

the value of the long and attentive services of A. F. Holmes, Esq., M.D., as a member of the Society, and their respect for his sincere piety and general Christian character, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his widow, with the assurance of the deep sympathy of the Society with her in her affliction.

CULTIVATION OF A MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

We commend the following extract from the last charge of the Bishop of Fredericton to the consideration of our readers. The suggestions it contains are peculiarly suitable to the members of the Church in this Diocese at a time when the annual meeting of the Church Society should lead every one of them seriously to inquire how far he possesses and exhibits that missionary spirit of which the Bishop so earnestly speaks.

“ I gladly turn, in conclusion, to a more congenial subject, and would offer some advice on the best method of increasing and extending the missionary spirit of our Church among ourselves.

First—It is absolutely indispensable that we should all accustom ourselves to look on all Church members in every part of the Province as one body. One mode of action will be preferred to another by various minds, labouring for the same end ; but we should at least give each other credit for the same intention, whatever be the mode of action. No real Church unity can be understood, unless we so far abandon party names and distinction, as not to speak unkindly of our brethren, lay or clerical, and not to hold them up to public odium, because they differ from us. There has been an evil habit of stigmatizing good men in our Church, by assigning to them names which they disavow. It is an evil habit, and it is a cowardly habit ; for it is generally done by persons to whom it is impossible to reply. If we really mean to do any thing good for the Church of England, it is high time that the custom should cease.

Secondly—It is very desirable that a general registry should be established of all our Church members, that we may know more accurately both our strength and our weakness. In every Parish a book should be kept of persons in general attendance, and in full communion with the Church, which should be the property of the Parish, and be left by each clergyman to the care of his successor. Each parishioner should be invited to register his name, and that of his family, when they are Church people, in this book.

Thirdly—Every member of the Church should be now convinced, that on him lies the duty of maintaining it and extending it to the utmost of his means, by his prayers, his influence, and his contributions, and that he should lay aside a stated part of his income for religious and charitable purposes, amongst which must be named the support of the parochial clergy. This duty ought not henceforth to be devolved on charitable societies in England, nor on the rich in New Brunswick, but on *members of the Church*, considered as a whole. It must be recollected,