

NOVA SCOTIA.—The following extract is taken from a letter by the correspondent of the *Morning News*, in Halifax :—

An attempt has been made in certain quarters to fasten a charge of "Ritualism," as understood and practised by a few clergymen in England, upon the Bishop of this diocese. The press has been teeming with correspondence, and several pamphlets have been published, on the subject. The vindication of the Bishop has been most complete. When the statements of his adversaries came to be investigated, they were found entirely baseless and futile. The Bishop says that he has not ordered the discontinuance of the black gown, but having informed the clergy and laity what he believes is right, leaves it to their own discretion, good sense, and regard for order to guide them aright. It certainly looks ridiculous to see a clergyman march up the aisle, at a certain part of the Church services, for the mere purpose of changing his gown. A white gown, simply as an emblem of purity, seems preferable. It is not, however, surprising to find the Bishop attacked as he has been. St. Paul's congregation have, ever since he entered the diocese, attempted to thwart him whenever they could. It is satisfactory, however, to all true Churchmen to find that the members of the Church generally, in this diocese, hold the Bishop in the highest esteem.

CANADA.—The 30th of November last was observed throughout the Diocese of Ontario as a day of Thanksgiving "for the blessings that have been conferred on the people of the Province during the past year."

At the recent meeting of the Synod of Ontario, there was a debate on Ritualism, and a motion was unanimously passed, that the Synod of the diocese had no sympathy with "extreme and unauthorized Ritualism."

It was shown in the course of the discussion that the black gown was an innovation and was also illegal. It was asserted, without contradiction, that "they break the law of the Church who wear a black gown in the pulpit."

UNITED STATES.—The Rev. W. E. Armitage, of Detroit, was consecrated Assistant Bishop of Wisconsin, on Thursday, December 6th. Twelve bishops and seventy clergy men were present, and the services were of the most imposing character.

CONVERSIONS TO THE CHURCH.—The American Church Review for October gives the following list of ministers of "other denominations" who have recently turned their faces towards the ministry of the Church.

Mr. J. Wright, Jr., formerly a Congregational minister, has become a Candidate for Orders in Delaware. Mr. T. C. McKee, formerly a Baptist Minister, has become a Candidate for Orders in Tennessee. Mr. Henderson Judd, for ten years a Congregational Minister, has become a Candidate for Orders in Ohio. Mr. C. C. Tiffany, lately ordained Deacon in Rhode Island, was formerly a Congregational Minister. Rev. Robert O. Hinsdale, lately ordained Deacon by Bishop Kemper, was formerly an Old School Presbyterian Minister. Rev. Mr. Perry, lately a Baptist Minister in Barwell, S. C., has become a Candidate for Holy Orders in that Diocese.

An interesting account has lately appeared of the conversion to our Church of a young American Baptist while travelling in the Holy Land nearly two years ago. Among his travelling companions was a Bishop of the American Church; and the gentleman, a Mr. Wethered, who has recently made the circumstance known to the world, was himself among the little band of Christians who were present and witnessed the baptism by the Bishop on the banks of the river Jordan.

On Friday, Oct. 26th, a Jewish lady of great intelligence who had been long engaged in the investigation of the Prophecies, was admitted by baptism into the Christian Church at All Saints', Kensington Park, by the Rev. John Light, M. A., incumbent, and on All Saints' Day, a Roman Catholic gentleman—a pervert of six years standing—was received by the same reverend gentleman into the Communion of the Church of England.—*Standard*

In the closing address at a series of conferences of clergy and laity in the diocese of Rochester, the Bishop observed—

It was a striking fact that many who had left the Church wished to come back to her ministry. And in most cases he endeavoured to meet their wishes after a time of probation, for they were most of them very worthy men; but he was not always able to do so. The ministry of the Church had risen wonderfully in regard to the love and respect that were felt towards it by all classes.