

his illness in England does not appear to have left any traces of its presence.

He expressed the pleasure it afforded him to return to his diocese and also his satisfaction that this should be the first of his official acts after his return. In addition to his usual episcopal robes, His Grace wore the insignia of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, of which he is prelate. He also wore a handsomely engraved silver medal, presented to him by Her Majesty the Queen, in commemoration of her diamond jubilee.

There was a very large congregation and the seating accommodation of the cathedral was entirely inadequate to provide for the number of people who gathered for the double purpose of witnessing the solemn rite of confirmation and of welcoming His Grace on his return after so long an absence. The chancel was very beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns, this work having been done by the ladies on the chancel committee recently formed in connection with the Ladies Aid Society of the cathedral.

The music under the leadership of the precentor, the Rev. Canon Coombes, was exceedingly well rendered.

A pleasing feature of the service was the presence in the chancel stalls of His Lordship the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, who was for many years the honored and beloved dean of the cathedral.

There was another interesting incident in connection with the cathedral services yesterday; this was the continuation of the services in connection with the north end mission church, at which an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Matheson, to whose energy and fostering care the growth of this mission is so largely due.

At St. John's cathedral on the morning of June 26th, His Grace the Archbishop held an ordination service, when Rev. S. G. Chambers, B. A., and Rev. Jeremiah Johnson were ordained priest and J. B. Belford, B. A., S. Ryall, B. A., E. A. Davis, B. A., E. R. Bartlett, B. A., and F. C. Cox, were ordained deacons. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. the Dean, from II Tim., 1-7, "For God did not give us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind". Dean O'Meara in his eloquent discourse showed that while like Timothy the man might well fear to take up the work of the ministry, still the God given spirit is one of power. Along the magnetic wire of love the power from on high is passed and made a mighty force to the accomplishment of the purposes of Christ's ministry. But a sound mind, "sanctified common sense," is the steering gear of the ministry of Christ; many men of splendid power and glowing love have made shipwreck of their ministry for want of the steering gear of a sound mind. Ministerial zeal, the product of power and love, is supremely necessary, but it must be zeal according to knowledge. A knowledge of men is needed in no profession more than in the ministry and this knowledge aided by the kindness and thoughtfulness—begotten of love—will enable the minister to fulfil the apostolic injunction, "giving none offence to any man that the gospel be not blamed". This will teach him patience and a large tolerance of diverging views and warn him of that fatal error

that makes a man think that he has gathered with the puny arms of his intelligence the whole orb of truth. The spirit of a sound mind will beget in him that "wisdom from above which is first pure then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits without partiality and without hypocrisy". While the offertory was being taken up the choir sang "How Lovely are the Messengers".

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Synod of the Diocese of Rupertsland.

The annual synod of the Diocese of Rupertsland was duly inaugurated on June 28th, by a service held in Holy Trinity Church. A large proportion of diocesan clergy were present, as well as a goodly number of lay delegates. Of the general public there was not such a large attendance as there has been in former years. The clergy who joined in the procession robed in the school house, after which they preceded the archbishop up the nave of the church, the congregation standing and joining in the hymn "The Church's One Foundation".

In the sanctuary were His Grace the Archbishop, the Very Rev. the Dean, Rev. Rural Dean Burman, and Rev. C. R. Lütler, B. D.

Rev. Canon Coombes conducted the first part, and Rev. Canon Matheson the second part of evensong, while the lessons were read by the Ven. Archdeacon Fortin and Very Rev. the Dean.

The anthem, "How Lovely Are the Messengers," was carefully and reverently rendered by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. A. R. Tuckwell, M. A.

Mr. Robert Fletcher presided at the organ in his usual effective and sympathetic manner.

The archbishop, who seems quite to have recovered his wonted strength, delivered his annual charge with great vigor and impressiveness, and it was listened to with the utmost attention. Not a few, both of the clergy and laity, declared that the charge was the most powerful and comprehensive they had ever had from His Grace.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CHARGE,

Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity:—

My late visit to England, like former ones, was not for relaxation; I intended after the Lambeth conference to

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