

ought to take in the legislation of the Church, but it admits of no second opinion with Episcopalians that the Church cannot be scripturally governed without the Bishop. "*Necesse itaque est quicquid facitis, sine episcopo nihil faciatis.*" This is the ancient rule of Christianity, but the *refo* is rather a principle than a practical thing, which never could be maintained by the Bishop in a bad cause, but which never ought to be overruled against the Bishop in a good one. This reserved power might prevent hasty and doubtful legislation, but would not enable the Bishop to abrogate an old rule, or establish a new one, contrary to the expressed judgment either of the clergy or laity.

You are aware that we have declined the union with the Canadas under one Metropolitan; but this was a matter of expedience, on account of the difficulty of communication, and the inability of the clergy to bear the expense. But, if there is to be a railway and provision can be made for the delegates, there can be no doubt that our union in one great Provincial Synod would add to the dignity of our position, and promote that bond of holy catholic brotherhood which it is the pride of the Church of England to establish and sustain.

I have so far given you the result of my experience, simply because you have asked for it, and with no expectation of advancing anything that is new; and I conclude as I commenced, by advising the greatest moderation. To meet our Christian brethren, that we may "reason together," and then to set at nought and vilify their judgment, is the surest way, even though that judgment be in error, to bind them over to an inveterate prejudice. This, I fear, has been our own case, and we have reason to deplore it. It may serve as a beacon to you, and advertize you of the danger.

With open enemies at the gate, and false brethren within our borders, good and earnest Churchmen can ill afford to stand apart and divide. May the spirit of God pervade your assemblies, and fill you all with wisdom and love! Under such an influence all minor considerations will give way, and the only contention will be how you shall best serve the cause of the Church, and "*lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes.*" Whatever is done by others, let no fault be found in you, and believe me ever,

Your affectionate friend and brother,

W. B.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN CHURCH NEWS.

THE Bishop of the diocese has licensed Mr. E. A. W. Hanington, Divinity Student, as lay reader at St. John's Church, Nashwaakiss; when the rector of the parish is prevented by other duties from attending to Morning Service.

THE New York correspondent of the *Daily News* mentions as a piece of news that the observance of Christmas Day is gradually superseding New Year's Day. It attributes this pleasing fact to the rapid growth of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

THE clergy of the Deanery of Fredericton assembled at Kingsclear on Wednesday, January 31. The Rev. C. Lee, (Rural Dean), J. Black, J. Pearson, H. Pollard, and T. E. Dowling, took part in the Morning Service, held at St. Peter's Church. The building, as usual, was tastefully decorated. The Holy Communion was celebrated, for which a large proportion of the congregation remained. The Choir sung what is popularly known as "The Strain I praise," with surprising correctness. They certainly deserve a better organ. One of Scudamore's chancel instruments may now be procured for £20 sterling, and upwards. Will not one or two members of the congregation take a hint?

In the course of the afternoon the clergy were occupied with the study of the eleventh chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, which was followed by an animated conversation on the proposed Synod for the Diocese of Fredericton. It was also arranged that the special week-day Evening Services, during Lent, to be holden at Oromocto, should be assisted by the clergy of the deanery.

THE Missionary of Campobello has issued an appeal on behalf of St. Anne's School, in that island. Mr. Williams has had many difficulties to contend against during the last five years in maintaining the services of a suitable teacher, but we trust that notwithstanding his anxieties, the Church School may be considered an established institution. We gladly give the substance of his appeal in the following paragraph:—

"It is matter for much regret that the Church in this province does so little in the way of providing religious education for her younger members. The only organization for this purpose is the Madras Board, of which neither the members nor the examiners are necessarily Churchmen, and the sphere of whose operations is very limited. Although something is effected by Sunday Schools and occasional classes for religious instruction, yet how many parish priests are forced to confess the inadequacy of such means to the training up of the young as sober and intelligent members of the Church of England. In order in some degree to supply the deficiency, as far as Campobello is concerned, a school was set on foot five years ago in connection with St. Anne's Church. This is at present only a Parochial Day-School, under the control of the clergyman, and in which religious instruction is given by him. It is, however, his earnest desire both to maintain the school on its present footing in a state of greater efficiency, and also to extend the sphere of its usefulness. During the five years that the school has been in operation, more than one hundred boys and girls have availed themselves of the benefit of instruction in it. The school does not receive any special grant from the legislature as a denominational school; neither does it derive any assistance from the Madras Board, to which more than one unsuccessful application has been made. The annual grant of \$40 from the Diocesan Church Society, for the last five years, is almost the only assistance that has been received from without. If any of the faithful Church-people of this diocese are willing to aid the Missionary of Campobello in this work, they are requested to send contributions to him for that purpose; and it is earnestly hoped that none will withhold an offering because they cannot afford to give much."

GLOUCESTER Cathedral, like that of Worcester (now under repair), and Hereford (recently finished), is about to undergo a thorough restoration. The Dean of Gloucester, the Very Reverend H. Law, has just issued an appeal to the inhabitants of the county soliciting donations towards the restoration, the estimated cost of which is about £50,000.