

you have fulfilled your intention, and have provided for me this beautiful symbol of my office, I receive it with heartfelt gratitude for the kind feelings thus manifested, and which have prompted this gift.

Some persons condemn symbolism altogether, but we cannot escape from it, we meet it everywhere. There is symbolism in the crown, in all official insignia, in a coat of arms, in a flag; the Holy Scriptures are replete with symbolism, and we have it in all our sacred rites and ceremonies. There is symbolism in the Holy Sacraments, in the wedding ring, in the earth thrown upon the coffin, in the white linen vestment. The only question to be considered in any case, is whether the thing signified be true and right, and whether the symbol is appropriate. Now there can be no doubt as to the propriety of this symbol, and I have no hesitation in adopting it at your request. I trust that I shall constantly bear in mind the duties and responsibilities of the office represented by it, that so I may escape the condemnation of the Shepherds of whom it is written, "Woe be unto the Pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture: ye have scattered my flock and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold I will visit upon you the evil of your doings saith the Lord;" and that I may constantly take heed unto my self, and to all the flock, to feed the Church of God.

I confidently rely upon receiving from you, my Brethren, so long as we shall be permitted to labour together, the support and assistance which you have hitherto afforded, and I pray that we may all be enabled so to perform our duties towards the "sheep of Christ which He bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood," that "when the chief Shepherd shall appear we may receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

II. NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX, June 30, 1868.

The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia has appointed the Rev. John Abbott, of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, to be one of his lordship's chaplains.

To the congregation of St. Luke's and his brother clergy, we are sure that this announcement will afford great gratification.

The appointment does not in any way interfere with the position Mr. Abbott holds as Minor Canon of the Cathedral and Curate of the Parish of St. Luke.

The sermon, preached before the Synod by the Very Rev. the Dean, will appear, by request, in the next number of the *Church Chronicle*.

NOTICE.—The next meeting of the Lunenburg Rural Deanery will be held at at Lunenburg on Wednesday, 26th August. The clergy are requested to attend without further notice.

GEORGE W. HODGSON, Sec'y.

DIED.—At Guysborough, on the 5th ult., Rev. W. T. Morris, Rector of Antigonish, aged 49, leaving a widow and several children to lament the loss of a kind and pious husband and father: He was the son of the late W. S. Morris, Esq., of Lunenburg.

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