

liberal and gentlemanly spirit than either his predecessor or my fellow-passenger, Bishop Carfagnini. For example: formerly, several of the other churches were greatly annoyed during forenoon worship by the ringing of the joy-bells of the Cathedral, which, especially in summer when windows were necessarily kept open, compelled the speaker to roar in order to be heard, and rendered it very hard to preserve a devotional frame of mind. When Bishop Power came, he at once put a stop to this nuisance, allowing them to be rung, at least, only on some special occasions. He also seems anxious for the genuine improvement of his people. For example: on a late occasion he strongly urged on them to cause their children to observe the Sabbath more properly. There is room for improvement. It was painful to pass, Sabbath after Sabbath, a crowd of children, noisily playing in utter disregard of the day, and of the feelings of those who love its peaceful sanctity. In this and other ways one was often reminded that he was where Romanism predominated.

The Roman Catholics are mostly the poorer portion of the community, and principally supply the city with its numerous beggars. It seems to be considered little disgrace to beg, in St. John's. Men will continue day after day lazily lounging about, waiting for a job, such as, in its nature and its pay, will suit their dignity, while their wives and children are begging the daily food, —and drink. "Why," expostulated a happy Benedict with an old bachelor friend, "if you had got married, you would have had a wife and children to beg for you now, and you could have sat at home, and done nothing." I don't vouch for the story, but give it as I heard it.

Next in number to the Romanists come the Episcopalians. They have two churches, besides the Cathedral, one of which is built of stone. The Bishop and the clergymen connected with the Cathedral are, according to my information, pretty High Church. The other two clergymen are more evangelical. But whether through fear of the Bishop, or from their own feelings, all are miserably exclusive, refusing to join with the other denominations in any good catholic Christian work.

Next come the Wesleyans, who are a large body, with two pastors, but worshipping in one church, which is built of brick. They are thoroughly organized, and most of those who seem fitted for it appear to have their hands full of work. They partake of the Lord's Supper monthly, after the evening worship, and, on both occasions while I was down, I partook of it with them, running down the few yards which separate their church from ours, after our service was concluded. They very kindly gave me the use of one of their pulpit gowns during the whole of my stay, Mr. McRae having taken his with him, of course, and the church having none of its own.

Next is the Free Church, whose minister, Mr. Harvey, is already well known to many of my readers as an author of considerable literary fame. The church is built of wood. When Mr. McRae left St. John's, an attempt was made by our own people to bring about a union with the Free Church. The proposals they made were not deemed satisfactory by the latter, who replied, deferring action till the larger union in the Dominion should take place. Our people, on their part, feel hurt at the reception which their overtures met, and the breach between the two is thus, unhappily, wider than it was before.

Next comes the Independent or Congregationalist Church, which meets in a neat and substantial stone edifice, beneath which is an excellent basement. There are also a comfortable vestry and class rooms. Its people are blessed by being under the care of a faithful, earnest and laborious young minister. Mr. Hall has been with them but a short time, but he has been made the instrument, during that time, of much good. At his coming the church was in a low state, from various causes, but it has been gradually built up both in numbers and spirituality. All along, a good work has been quietly going on, but of late more than usual interest has been manifested, old and young have been converted, and there has been increased reason to rejoice in the answer to the prayer, "Let thy work appear unto their servants, and thy glory unto thy children, and let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon