

churchmen in Nova Scotia to make this Cathedral a memorial not only of the saintly English, but also of their own Diocesan, by carrying out to completion his wishes and designs, and thus in God's providence this may be instead of a hindrance to, a real furtherance of, the work which he had—in conjunction with his Synod—commenced for the glory and honor of God. We sincerely hope that such may be the result, and that any who hitherto may have held back—through a desire to see other needs supplied first—may now heartily throw in their influence with and carry out the object so dear, we believe, to the heart of him, of whom we can most confidently say in the words of our hymnal:—

"Earth to earth and dust to dust,"
Calmly now the words we say.
Leaving him to sleep in trust
Till the Resurrection Day,
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping—Ed.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

AVON RURAL DEANERY.—On the 26th and 27th of April, the clergy of the Avon Deanery held one of their usual meetings in the parish of Aylesford. Eleven years had elapsed since a Deanery meeting was held in this parish, but owing to recent changes our beloved and faithful Dean succeeded in arranging for this meeting. Our deanery meetings regularly held in the other parishes constituting the Avon Deanery, have been much blessed in spiritual profit both to pastors and people. It is therefore with much pleasure and satisfaction that your correspondent is able to report that the parish of Aylesford has again taken its place in the category of parishes availing themselves of the undoubted powerful machinery for aiding church work as deanery meetings have proved to be. The clergy present, were the Rev. Canon Maynard, D. D., Rural Dean; W. Ellis, Rector of Sackville, and Rural Dean of Tangier (by invitation); J. O. Ruggles, M. A., Rector of Kentville; F. H. Axford, rector of Cornwallis; J. Harrison, rector of Falmouth; and T. Guillim, deacon in charge of Aylesford. On the evening of the 26th, divine service was held in St. Mary's Church, and although the night was very stormy, a fair congregation assembled. Shortened evensong was said by the Incumbent, after which the following addresses were given. The Dean made general remarks, alluding particularly to the early days of the parish, and earnestly advised churchmen to remain steadfast to the purest branch of the Holy Catholic Church. The Rev. J. Harrison followed with an address on Infant baptism, in which he examined the three texts, viz: Matt. 28, 19-20; St. Mark 16, 16; and St. John 3, 5, on which the erroneous opinions of those rejecting Infant baptism are based, and then gave the Scriptural and Historical warrant for the validity of Infant baptism. The Rural Dean of Tangier then followed with a powerful address on Confirmation. The Rev. J. O. Ruggles in his address, corroborated the remarks of the two previous speakers, strengthening their arguments by the addition of one or two important points. The Rev. F. H. Axford closed with a short address on the duty of exercising the grace of love, illustrating his remarks by a personal testimony of his interviews with a sick parishioner, in whose soul a powerful conflict was raging between good and evil, as evidenced by her doubts and waverings on the duty of forgiveness. The meeting which was a most enjoyable one, closed at 10 p.m., after the Dean had pronounced the Benediction. The Wednesday morning divine service with the celebration of the Holy Communion, was held at eleven; prayers were said by the Incumbent; lessons read by the Rev. F. H. Axford and J. Harrison, and an able and appropriate sermon preached by the Rural Dean of Tangiers from St. Matt. xxvi. 8, 'To what pur-

pose was this waste?', very applicable thought your correspondent to those howlers, anonymous writers, and pretended zealous churchmen who would deter true Churchmen in their noble endeavours to place the Alma Mater of three-fourths of the Nova Scotian clergy on a sound basis, and to raise a grateful monument in the erection of a stately Cathedral to Almighty God, for the foundation and extension of the Colonial Episcopate: At the Holy Communion the Dean was celebrant, assisted by the Rural Dean of Tangier. The singing at both services was very hearty and highly appreciated. At 2.30 p.m., the Chapter met at the residence of Mrs. Corbin. After prayer by the Dean, the business proper of the Deanery commenced. The absence of our genial Secretary, the Rev. W. J. Ancient, was very much regretted—the Rev. J. Harrison by resolution, was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. A warm vote of thanks was accorded the preacher of the day for his able and very suitable sermon. A lively discussion followed in which all the members present joined, Hypothetical baptism and the Church Army. On the proposition of the Rev. J. Harrison, seconded by the Rev. F. H. Axford, the following resolution was passed, 'That when a parish becomes vacant and a new appointment is made, the members of the Deanery hold as soon as possible afterwards, a meeting in that parish to strengthen the hands of the brother in charge, and give an impetus to church work generally.' The meeting closed with prayer by the Dean. During the stay of the Chapter in Aylesford, the Rural Dean was the guest of Mrs. Rutherford, the Rural Dean of Tangier and the Rev. J. Harrison, the guests of Mrs. Corbin; the Rev. J. O. Ruggles, the guest of Thos. R. Harris, Esq.; and the Rev. F. H. Axford, guest of Mrs. Samuel Patterson, to all of whom the visiting clergy esteem their grateful thanks.

