

man that he considered most fitted for the position. The Bishop's nomination, we are glad and thankful to report, was at once accepted by the Board, almost unanimously; and, indeed, the only question raised at all was not with reference to the name recommended, but only in the direction of claiming that three names should be submitted by the Bishop all at the same time, a suggestion which the wording of the Canon entirely overrules. The Rev. Lennox Williams was then informed by the Bishop of what had taken place, and was asked to accept what was put before him as the united call of Overseer and people. After very careful consideration and consultation with those who might be expected to give valuable counsel and advice, Mr. Williams had an interview with the Board of Concurrence and others, and he then wrote a letter to the Bishop to the effect that he would be willing to accept the position, if it should prove that the Easter Vestry would gladly endorse: (1) The giving up of pew rents and the adoption of the envelope system with free seats; (2) the granting to the new Rector of the choice of his assistant with a stipend from the congregation of not less than \$900 per annum; and (3) the understanding that the new Rector should have a free hand as regards Services and customs, and that all would join in offering him their full and hearty co-operation. All this was brought before the Cathedral Easter Vestry on Easter Monday, and was gladly agreed to without demur, except again as regards the form of Canon XIII. This result was then immediately communicated by the Wardens to the Bishop, and by the Bishop to the Rev. Lennox Williams, who told his own S. Matthew's Vestry, on the same evening, that under all these circumstances he felt it to be his duty to accept the call, and consequently to resign, with deepest sorrow and regret, his present charge.

Even now, Mr. Williams has much un-

finished work to do at S. Matthew's, which he would like to complete before he leaves, and consequently it has been arranged that the Bishop will not institute and induct him as Rector and install him as Dean, until Thursday, May 25th, after which the new Dean will take charge, and hold his first Services on Trinity Sunday.

We most earnestly trust and we also believe that many of our readers will offer humble and hearty thanks unto Almighty God for this most happy choice, which is eminently calculated to draw together and unite the members of the Church of England in the City of Quebec, and also to lead the whole Diocese to gather around the Cathedral as its Mother Church, and at the same time to recognize that S. Matthew's has made to us in our new Dean a most valuable gift, and deserves for this, as for its many other good deeds, the heartfelt gratitude of all concerned.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Church Society on Monday evening, March 6th, held in Tara Hall, was attended by a very large audience, drawn together out of devotion to the objects of the Society and by the opportunity of hearing two such gifted speakers as the Lord Bishop of Niagara and Hon. Mr. Duffy. The story of a great work nobly done was told by the two speakers, and the meeting will doubtless be productive of much good. Shortly after eight o'clock, the Bishop took the chair, attended on the platform by the Bishop of Niagara, Hon. Mr. Duffy, Venerable Archdeacon Roe, Canon VonIssland, Rural Dean Scarth, Rural Dean Williams, Canon Richardson and Rev. A. J. Balfour.

The hymn "Fight the Good Fight with all Thy Might" was sung, after which the Bishop opened the meeting with prayer. He then gave a brief introductory address, and said that he had looked forward to the present meeting with particular plea-