

Hierarchy of Scotland's Church. was proceeding to lay the foundation stone of the cathedral church of St. Andrew's.

The day's proceedings commenced with a choral Litany and celebration in the Primus's mission church, The choir (that of St. Mary's Aberdeen), priests, and Bishops entered the church singing as a processional the hymn "*We love the place, O God.**" Then followed the Litany, sung at the faldstool by two priests, the Rev. H. J. Palmer, of St. Mary's, Aberdeen, and the Rev. J. A. Seller, of St. Peter's, Edinburgh. The Introit was taken from the prayer of Solomon at the dedication of the Temple, "*Hear Thou in Heaven;*" it was beautifully rendered by the choir, with an accompaniment by Miss Eden. At the celebration the English office was used, I suppose out of deference to the Primate, the Primus celebrating and the Archbishop acting as deacon. At the close of the prayer for the Church Militant, the Archbishop proceeded, without pause, to read the Exhortation, and seemed much annoyed at the disturbance to the congregation caused by those who left the church. It was most cheering to find that the Primus said the Canon in the proper position, at the centre of the front of the altar. The music sung was that of Merbecke; and never did the *Gloria in Excelsis* rise up with greater heartiness and fervour than it did from those prelates, ecclesiastics, and laymen who had in the most solemn rites of the Church testified to the close intercommunion existing between the Churches of England and Scotland.

The procession to the ground was marshalled in the following order:—

- The Band of the Highland Light Infantry Militia.
- The Artillery Volunteers, under command of Captain Duff.
- The Contractors.
- The Building and Finance Committee.
- The Lay Representatives of Congregations.
- The Inverness Choir.
- The Choir of St. Mary's Aberdeen, in surplices.
- The Clergy two and two.
- The Deans of the Church.
- Mr. Rollo, W. S. Registrar to the Primus; Mr. George Anderson, Registrar to the Diocese; Mr. John Allan, Elgin, Auditor to the Diocese.
- The Bishops of Scotland—two and two—namely, the Bishops of Argyll, St. Andrew's, Aberdeen, Glasgow, and the Bishop-Coadjutor of Edinburgh. Along with them, Bishop Atkinson of North Carolina.
- The Vergers bearing Crozier and Pastoral Staff.
- The Archbishop and Primus.
- The Bishop's four Chaplains.
- The Staff of the Highland Light Infantry Militia.

The route lay along the quay, over the Suspension bridge, and along the river-bank to the ground. Every available space along the route was crowded with the astounded Presbyterians, and the summit of the Castle-hill was densely covered with spectators. The behaviour of the crowd was, on the whole, excellent, though it contrasted painfully with one's reminiscences of similar scenes in Catholic countries, where the people, instead of gaping with open-mouthed wonder, would kneel devoutly to receive the episcopal benediction.

The 68th psalm was sung during the latter portion of the route, and by the time it was over all were in their places on the site of the cathedral. The office used by the Archbishop was one prepared by the Primus from a compilation of

* The above named hymn was composed by the Rev. W. Bullock now Dean of St. Luke Cathedral at Halifax.