

gical views, as Rector of Christ Church.

Will anyone, acquainted with the views of the clergy of the Diocese when our present Diocesan came into it, presume to say that the majority of the clergy held "advanced" views?

One ground for their statement is, probably, that Bishop Dart has not followed his predecessor in endeavouring to make the Cathedral the centre of Church life in the Diocese.

It is well known that Bishop Sillitoe's aim was to make the Cathedral, in the matter of its services and appointments, the model for the Diocese. How far he succeeded is beside the question. Bishop Dart has in this matter quite deserted the lines of the Late Bishop.

We think that the charge refers more especially however to the Bishop's refusing to conform to the use of certain Churches while ministering therein. And it is true that he persistently refuses to wear the cope and mitre when visiting Churches where vestments are the rule. This did not Bishop Sillitoe. It may not seem a very serious matter, but the meaning to those who worship in such a Church is, that elaborate ritual is only *tolerated* by our present Bishop. Far otherwise is his conformity to the practices of Churches which are of pronounced Evangelical color: in them he is most ac-

commodating. We do not for a moment find fault; we are only stating facts and explaining the first of the reasons the English Committee give for tendering their resignations. And we say frankly that there does not seem to be much in it.

We turn to the 2nd. reason and here we reach the real ground for the Committee's resignation. It is a matter of conscience and therefore claims our respect. They "cannot conscientiously approve" of the transfer to the Bishop's own stipend of the grant made by S. P. C. to the Indian Mission. N

We thought that all church-people in the Diocese knew to what arrangement these words refer, but from a letter signed "Observer" in the *News Advertiser* of Feb. 12th., we see that there must be in some minds a mistaken impression as to what was really done. We will put the circumstances before our readers as briefly as possible.

The Episcopal Endowment Fund had been all brought out from England by Bishop Sillitoe and reinvested in property principally in the city of New Westminster. The Bishop's advisers in this matter were full of faith in the continuing prosperity of the Royal City. But bad times have followed and rents are not paid on investments and interest is not forthcoming on mortgages, so that the Fund brings in little more than what