

Director and Manager of the whole thing, from beginning to end, but you know we dont know what we can do till we try. We fixed up temporary seats and had our full Service, and a *wedding*, on Christmas day.

Last Sunday we had Rev. Mr. Wyatt, of Trinity, San Francisco; he held Service morning and evening. We have the Choral Service throughout—our Chanting is antiphonal. We are the second church in the State that has the Choral Service throughout. Now what will some of our Nova Scotia friends think of that? But say what you will, I feel sure that the services of the Church properly performed by a good choir will do more to build up a congregation of devout Church people, than almost anything else. I cannot tell yet how we shall succeed; but if we can supply ourselves and our neighbours with something better than Politics in the house of God, by means of our beautiful Church Service, and Evangelical preaching, we shall supply what by many is felt to be much needed. Very much, of course, will depend upon our getting a good Minister. And here lies the difficulty, for although we are partly promised one (a missionary,) there is a great lack of Ministers, and many places in California besides this are unsupplied. In the mean time the Bishop has promised to send us one from San Francisco, whenever one can be spared. The Bishop was here last October; he performed Service in the Presbyterian Church. He and his lady came up on Saturday, and returned on Monday. They made our house their home, as do all the clergy whilst here.

I feel very hopeful that the enterprise of getting a Church established here may be successful, and be the means of doing good; but much will depend upon our getting a minister who will understand how to do his duty, and will faithfully and sincerely perform it. There is very little of that prejudice against the Church manifest in Nova Scotia.

Your affectionate Brother,

G. W. B.

[Extract from a San Francisco Paper.]

OFFICIAL VISITATION.—Oct. 21, Sunday.—The Bishop was at Centerville. Occasionally services have been held here during the last four months, by the Rev. D. J. Lee. A lot of two acres has been given for a church, and a handsome building commenced, which is now under roof. It is wooden, but Gothic, ecclesiastically correct. About one-half the cost has, so far, been paid by one family, to whose devotion to the Church the congregation owes its existence. The building has been suspended until further funds can be procured, and it is hoped that the few hundred dollars necessary will be given by friends abroad. The Churchmen at Centerville have "done what they could."

Service was held in the Presbyterian House of Worship. The Bishop read Morning Prayer and preached. In the evening, there was a Litany Service, all the responses to which were musical and admirably executed, as was the singing in the Morning Service. The Bishop also preached in the evening.

"NOW JESUS LOVED MARTHA AND HER SISTER AND LAZARUS."—What a world of blessedness is supplied in those few words! How many acts of unutterable condescension on the part of him whose ways, at the birthday of creation, caused the very morning-stars to sing together, and the Sons of God to shout for joy "on the part of the little family at Bethany, how much of reverence and gratitude, as well as singleness and purity of heart!

Let those who have presumed to think of Martha as of one engrossed with domestic cares, to the neglect of her spiritual condition, consider what is implied by the statement, "Jesus loved Martha." We make wondrous free with God's Saints. It is "unbelieving Thomas!" and "busy Martha!" More complaisant to ourselves, we dont hesitate to assert that we have given our "mite," when we have cast into the offerings of God so paltry a sum that we are literally ashamed to say how small it was.—Rev. J. Burgon.