

A resolution expressing the regret felt by the congregation at Mr. Ruel's decision to retire, and the general and warm sense of the value of his long and faithful services, was proposed subsequently by Mr. W. M. Jarvis and seconded by Mr. George F. Smith. The Rector, in putting the motion, paid a tribute to Mr. Ruel's zealous labors on behalf of the parish, and invited the congregation to testify their assent to the motion by acclamation. This was done, all present rising as the motion was put.

On nominations being called for, the names of Col. J. R. Armstrong and Mr. W. H. Merritt were proposed as Churchwardens, and, no other candidates being nominated, were declared duly elected. The nominations for the Vestry were numerous, no less than twenty-one names being proposed. After the scrutineers had departed to count the votes, opportunity was offered for the discussion of general topics.

Mr. George E. Fairweather moved, seconded by Mr. J. R. Armstrong, the resolution referred to in the last number of the CHURCH RECORD. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Jarvis, the second portion (expressing a wish for the eventual establishment of free seats) was omitted, and the resolution then passed by a large majority:

"That the Vestry be instructed not to sell in future any pews now belonging to the Corporation, and (so far as possible) to obtain possession of all pews which are offered for sale."

The tellers now returned, and the Rector declared the result of the election for the Vestry. The names will be found on our first page. It happened that three names were bracketed with an equal number of votes for the last two places, and it might have been needful to take a ballot. This was obviated by the expressed willingness of two out of the three (the other being absent), to give way, a courteous rivalry which ended in the removal of one name,—we trust only for a short time.

The representatives of the Parish for the Diocesan Church Society were also chosen at this meeting, Messrs. Herbert Wardroper and G. G. Ruel being appointed delegates, and Messrs. Sadleir and G. W. Jones substitutes.

CHURCH NEWS.

The tidings that two of our city clergy, Mr. Geare and Mr. Hudgell, had succumbed to the pressure of over-work, was received with much sorrow by all their brethren. Mr. Geare's kindness and courtesy had endeared him to many beyond the limits of his flock, and it is our hope that a much-needed rest will soon restore him to full vigor.

The following letter, which will be read with the deepest interest, has been sent by the Metropolitan of Canada to the clergy of the diocese of Fredericton.

BISHOPSCOTE, Feb. 23rd, 1892.

MY DEAR BRETHREN: You know that some years since I thought it prudent, in view of a possible failure of health and strength on my part, to obtain the assistance of a Co-adjutor, in order that the work of the Diocese might not be

impeded. It has pleased God to take from me some portion of the strength that then remained, and I feel no longer able to undertake the laborious journeys which, up to a later period, God gave me strength to perform. Painful as it is to me to abridge any part of my former duty, I am obliged, at the age of eighty-seven, to ask you to consult with the Co-adjutor as to any confirmations for the coming year, and as to the administrative work of the Diocese in general, reserving to myself such work as is practicable for a man in my present condition. You will, I feel assured, not set this down to any want of affection or earnestness on my part, and will help me with your kind words and earnest prayers, that what remains of my life may be spent to the glory of God, and to the good of the Church, over which the Lord hath made me an overseer.

Praying for a blessing on what has been done, and what remains to be done, I remain,

Your faithful and affectionate friend,

JOHN FREDERICTON.

The Clergy of the Diocese of Fredericton.

Our readers will have heard of the removal of the Rothesay Collegiate School to the admirably situated residence formerly occupied by Mr. C. H. Fairweather. Every promise seems to be held forth that the Church School of New Brunswick will speedily obtain the fulfilment of all our hopes. Mr. Lloyd expects soon to obtain the assistance of two ordained masters, one of whom the Rector proposes to engage as his assistant on Sunday at St. John's Church. We are sure that all true Churchmen in our diocese will rejoice at the development of this excellent institution, so long needed in our province, and Mr. Lloyd's appeal for support should at least meet with not less efficient a response than that which was recently given to the colleges in another province.

The most remarkable incident of late in England, as far as Church affairs are concerned, has been the sermon upon Reunion preached by the Archdeacon of London at St. Paul's, in which Dr. Sinclair upheld the well-known views of such authorities as Jewell, Hooker, Bancroft, Hall and Cosin, in declaring Episcopacy to be necessary to the *well-being*, but not to the *being* of a Church, and that therefore the absence of an Episcopal succession should not of itself prevent our intercourse with other Christian communities. It may be mentioned, without presumption, that our Rector quoted the same authorities to the same effect, in a sermon preached before the University of Cambridge seven years ago, urging the duty of intercourse between the Church of England and the Reformed Church of France. Modern High Churchmen, of whom it may be said in all charity that they seem singularly ignorant of the writings of the great Anglican theologians, have to learn now that such opinions are simply those truths which the Church of England has always endorsed, in the mouths of her most eminent teachers.