

is a much more difficult matter. The spirit may be willing, the flesh is un'en-ably weak. Men must remember this, and having made good resolutions, be it on New Year's day, or at any other time, see to it that they continually seek for guidance and strength from Him, whose ways are often not as are mens, but who—the Eternal Father who loves and watches over His children—will give grace enabling them to live in accordance with such resolutions.

The Very Rev., the Dean of Nova Scotia has issued an appeal on behalf of the Clergy's Widows and Orphan's Fund of this Diocese. It would appear that the demands made upon this fund are greatly in excess of what had been anticipated, that moreover, the income derived from invested monies, has through the reduction in the rate of interest paid, fallen off considerably, the result being that whereas it was hoped that the widows of those clergy, who had died in harness, working for their Master, would receive about two hundred dollars yearly, they are now in receipt of but little more than half that sum. It is earnestly to be hoped that every effort will be made by those whose duty it is to attend to the finances of the diocese, to find better investments for the monies committed to their care; that everything, that can be done, will be done to increase the fund, that, for instance, every clergyman who can do so, will become a contributor and that collections for this most deserving object, will be taken up in a larger percentage of our churches than heretofore.

The suggestion that the monies of the W. & O. Fund be re-invested, recalls to our mind a resolution unanimously carried at a session of the Synod of Nova Scotia, to the effect that the committee on investments communicate through the Bishop with holders of stock in England, from which a portion of the income of the diocese is derived with a view to reinvesting,—provided, the

conditions of the Trust will permit of this being done—of the monies in Canadian securities.

The Bishop of Albany in his convention address thus speaks of Union in the Church, "My own strong conviction is that the only true method to promote the Unity of the Church is to insist upon, in loving strength and thoroughness, the whole scheme and order of teaching, government and worship, which we have received and hold in trust for all the world. And that, if in addition to this insistence we illustrate by our lives, and by our pastoral and priestly character, the working of the grace of God in us as sealed through His appointed means, we shall do better to "stand in our lot to the end of the days," concerned rather with praying than with planning, and realizing that we may not lightly speak against any, even though they be not with us, by whom it pleases Jesus Christ to cast out the evil Spirits from the lives of men. I am very sure beside that there are innumerable works and ways of common interest in the great public movements for the improvement of society in which we can be more and more associated with others who are not of our household of faith. But the longer I live the more I feel that we must guard ourselves carefully against making our own mental operations the measure of God's revelation of truth; or of God's condescensions of work; and the more, also, I feel how far wiser each one of us is in his own place and way to strive and pray for the coming and consummation of the kingdom, than to waste our time and strength in the idleness and bitterness of controversy.

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