, but freely giving him up for us all," (mysterious as it confessedly is,) involved a sacrifice, one bearing of which, in regard to ourselves, may teach us the estimate put