

REPLY OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY TO THE ADDRESS OF THE SYNOD.

To the Bishop, Clergy and Representatives of the Laity of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, in Synod assembled.

My Right Reverend, Reverend Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, I accept with feelings of deep gratification the thanks you have thought fit to tender to me for the Pastoral which I deemed it right to put forth when the minds of so large a portion of the members of our Church were perplexed by the terms of the recent Judgment on "~~E~~ssays and Reviews."

I have never doubted that the Church holds the Canonical Scriptures to be the Word of God, and that the punishment of the wicked is eternal—and with these convictions I should have held myself culpable, had I refrained from giving publicity to these sentiments at that critical moment. I can well understand the feeling with which you repudiate the insinuation that many of the Clergy use the Services of our Church, believing them to be absolutely untrue, and I feel confident that the great body of our brethren in the ministry will, by their teaching in conformity with the great doctrines she professes, prove their conscientious adherence to her Articles and Formularies. I humbly trust that the confidence you repose in me, as the Ecclesiastical Head of our Church, may not be misplaced; and I heartily thank you for your prayer that I may be indued with grace from on High, which is at all times needed by one who is placed in a position of such responsibility, but more especially in a day when principles the most sacred are called in question, and Truths which were held as incontrovertible are challenged as needing farther confirmation.

I remain,

Your faithful Friend and Brother in Christ,

C. T. CANTUAR.

D. C. S. GENERAL MEETING.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society was held on Monday, the 2nd July. There were many of the clergy from the country present, but the attendance would no doubt have been larger had the business of the week allowed of any other day than Monday for the D. C. S. meeting.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop opened the meeting at 2 o'clock with the appointed prayers.

His Lordship then briefly stated the present position of the Society, noting the deficit in the Block Sum of the S. P. G. for meeting the salaries of the clergy,—the omission of the W. and O. collections in many of the parishes during 1865, and suggesting that as the fund increased greater provision should be made for orphans. He also called the attention of the meeting to the "Church Endowment Fund," and the necessity for the parishes paying up all arrears in accordance with their engagements.

In place of the first five on the list of the Executive Committee who went out of office, and in consequence of the resignation of H. Hartshorne, Esq., and Major Nugent, the following were chosen as members of the Executive Committee:—W. C. Silver, Esq., Com. Gen. Graham, T. B. Akins, Esq., J. Young, Esq., S. A. White, Esq., J. T. Wyld, Esq., J. Albrow, Esq.

The Rev. Canon Gilpin was appointed Secretary, and B. Gray, Esq., Assistant Secretary, vice H. Pryor, Esq., who expressed a wish to resign his office. Col. Myers was unanimously requested to continue his valuable services as Treasurer.