

SCANDINAVIA.

The visit of the Bishop of Illinois, on behalf of the Bishop of London, to the English congregations in the Scandinavian North, which we have noticed elsewhere, has, through a most unexpected and, at the same time, most gratifying chain of circumstances, led to the establishment, by a formal and official act, of intercommunion between the Swedish Church and the Churches of the Anglican Communion. On the occasion of the Confirmation held at Stockholm, the Archbishop of Upsal, accompanied by the Dean of the Archdiocese, attended in the temporary church to witness the ceremony, and at the celebration of the Holy Communion, which followed the administration of the rite, the Archbishop and the Dean received the Eucharistic elements at the hands of Bishop Whitehouse, and the Rev. F. S. May, an English presbyter, who had been appointed to act as his chaplain. Subsequently, at the Consecration at the new English church at Stockholm, dedicated to SS. Peter and Sigfrid, the Archbishop was again present, and with him three other Swedish Bishops, in their pontifical robes, as well as several Swedish priests; and on this occasion the Archbishop took an official part in the service. Information of these events has only just reached us at the moment of going to press; and we must defer to our next number a fuller account of transactions which have thus realized the aspirations after Catholic intercommunion—now so prevalent among Anglican Churchmen, both in England and in America, and in other parts of the globe—as far as the Swedish Church is concerned, by making it simply a *fait accompli*.

In the Danish Church, likewise, a movement in the same direction, some indications of which, as well as the difficulties incident to it, we have noticed on former occasions, has received a fresh impulse, by the second betrothal of the Princess Dagmar to a Russian Prince. A series of highly interesting letters on the subject has been published by Provost Block of Kiørteminde, extracts from which we are glad to see have already appeared in the *London Churchman*.

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TO THE EDITORS OF THE CHURCH CHRONICLE.

The visits of the Diocesan are generally visits of interest to our country parishes, and to the Church in the Province stand as a Report of the progress or otherwise of the various branches which compose the whole. The visit of the Bishop to this Parish is therefore a matter not of local interest alone, but one which has a tendency to affect the whole Diocese in so far as a favorable and satisfactory progress is the state of the parish. With deep gratitude to God we can report a larger number of candidates this year than in many years previous, composed of all ages from the youth of fifteen summers to the aged veteran of over three score years and ten. Most of these were confirmed at the Parish Church, on June 17th and the remainder at Walton and Cogmagun, two distant outlying districts connected with the Parish of Newport. His Lordship paid this Mission two visits this summer; the first to hold Confirmation at the Parish Church and consecrate the new Chapel at Woodville, the second to hold Confirmation at Walton and Cogmagun.