PICTOU.—It is with sincere regret, says the *Pictou Standard*, that we learn of the Rev. Mr. Edgecumbe's intention to leave Pictou, owing to the unsatisfactory financial condition of St. James' Church and also to the death of several of the most liberal members of the Church. An effort, however, is being made by a vigorous canvass of the parish for subscriptions by a committee appointed for that purpose. Mr. Edgecumbe came to Pictou over seven years ago. He is a man of fine scholarly attainments, an able and eloquent preacher, has been in the town longer by several years than any of his predecessors, with the exception of the first Rector, Rev. Mr. Elliott, and has done a good work. He is highly respected by all denominations, and should he deem it necessary to leave the loss to the town will be greatly felt. Indeed it will be extremely difficult to fill his place.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. JOHN.—*Trinity Church*.—The Rev. Canon Brigstocke preached an able sermon on Sunday the 1st of May inst., on the "Insecurity of Earthly Treasure," from the text 19 and 20th verses of Matt. II, and as showing the interest taken in religious matters by the secular press, the *St. John Globe* of 3rd inst., devoted nearly two columns of its space to a report of the sermon. It could not have used its space better.

St. MARTINS.—At the Easter meeting of Holy Trinity Church, Messrs. James B. Hodson and M. K. Daly were chosen as Churchwardens; E. V. Rourke, Delegate to Synod, and Messrs. Daly and Cadlip Miller, sr., Representatives on the D. C. S.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

BISHOP WILLIAMS COMMEMORATION FUND.—The following Circular has been issued in re-

gard to a movement which must command general and hearty support:

At a meeting of members of the Church in this Diocese, held at Quebec, on the 2nd March, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1st. That the Members of the Church in this Diocese do mark the 25th Anniversary of the Consecration of the revered Bishop of the Diocese (which will occur on the 11th June, 1888), by some special and lasting memorial of his long and happy administration of the affairs of the Diocese.

2nd. That a Fund be raised throughout the Diocese, to be applied as follows: The Interest accruing from the Investment to be applied for the use of the Bishop, during his life-time, and in case of the survival of Mrs. Williams, for her use, during her lifetime. The Fund thereafter to be invested in the purchase of a "Soo-House."

3rd. That, for this purpose, it is desirable that a sum of at least ten thousand dollars be raised by a general subscription throughout the Diocese.

4th. That the following gentleman be named a Committee (with power to add to their number) to carry into effect the Resolutions already passed by this meeting: Five to be a quorum.

Revs. Drs. Allnatt, Reid and Roe; G. V. Housman, M. M. Fothergill, W. G. Lyster, G. Thorneloe and A. A. VonItland, and Messrs. Judge Andrews, Judge Brooks, R. P. Campbell, W. H. Carter, Hon. M. H. Cochrane, R. R. Dobell, J. B. Forsyth, Com. Gen. Irvine, R. N. Hall, E. J. Homming, R. W. Heneker, R. Hamilton, J. Hamilton, J. Y. Lloyd, J. J. Lowndes, C. Judge, F. Montizambert, E. J. Price, Hon. J. M. Pope, Lieut.-Col. Ready, Col. Rhodes, R. H. Smith.

A meeting of the Committee was held at Quebec, on the 29th March.

The Committee, believing that every member of the Church will desire to take part in this effort, and to contribute as largely as their circumstances will permit, it was resolved:

That the Clergymen, Churchwardens and Delegates to Synod from each Congregation in the Diocese, be requested to act as a Committee (with power to add to their number) to solicit and collect subscriptions for the Fund from the Members of their respective Congregations; which subscriptions may be paid at such times and in such proportions as may seem desirable to each subscriber.—J. Hamilton, Sec.-Treas.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*St. George's*.—Efforts are being made here to meet the objections frequently made by strangers that they are kept waiting for seats when attending services, and to harmonize these with the rights of the regular worshippers. It has been determined to commence service at five minutes past the hour, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—pewholders being expected to be in their places at the hour, and thereafter vacant seats being assigned to strangers. Thus all will be seated by the time the services commence.

St. James the Apostle.—The late peculiar and mystifying "Shuffle" regarding the Rectorship of this Church has resulted in the re-appointment of the "resigned" Rector. It is puzzling quite; and gives rise to some reflections, which we hope to refer to next week.

A CLERICAL UNION for the Bedford District of the Diocese has been formed, with an admirable constitution which we hope to give in full in next number.

Testimony of a Presbyterian who finds the *Church Guardian* too strong, "It is a good paper for a Churchman, but I am not a Churchman. Please stop my paper!" We doubt not the tone of the C. G. does not sound melodious at all times to the Presbyterian ear.