

only to elicit new and more gracious promises to His people. When His enemies came to apprehend Him, His only stipulation was for His disciples release—"Let these go their way." In the very act of departure, with all the boundless glories of eternity in sight, they were still all His care.

Ah, how different is the spirit of the world! With how many is day after day only a new obligation to that idol which never darkened with its shadow His holy heart; pampering their own wishes; "envying and grieving at the good of a neighbor;" unable to brook the praise of a rival; establishing their own reputation on the ruins of another; thus engendering jealousy, discontent, peevishness, and every kindred unholy passion.

But ye have not so learned Christ? Reader! have you been sitting at the feet of Him who "pleased not Himself?" Are you "dying daily;"—dying to self as well as to sin! Are you animated with this as the high end and aim of existence,—to lay out your time, and talents and opportunities, for God's glory, and the good of your fellow men; not seeking your own interests, but rather ceding these, if by doing so, another will be made happier, and your Saviour honoured. You may not have it in your power to manifest this "mind of Jesus" on a great scale, by enduring great sacrifices; nor is this required. His denial of self had about it no repulsive austerity! but you can evince its holy influence and sway, by innumerable little offices of kindness and good will; taking a generous interest in the welfare and pursuits of others; or engaging and co-operating in schemes for the mitigation of human misery.

Avoid ostentation,—another repulsive form of self. Be willing to be in the shade; sound no trumpet before you. The evangelist Matthew made a great feast, which was graced with the presence of Jesus; in his gospel he says not one word about it!

Seek to live more constantly and habitually under the constraining influence of the love of Jesus. Solishness withers and dies beneath Calvary.

Ah, believer! if Christ had "pleased Himself," where wouldest thou have been this day?

Parish Meeting.

MEETING OF THE CHURCHWARDENS, VESTRY, AND PARISHIONERS OF THE PARISH OF ST. PAUL'S, HELD AT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL, HALIFAX, EASTER MONDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1857.

As appointed for the Meeting was 2 P. M., but none of the Clergymen of the Parish having made their appearance at a quarter past two o'clock, on motion duly made, seconded and passed by the meeting, P. C. Hill, Esq., the senior Churchwarden, took the chair.

READING OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting of last Easter Monday, March 24th, 1856,—of the adjourned Meeting of March 28, 1856, and of a subsequent meeting of May 21st, 1856, were then read by Mr. Daniel Gallagher, the Vestry clerk.

In the minutes of the last Meeting it was stated that a Committee had been appointed to consult with his Lordship the Bishop, for the purpose of defining and ascertaining the limits which should be assigned to the respective parishes of St. Luke's and St. Paul's, in case a division of the present parish of St. Paul's into these two parishes should hereafter be thought advisable.

On this point, Mr. Hill observed that the Committee had never reported, although he believed that they had waited on the Bishop.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Mr. Hill also observed that it was directed by a Minute of the last meeting that the Treasurer's Account should be audited before the Easter meeting, that this had accordingly been done, and the account (which he now submitted for the inspection and examination of the meeting) was found correct.

The account was then handed round to the different parishioners present.

It appears that the gross receipts of the parish during the past year amounted to £1007 16 2; the expenditure to £1039 10 11, and that there is an amount of £20 15s. still remaining due on pew rents; £8 15s. from St. Luke's, and £12 from St. Paul's. The leading items of the expenditure are the Salaries of the Rector (Archdeacon Willis) £250, and of the Curates, Rev. Wm. Bullock £261 2, Rev. E. Maturin £148 17 8. Dr. Almon called attention to a charge of £15 paid to an organist for St. Paul's, altho' no vote for that purpose passed last year, which Mr. Hill explained.

LEGACY FROM JOHN ROBINSON, ESQ.

Mr. Hill announced that the Treasurer had just handed him a check for £50 from the Executors of the late John Robinson, Esq., being a legacy from that gentleman to the Parish of St. Paul's. (Applause.)

LETTERS FROM THE RECTOR AND CURATES.

Mr. Hill stated that he had received the following letters from the Rector and Curates of the Parish. These letters were then handed to the Clerk and read by him.

Halifax, April 11th, 1857.

DEAR SIR,

Herewith I have the pleasure of enclosing to you, the correspondence which has lately taken place between the Rector and Curates of this Parish; and at the same time I embrace the opportunity of expressing my hope and belief, that such full and explicit replies of the Curates will meet all the wishes of the Parishioners.

After deep consideration, and for various grave reasons, I have decided not to attend the Easter Monday Meeting. The present state of my health, and my desire to have, if possible, a quiet mind at this solemn season, have in a great measure induced me to come to this determination; knowing that there can be no difficulty in supplying my place at the Meeting. I sincerely hope you may have a good and harmonious meeting; and that nothing may occur to prevent your attending to the transacting the very important business of the Parish.

