

A granite Church, in memorial of Washington Irving has been commenced at Tarrytown, on the Hudson, in the parish where his grave is placed. The corner stone of the building was laid by Bishop Potter on 6th July.

At the recent Diocesan convention in the State of Maine, the Rev. Alexander Burgess was elected Bishop of the Diocese. He declined to accept. The Convocation then elected the Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D. of Boston. He also has declined to accept the Bishopric, in consequence of the earnest request of the Church at large that he should not relinquish his present field of labor in connection with the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The *New York Church Journal*, informs us that the Rev. Dr. Baleh, Secretary of the House of Bishops, has accepted an appointment (Canon) in the Cathedral of Montreal—an appointment not only honorable to himself personally but also intended as a fraternal compliment to the Church in the United States.

A movement has begun in the Diocese of Massachusetts, to establish a body of preachers who shall be known as "Evangelists." It has received the sanction of the Bishop and of many of the Clergy. "The policy proposed and pledged is, to go only where the door is opened by those in lawful authority, and never to interfere with the Canonical rights of Rectors."

CANADIAN.—At the late meeting of the Synod of Toronto, a draft of a Bill was adopted for its incorporation, and the amalgamation of the Synod and the Church Society. The following extract from a resolution by the Church Society, was presented, showing that there was no opposition on the part of that society, should the Synod also affirm the necessity for the proposed changes:

"That this society affirm the principle that it is no longer desirable to continue the incorporation of the Church Society, when the Church has now acquired, by means of synodical action, a higher organization in which the former may be advantageously merged, with a view to the promotion of the highest interest of the Church."

The Synod also resolved to proceed as soon as possible to the election of a Conjoint Bishop. The 19th day of September is the day appointed for the election. This step was taken in accordance with the express wishes of the Bishop of Toronto, who now in his 89th year, and still zealously engaged in the discharge of Episcopal functions, feels that he needs help.

Previous to the departure of the Metropolitan, of Canada, for England, addresses were presented to him by both the Clergy and Laity of Montreal. In his reply the Bishop informs them that a "Permanent form of Thanksgiving after Harvest," has been drawn up by the Bishop, and that the second Wednesday in October of each year is to be observed as "a day of thanksgiving for the In-gathering of the Harvest," unless some other day should be named by Proclamation of the Government. He congratulates them upon "the great benefits resulting from combined action and good understanding between the clergy and laity, in the active and successful working of diocesan and provincial synods."

"A Churchman's Association" has been formed for the Diocese of Toronto, with the approval of the Bishop. The constitution contemplates the establishment of Parochial Associations, for the promotion of Church objects, the clergyman being resident, and the president and one lay member of each parochial association to constitute a diocesan committee under the presidency of the Bishop.