

senting bodies were becoming more active, so that Mr. Owen needed to be on the alert in order to keep his flock together. He gave great attention to Sunday school work, and in this he was ably seconded by Dr. Charles Inglis, to whom reference has already been made. In order that both Sunday school and day school might be systematically managed, Dr. Inglis undertook the building of a school-house about the year 1835. He gathered the necessary funds, by asking subscriptions from the various members of the community. In this way he collected £134 11s. 9d. The contract price for constructing the building was £130. Amos Patterson was the builder. The building was erected on a site near the church; and for a long time it was of great service to the Church. Within its walls many who are now leading men of the community received what education they possess. And every Sunday a school of from 160 to 200 scholars was there trained in the things that, as Christians, they ought to know and believe. Here, too, were kept both a Sunday school and a lending library, which did good work in their way; both these are things of the past. The libraries have been worn out and lost, and not replaced; the Sunday school scholars scattered amongst the various denominations, and the school-house now does duty as a common school-house, having been sold to the section a quarter of a century or more ago by the authorities of the Church.

Dr. Inglis through the whole of his life continued to show the deepest interest in the Church's work, and particularly in the Sunday school. He caused each child of the Sunday school to be presented with a Bible and Prayer Book, each with the signature, in his own hand-writing, of the Bishop. These books may be seen in many of the houses of the parish at the present time, and are highly valued. And at the time of his death, still mindful of the Church which he loved, he bequeathed the whole of his large property to her, the portion known as Oak-hill to the parish, and Clairmont, the family residence, to King's College, Windsor.

He died in the year 1861, and was buried in St. Mary's church yard, in a grave near the Chancel, which is STILL UNMARKED.

In 1847, Mr. Owen started a branch of the Diocesan Church Society in Aylesford, which did much good work for Missions. On the list of honorary members we find the Lord Bishop, Lt.-Col. Butler, Capt. Owen, Dr. L. E. VanBuskirk, Henry Ince, Esq., and others; and on the ordinary list we find the names of many individuals and families who have long since given over their allegiance to other bodies of Christians, and have forgotten the Church which they once loved to support, and to whom they still owe so much.

Mr. Owen was requested by the Bishop, in

1852, to leave Aylesford, and take the parish, of Lunenburg, which he did much against his wishes; always looking back upon that portion of his life spent in Aylesford as the happiest. He was married while in Aylesford, and one son was born there. He continued in charge of Lunenburg until his death, which occurred but a few years ago; and his name in both places is one that will always be revered. The population of Aylesford in 1851 was 1459, made up as follows: Church of England, 333; Baptist, 880; Romanist, 275; Methodist, 364; Free Church, 8; Universalist, 2; Presbyterian, 74; others, 8; unknown, 11.

Mr. Avery, who had already worked for a short period in the parish during the absence of Mr. Owen, was appointed to the Rectorship, on the resignation of Mr. Owen.

From the above census it will be seen that the dissenting bodies had been rapidly gaining ground, and Mr. Avery had no easy task set him to stem the current that was then flowing.

In 1855, with the assistance of Col. Butler, a church was built and consecrated at Morden, which was at this time becoming a thriving village; doomed to decay, however, when the Windsor and Annapolis Railway was built. Col. Butler gave 100 acres of land on the North Mount towards the endowment of this church.

St Mary's church, which, in Mr. Owen's time, 1843, had undergone considerable repairs was still further improved, the pews and chancel being remodelled, and the whole re-painted. But it is worthy of note that the building itself, excepting the towers, which were blown down in a gale, has never been repaired in any way; the oldest inhabitant claiming that the shingles which at present cover the roof are the same that are mentioned in the original bill of costs.

The pipe organ, which is a very good one, was obtained by Mr. Avery.

For thirty five years Mr. Avery continued actively to perform the duties of rector of the parish, until the year 1887, when he was forced by the failure of his voice and the infirmities of age to retire from active work. At present residing in Kentville, he enjoys a well earned rest. His scholarly sermons and genial hospitality showed the educated and polished gentleman that he was, and he has left in the parish many, both of the old and young, who remember him with deepest affection.

On Mr. Avery's retirement, Mr. Guillim was appointed rector and was succeeded by the present incumbent, Mr. Wade. The old rectory which had, through age (being something over a century old), become scarcely habitable, was replaced by a new one in 1889. Steps are now being taken to repair the old church. The Sunday school and library are being worked up. And thus, step by step, the Heavenly Father's work is being pushed on successfully.