

the Gospel. The Society therefore, according to the principles above stated, and according to the custom of the Church from time immemorial, ought to exercise the right of patronage or presentation to every such parish. Even the greatest legal or philosophical nicety could not withhold from it more than a share of this right, which could readily be ascertained by discovering the amount of support obtained within the parish. This share would in most of our parishes be very small indeed. Yet the law as it now stands tells you that the whole of this right belongs to "any parish." And what is the consequence? Of course the Society feels that its rights have been invaded, that its privileges have been disregarded, and that where it planted principles of love and benevolence, it reaped the fruits of ingratitude and contempt. Does it upbraid you for these things? The sentiments which actuate its members are too lofty, and the feelings which breathe in their every act are too pure and Christian to permit them to condescend to anything like acrimony or bad taste. But they have withheld their hand. Their late resolutions in reference to this Diocese tell you plainly, "you have assumed the patronage of your several parishes; we take it for granted that you are prepared in future to support, *wholly*, your own Pastors. Go on and prosper." This is the true reason, if I am not very much mistaken, why this Diocese did not participate in the Jubilee Fund, in England, although I believe every other in this continent, within British jurisdiction, was more or less a recipient.

Churchmen of Nova Scotia, you have fairly bent your backs to the burden. By your own act and consent you have assumed a responsibility, from which you cannot, with honour, recede. You have passed the Rubicon; you have disconnected yourselves with the Society at home. You have assumed the responsibility of supporting your Pastors, in all time coming. I see nothing that you can do but either to get the revised statute altered, or to quadruple your subscriptions for church purposes, or perhaps both. CRITO.

ADDRESSES.

The following addresses were presented to the Rev. P. J. Filleul, late Missionary at Mahone Bay, on his removal from that mission to Weymouth.

Address of the Inhabitants of New Germany, County of Lunenburg.

New Germany, 27th Sept, 1852.

TO THE REV. P. J. FILLEUL,

Rev. and Dear Sir.—We the undersigned, residents in New Germany, and living within the limits of your Pastoral charge, have heard with deep regret that you have decided on removing to another portion of this diocese, and of thus terminating the connection between you and ourselves as Pastor and People, which has happily existed for the last 8½ years.

We gladly bear our testimony to the zeal and affection with which you have sought our spiritual good for that long period. You have proclaimed to us faithfully the word of the Lord, as well in the holiness of His law, as in the Grace of the gospel. You have trained and instructed us in the rules and ordinances of our excellent Church, and have always encouraged us to bring up our children in the same doctrines and rules, by helping us to keep up our Sunday School, which could scarcely have continued without your watchful care and assistance. Living, as we are, in a young and poor Settlement, dependent on crops, which have in a great measure failed for several years past, it has not been in our power to requite your faithful services as we ought, or otherwise would have done; but this has never caused any failure of duty on your part, and we feel the more pained lest our unfulfilled duty may have contributed, in some measure, to your departure.

Wherever you may reside be assured, Rev. and Dear Sir, your name and your memory will be affectionately cherished in our hearts. May the blessing of God ever accompany your labours, and with our best wishes for yourself, for Mrs. Filleul, and your family.

We remain,

Your obliged and faithful friends.

WILLIAM NICHOLS,
ADAM FEINDEL,
JOHN TRETHEWEY,
JOHN FEINDEL,

And others residents in New Germany, and parts adjacent.

REPLY.

To Mr. William Nichols, Adam Feindel, and others inhabitants of New Germany and parts adjacent.

Mahone Bay, Oct. 6th, 1852.

My Dear Friends and Brethren,—I have received your kind and affectionate address.

While it cannot but be gratifying to learn from yourselves that my labours among you have not been altogether in vain, yet I cannot forbear saying that you speak too indulgently of whatever efforts I have made to advance your spiritual good. Although I have expressed no sentiments, which I hope I have not deeply felt, yet I am painfully sensible that I have done immeasurably less than I ought to have done, and my only hope of finding mercy and forgiveness is by looking in common with you, to that blood that "cleanseth from all sin," ministerial as well as personal.

As a minister of the Church of England, I have ever felt it my duty to call your attention to her services, and to set before you her pre-eminent claims to your attachment and regard. She is respectable from her great antiquity, her services breathe the purest evangelical doctrines, and in these she loves to exhibit

and exalt the Saviour, as the only One through whose intercession and grace our unworthy services find acceptance on high. It affords me satisfaction to know that you have appreciated my efforts in this respect, and it is my earnest prayer that you may all continue "in unity of the Church," and that through her ministrations your souls may be edified, until at length you are admitted into communion with the Church of the first-born in heaven.

