

ceeded. But now, although a much larger sum had been realized, he refuses to fulfil the engagement under the insufficient plea that some things are, or may be done, or taught or contemplated in the Church or Church Society, or by some members of one or the other, which *he* does not approve! This default is justified by arguments of Mr. Hill which would put men to the blush in the ordinary course of life, and attach suspicion to the cause in which they were used.

But such sophistry, although it may obtain credit with narrow-minded partizans, cannot hoodwink public opinion nor poison the stream of public justice. It so happens that in this Province we have a specific statute to meet this very case.* To this statute it is in the power of the Church Endowment Committee to appeal. I ask them, why has not this been done? I ask, why is it, that, while sedulously gathering up the pounds and the pence of the poor members of the Church, this gentleman is permitted to continue this equivocal course with impunity?

The subscribers to that fund, who have fulfilled their engagements, have a right to expect that this ill-advised Parishioner should preserve his integrity—to expect that the Committee should use the proper means to compel him to it.

A SUBSCRIBER TO THE FUND.

* *Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, Chap. 61, page 22.* Whenever any subscription shall be opened and made in aid of the erection of any road, bridge, place of worship, school house or for any other undertaking of public utility or which may be designated in the subscription list as or appears to be a public undertaking and such undertaking shall be commenced, every person who may have engaged by written subscription to contribute money, labor, or other aid towards the undertaking shall be held legally liable and bound to perform his engagements, notwithstanding any apparent want of consideration in the agreement for the same.

CLERICAL MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.

A clerical meeting was held at Lower Dublin, on Wednesday, Nov. 7th, A.D., 1866. Morning Prayer was said in the Church* by Revs. H. M. Spike, and W. H. Bullock. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Snyder. The congregation was a full one:—the number of those who partook of the Holy Eucharist was 25. Evening Prayer was said at Petite Riviere—when the service was joined in by Rev. H. L. Owen, rural dean, and the Rev. E. E. B. Nicholls of the Shelburne deanery. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. Bullock, M.A.

On Thursday, Morning Service was held at Broad Cove—Messrs. Snyder, Spike and Bullock took part in the Prayers, &c., Mr. Nicholls preached.

Many circumstances—e.g., the Militia drill—bad state of the roads &c combined to make the attendance smaller than it would otherwise have been; but to those who were present there was both pleasure and profit in the re-union.

THE SECRETARY.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At a meeting of the "Congregational Union of England and Wales," Mr. Newman Hall asked his hearers:—

"Must worship be dull in order to be spiritual? To render it acceptable to God must it be destitute of every element that might render it attractive to man? Is the divinely bestowed faculty of a good ear, a correct eye, a taste for beauty, in godly people, to be ignored in religion, because others who are not godly might thus be induced to join in an outward worship with the inner meaning of which they have as yet no sympathy?"

"Which it would be well to associate the people more in the outward utterances of worship, and thus render it more thoroughly Congregational? Might we with advantage have some services entirely for praise, thus cultivating the musical talent