

the Church of England, was hailed with delight by the inhabitants of Bonavista. He labored faithfully for nineteen years. He built a church, organized a school, and would appear to have been supported by the flock to whom he administered, the only help he received from the Mother Country, according to data preserved, being supplies of day school materials. On his removal from Bonavista to Trinity, he was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Pearley, M.A., who remained until 1745, so that for twenty-three years they had the services of two ordained clergymen. Then a long time elapsed, a period of nearly eighty years, when the Rev. George Coster, Ecclesiastical Commissary, according to the late Dr. Pilot, made his home in Bonavista in 1823. The third Anglican clergyman.

Why was the Rev. Mr. Peasley removed in 1745, and the station left so long vacant? Dr. Pilot in his contribution to Prowse's "History of Newfoundland," says:—"Owing to the niggardliness of the people of St. John's, in refusing to pay the stipulated amount, in 1736 they lost their minister. Thinking they had been sufficiently punished, after the lapse of nine years, the Rev. Mr. Peasley was removed from Bonavista to St. John's in 1745. The amount which St. John's had promised to contribute towards the stipend was £10. Dr. Pilot doesn't say if Bonavista had failed in a similar manner. We will give the people of that day the benefit of the doubt. Yet it is significant that they didn't get another resident clergyman for nearly eighty years, from 1745 until 1823.

Through the kindness of the Rev. A. G. Bailey, M.A., Rural Dean, we have appended an extract from the Bonavista Church of England Register, an entry made by Thomas Galor, Esq., in the year 1840.

"As this Register will I hope be preserved that future generations may know that Abraham Ackerman about the year 1780, took to reading in Church which was sometime without a reader, Dr. Clench who performed the services of the Church here had removed to Trinity, and after that was ordained and became the Society's Missionary at Trinity. Mr. Ackerman continued for nearly half a century to do the duties of the Church. At the above