I rejoice to resign you to the care of an esteemed brother who will watch tenderly over your souls, and whose vigorous health will enable him to work the extensive parish of which you form a part, as I desired, and as it ought to be worked. In the distress that has pressed upon you during some years, I have deeply sympathised, you do me justice in saying that this has not abated my anxiety for your good. Whatever toil however I have undergone has been greatly sweetened by the attention with which you have waited upon my ministry, and by the affectionate manner in which my visits have ever been received at your homes. This leads to the belief that whenever God in His Providence shall see fit to cause the earth to yield her fruit in her season, you will be ready according to your ability to minister to those who minister to you the word of life.

I appreciate your kind expressions towards Mrs. Filleul, and my children. I also reciprocate the concluding portion of your address. The temporal and spiritual advancement of the flock at New Germany, (believe it) will be the subject of my heart felt joy.

Your affectionate pastor,

P. J. FILLEUL.

Address of the members of the Church of St. James, Mahone Bay.

Mahone Bay, Sept. 28th, 1852.

TO THE REV. P. J. FILLEUL,

Rev. and Dear Sir.—We the undersigned, residents of Mahone Bay, and living within the limits of your parish, having heard with deep regret that you have decided on removing to another portion of the Diocese, and of thus terminating the connexion between you and ourselves, as pastor and people, which happily has existed for the last eight and a half years, We cannot permit you to leave the parish without expressing our feelings towards you for the zeal and affection with which you have sought our spiritual welfare for that period. You have proclaimed to us the gospel truths faithfully. You have trained and instructed us in the rules and ordinances of our excellent Church, and have always encouraged us to bring up our children in the same pure and Apostolic doctrine and rule, by training up our children in a Sunday School where those pure truths were instilled into the minds of youth. We regret that in many instances we did not render that assistance we ought, owing to the pressure of the times, which, however, did not slacken your zeal towards our spiritual welfare. Wherever you reside, be assured Rev. and dear sir, you have our best wishes for your spiritual welfare. May the blessing of God ever accompany your labours, and with our best wishes for Mrs. Filleul, and your children,

We remain your obedient and faithful friends.

BENJ. ZWICKER,
FAS. ZWICKER,
FRED. ERNST,
TILLY M. SPEARWATER,
LEWIS KNAUT.

Signed also by the members of St. James's Church, and other inhabitants of Mahone Bay.

REPLY.

To B. Zwicker, Esq. M. P. P. Frs. Zwicker, Frederick Ernst, Tilly M. Spearwater, Lewis Knaut, and others, inhabitants of Mahone Bay.

Mahone Bay, Oct. 6th, 1852.

My Dear Friends and Brethren.—While the Minister of God cannot but be painfully sensible that much imperfection attaches itself to his best services, it is yet gratifying to know that they have been thankfully received by the people among whom his Ministry has been exercised.

You speak kindly of whatever exertions I have made during the period of my labours among you, yet it behoves me to say, that they are very imperfect in my own eyes. Although I am conscious of numerous short comings, yet, I think, I can sincerely say that I have laboured, and studied, and prayed that God would make me an instrument of bringing many among you to glory.

Convinced that our Church approaches more closely than any other to the Apostolic model, and that a regular attendance on her scriptural services will eventually command much blessing from God, I have endeavoured from time to time to set before you her claims to your regard and love. I do not, however, think that I have given these points more prominence than I find for them in the word of God, and have been careful that the Church should not obscure, but reflect the light that irradiates from the Sun of righteousness.

It is a satisfaction to believe that during my labours among you much good seed has been sown, particularly, upon young and tender ground, in the Sunday School. May the dew of God's spirit continue abundantly to descend upon those who teach, as well as upon those who are taught.

It would be ungrateful not to acknowledge thankfully the numerous acts of kindness which I have received at your hands. According to your means you have desired to support the Ministry of God's word, and when you are more completely organised (as you soon shall be) as a separate parish, your numbers and

your inclination lead to the belief that, in this respect, you will not be behind other churches.

