

Rev. Mr. J. Montgomery, resigned.

The Sidesmen for ensuing year -  
Collins, James { Reid, Abel W.  
Gilpin, Thomas { Robinson, Geo.

Sunday: August 30, 1896. - The Lord  
Primate of All Ireland (Dr. William Alexander) preached a special sermon in the Parish Church, on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the Re-opening of the Church in 1891. The service was largely attended, not only by the parishioners but by many, of all denominations, from Portadown, Dungannon, Tandragee, Moyallon, Magheralin, &c. Every available space - including the Choir, the Vestry room, and the passages, was fully occupied. Prayers were said by the Dean of Down, Rector, and Rev. Dr. Quirk, Cleric; and the Lessons were read by Rev. Canon R. S. F. Blacket.

The Lord Primate preached the Sermon from Ps. xlv, 7. "Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows." In eloquent words he set forth, first the joy of Christ; and second, the joy of Christianity. In conclusion he said - "I find that about £4,600 have been expended upon the Church, or rather that has been the cost of the enlargement and renovation. Of this sum not less than £4,550 has already, I believe, been paid, so that there <sup>only</sup> remains of this large sum about £50 more to defray the entire expenses. It would be a suitable thing to try and cover the whole of that deficit by this morn-



## Special Sermon by Lord Primate.

ing's collection. Remember all of you that no doubt you have received large and splendid donations from individual benefactors, but remember also that in all things belonging to our Church, as time goes on, there are likely to be fewer and fewer persons who will be able to give large sums for such purposes as this. The burden of the Church in the future must fall, in a very large measure, upon a large number of persons who have not large fortunes or very ample means, but who from a variety of causes, into which I need not enter, are likely to be more prosperous in the future than they have been in the past. May the blessing of Almighty God be with every one of you, and may you all feel more of that true joy which the world cannot give, and which the world cannot take away.

The offering was then taken up the following gentlemen officiating as Special Collectors:—  
 W. Christian Miller, Esq., of Kincasson; James Malcolm, Esq. D.L., of Dungen; J. Buckley Atkinson, Esq. of Portadown; John Wilson Esq. J.P., do; Chas. Johnston Esq. J.P., do; and John Collier Esq. J.P., do. The collection amounted to £36.

During his visit the Lord Primate and Miss Alexander were the guests of the Baroness von Streightz, of Carrickblacker.