

THE BISHOP'S VISIT.

The Churchmen of this City and Portland have recently enjoyed a brief visit from their Chief Pastor. His Lordship arrived here on Thursday the 20th ult, and preached two admirable sermons on the following Sunday in Trinity, and St Paul's (Valley) Church. During the week he went as far as Sussex Vale, and spent a few days with his son, the earnest and faithful missionary in that Parish. While there he availed himself of the opportunity, afforded by the Ash Wednesday and Thursday evening services, of preaching, to the assembled parishioners. Returning to the City by the Tuesday evening train he was just in time to deliver a most interesting and impressive address at St. Paul's (Valley) on ver 10 and 11, of Psalm 51. Having no engagement for Sunday morning His Lordship assisted the Rector of St. Paul's in celebrating the Holy Eucharist, and in the afternoon followed up the subject of his Friday evening address, taking for his text the 12th and 13th ver, of the 51st Psalm. At the 6 o'clock service St. Luke's Church was filled with an attentive congregation, to whom the Bishop preached with his usual power, "warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom," as he was one entrusted with the weighty office of a Chief Pastor of Christ's flock. Having attended the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Church Society on Wednesday, his Lordship returned to Fredericton for the purpose of conferring Priest's orders on a gentleman, who has been serving the church as a Deacon in the mission of Petersville.

Mackeson's *Guide to the Churches of London and its Suburbs*, for 1868, contains particulars of 617 churches, situated within a radius of twelve miles from the General Post-office, but with reference to 72 no information has been received on the under-mentioned heads, and the number is reduced to 545. Of these there is a weekly celebration of the Holy Communion at 129, daily celebration at 11, choral celebration at 28, evening celebration at 47, early morning celebration at 125: services on saints' days 178, daily service at 99, full choral service at 103, and partly choral services at 79, giving a proportion of one third where the services are musically rendered; surpliced choirs at 98, paid choirs at 59, one sixth; Gregorian music (for the Psalms and Canticles) at 59, the weekly Offertory at 104, free seats throughout at 124, in 48 of which they are also unappropriated, the vestments are worn at 11, and incense is used at 7.

In a letter to the *Times* a very near relative of Mr. Machonochie, of St. Alban's, Holborn, gives the following brief statement of the mode of life of the clergy of that church:—

There are six clergymen connected with St. Alban's. The usual hour for rising, even at this season, is 6 a. m. From this hour till 11 or 12 p. m. the clergy are constantly engaged in the work of their calling. A portion of time (say from three to four hours) is occupied in the service, the remainder is given to visiting the sick and other works of charity. The mode of living is of the plainest and simplest kind. Wine as an article of ordinary use is unknown in the Clergy house, but at 6 p. m. every evening in the year there is a distribution of wine, brandy, beef tea, &c., to those who are recommended as special objects of charity. This work is carried on in the midst of a district the filth and misery of which cannot be conceived by those who live in more prosperous circumstances. For this work the stipend is £150 to the incumbent. None of the other clergy receive more than £100, and some of them labour without any stipend at all.

The Dean of York has taken in hand the restoration of St. Mary's, Castlegate, York the stipend of which is only £85 a year, and the population is very poor.

York Convocation has adopted a motion in favor of the creation of three new Sees and of the appointment of Suffragans to assist over-worked Bishops. The Bishop of Carlisle voted against the motion, while the other Prelates present took no part in the decision. The Dean of Ripon brought forward a motion declaring that Convocation, while lamenting "the scandal occasioned by Dr. Colenso's retention of the bishopric of Natal," and desiring that steps should be taken for his legal removal from it, believe it to be "unwise and inexpedient that another Bishop should be consecrated for that diocese until the See becomes legally vacant." The motion was not pressed to a vote, but its introduction afforded the Archbishop an opportunity of defending the course he has taken in protesting against the consecration of Mr. Macrorie. A discussion took place