Mrs. Filleul, feels grateful for your kind wishes for our future welfare. Whichever I may be after labour, rest assured dear brother that the flock of my first care, the Church of St. James, will not be forgotten, and that each and abundant blessing upon yourselves and families will form the subject of my supplications at the Throne of grace.

Your affectionate Pastor,

P. J. FILLEUL.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

CLOSE OF THE BISHOP'S FIRST VISITATION OF THE EASTERN PORTION OF HIS DIOCESE.

OCT. 5. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese arrived in Lower Stewiacke, where he was met by the Rev. Jno. Dixon, Assistant Missionary, from Shubenacadie. The sky was grey and dreary during the morning, but it brightened up at noon. The Rev. T. C. Leaver followed from Truro. Divine service commenced at 2 o'clock, p. m., in Trinity Church, Lower Stewiacke. After prayers—read by the Assistant Missionary—seven persons were confirmed. The Bishop proceeded the same evening to the residence of the Assistant Missionary, at Shubenacadie.

OCT. 6. His Lordship proceeded to Christ Church, Gay's River. Divine service commenced at 11 o'clock, a. m. Prayers concluded, nine persons, chiefly Germans, from a Settlement five miles distant, came forward for Confirmation. After luncheon at the house of Mrs. Miller, the Bishop accompanied by the Assistant Missionary, proceeded to Middle Musquodoboit, and passed the night at the house of Lieut. Col. Gladwin.

OCT. 7. Divine service commenced at 11 o'clock, a. m., in Trinity Church, Musquodoboit. On which occasion his Lordship administered the rite of confirmation to seventeen persons. On the close of the service the Churchwardens presented an Address to his Lordship in the Vestry-room, in behalf of the congregations in that District. To which he returned a satisfactory and encouraging reply. His Lordship appeared to be gratified by the earnest and kindly feeling manifested by the Churchwardens of Musquodoboit.

In each of the aforementioned places, the Bishop dwelt with expressive earnestness on the preparation necessary on the part of those who come forward for confirmation. His words led to "great searchings of heart" amongst the few in each place who presented themselves. We almost trembled lest those who had most deeply deplored to us their unworthiness, who had been aided by our counsel and led forward by our helping hand, should be discouraged, intimidated, and make that tragical withdrawal at which his Lordship hinted, and for which he even paused to afford the opportunity. The Bishop's sermons were impressive, and enriched by remarkably appropriate and well set scripture quotations. His Lordship's zealous and faithful endeavours, have the honour and reverence of Churchmen in this mission. We all have a confidence that the Diocese so ably governed, cannot fail to prosper. After duty at Musquodoboit, his Lordship pursued the Guysborough road towards Halifax, accompanied by the Assistant Missionary, as far as Pollock's Hotel.

Shubenacadie, Oct. 12, 1852.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

MR. EDITOR,

In your paper of the 23rd inst., as likewise in several other papers received by the mail of last evening, I perceive sad and distressing accounts of the loss of life and property from the effects of the severe gale of wind on Friday the 15th of the present month. The vessels at anchor in our safe harbour, experienced, as far as I could learn, no inconvenience from it, but the loss of life from our little community will long be deeply felt by the lonely widow and the fatherless children, and by the aged and affectionate parents and others who have to mourn from one small neighbourhood the loss of no less than four of their friends. It appears that at a late hour a vessel belonging to the fishing establishment of Robert D. Clarke Esq. of this place,—at a Bay near Prospect harbour, was drifting from her moorings—a boat with seven men put off to prevent her getting on shore,—by some accident the boat was overturned and filled. Three of the men being good swimmers reached the shore in an almost exhausted state; while, it is distressing to add, four met with a watery grave. Their bodies having been found a few days after, very nearly together, were brought to this their native place to be interred by the side of each other in the burial place of their forefathers. On Friday the 22nd a melancholy sight indeed was presented to the inhabitants of this town!—the silent bodies of four of their fellow townsmen, borne on the shoulders of their living friends, and followed by weeping relatives and others, walked in solemn procession to the Parish Church, where the appointed very appropriate service for the burial of the dead was read by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Shreve,—from thence they were taken to the burial ground near the church, and interred side by side in the same graves—two in one, and two in another grave. As such a sight had never before been witnessed here, it appeared to make (and we most earnestly hope it may so have done) a deep impression on all present.

On the Sunday following the 24th, a sermon was preached on the melancholy occasion in the parish church, by the Rector, from Gen. 3rd chap. and part of