

8. When the opportunity exists for thus preaching the Gospel, and gathering a congregation under a clergyman, is it desirable to delay doing so, until money can be raised for an endowment, granting that an endowment is, of course, desirable whenever and so soon as it can be devised?

Certainly not; the *Church of England should not wait a day for endowments*. Let her use the means she has already in her own hands. She would be all but independent of endowments were she to do so.

9. Is there anything in Holy Scripture to justify any clergyman or layman setting forth either endowments or pew rents as a necessary or material condition of thus increasing the number of clergymen and churches?

The plain imperative duty of a Church is to preach the Gospel, send forth men for that purpose, build churches, and set up the whole machinery of a Christian Church, *without waiting one day* for the countenance of the State, or the support of endowments; and, in these circumstances, she is to call upon the people to give their carnal things to those who distribute among them the bread of life.

Any further information that you may wish I will be delighted to give. May God bless all your efforts on behalf of the perishing.

I am, with great respect, yours ever,

THOMAS GUTHRIE.

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#### THE LATE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

At a meeting of the Nonconformists of Chester, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

That the Ministers of the various Nonconformist congregations in the city of Chester having heard with deep regret of the death of the venerable Bishop of the diocese, desire to record their own sincere respect and that of their several churches in common with their fellow citizens of all parties, for the public and private worth of his Lordship; and to express their unaffected admiration of the amiable, benevolent, and Christian-hearted Bishop, whose rare union of high scholarship and distinguished ecclesiastical position, with dignified simplicity and kindly courtesy towards persons of all classes and all churches, has left upon this and other communities throughout the diocese an indelible impression of the happy influence exercised by his Lordship in his ecclesiastical and social relations during the seventeen years of his residence in Chester.

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#### NOTICES.

The Report of the Rev. E. R. Davies' mission, and the notice of the laying of the corner stone of a new church in the Rev. Mr. McCleary's mission will appear in our next issue.

The statement of the Honorable J. Hillyard Cameron—adopted by the Trust Committee, and submitted at the last meeting of the Church Society—is in type, and will appear in a few days.

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#### THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

The Triennial Meeting of the Provincial Synod of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada, is appointed to be held on the 13th inst., at Montreal. The meeting is a most important one. We would call the attention of the clergy to the prayer appointed to be used on its behalf.