I am,

Dear Sirs,

Your faithful Servant,

(Signed)

ROBERT WILLIS, Rector.

To P. C. Hill and

J. G. Creighton, Esqrs.

Churchwardens of St. Paul's.

MY DEAR SIR,

As the publication of the Bishop's letter in May last has altered our position in reference to the Diocesan Assembly; and as it is probable that I may be asked at the Easter Meeting whether there has been any corresponding change in our views with regard to the introduction of the Ordinances of the Assembly, I shall be glad, if you will give me authority to state that you agree with me. I believe that you as well as myself were under the impression that the decrees of the Assembly would all be adopted and enforced by our Diocesan; but since his Lordship has now officially declared that they are not to be enforced upon unrepresented Parishes, I have no hesitation in stating that I no longer feel myself under an obligation to introduce them into this Parish, and I presume, that as a Curate, you will not consider yourself bound to attempt to do so, without my concurrence.

I am,

My dear Sir,

Your affectionate Brother,

(Signed)

ROBERT WILLIS.

Rev. E. Maturin,

Curate, &c. &c.

The same sent to Mr. Bullock. } April 7, 1857.

Halifax, April 8th, 1857.

MY DEAR MR. ARCHDEACON,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I desire respectfully to say, that like your own, my letter to the Parishioners last Easter was based entirely upon my obligations of canonical obedience, and the paramount word of God to "obey them that have the rule over us and to submit ourselves." And since the Bishop has publicly declared that he does not intend to give to the decrees of the Assembly that authority requisite to make them binding on our consciences, I consider myself released from the obligation to observe and carry out the canons and ordinances of the said Assembly, and I feel at liberty to state that I neither believe in, nor

I sincerely lament that there should be any misunderstanding, and whatever the result of the threatened movement to myself, I earnestly pray that the minds of the Parishioners may be guided aright, and that the Lord would grant unto his servants that "with all boldness they may speak in his name."

Believe me,

Dear Mr. Archdeacon,

Your affectionate Brother in Christ,

WILLIAM BULLOCK.

Halifax, N. S., April 9th, 1857.

MY DEAR ARCHDEACON,

In reply to your letter I beg to state, that I fully agree with you in the opinion that there is no obligation on us to introduce the decrees of the Diocesan Assembly into this Parish, under the present circumstances; and I may take this opportunity of reminding you (as you will find by referring to my letter addressed to the Churchwardens last year,) that I never expressed any intention of doing so, as I have always held that such Assembly is invested with no independent authority whatever, in this Diocese.

As a Clergyman of the Church of England, the only Ecclesiastical authority which I can recognize is that of the Bishop, to whom I owe Canonical obedience "in all things lawful and honest," whether he may act with the advice of a Synod, or without it; and as his Lordship has formally released us from any further responsibility on this subject, I have no hesitation in declaring that I do not feel myself bound to carry out any of the Canons or regulations of the Assembly in this Parish, against the consent of the Parishioners.

I trust and pray that your Easter Meeting may be conducive to the restoration of perfect harmony among us, and that all the members of the Church may be "inspired with the spirit of truth, unity and concord."

I am,

My dear Archdeacon,

Your affectionate Brother,

EDMUND MATURIN.

Dr. Jennings.—I feel very much gratified with the letters which have just been read. They harmonize completely with the views expressed by the majority at the last meeting. I have great pleasure in moving the following Resolution:—

Whereas the parish at the last Easter Meeting resolved that, should the curates adhere to their determination to carry out the rules or ordinances of the Synod in this Parish, the connexion between them should cease at this present Easter; and whereas the Curates as well as the Rector have by their letters, dated 7th, 8th, and 9th inst. respectively, stated that they neither intend or desire to carry out any of the rules or regulations of such Synod against the consent or wishes of the parishioners: therefore resolved that the salaries of the curates be granted for the ensuing year as heretofore.

J. G. Creighton, Esq., seconded the Resolution. He considered the letters very satisfactory.

Mr. Salter observed that he thought the Resolution should express more strongly the gratification the parishioners all feel at the happy termination of the recent difference.

Dr. Jennings had no objection to having the resolution modified to meet Mr. Salter's suggestion.

Mr. Lynch agreed with Mr. Salter, that the resolution to be passed should be couched in the warmest terms, and stated that in differing from the Clergymen he had done so with great pain, and with considerable reluctance, actuated by nothing but a stern sense of duty—none of those who voted for the resolution having had any personal feeling in the matter, and therefore having a corresponding amount of pleasure in the prospect of an adjustment of the difficulties.

William Hare, Esq. thought it would be better to divide the resolution, so that the salaries of the Curates might be passed in a separate vote.

The suggestions of both Mr. Salter and Mr. Hare were adopted by the Meeting, and the following Resolution was then passed unanimously:

Resolved—Whereas the Parish at the last Easter Meeting, resolved that should the Curates adhere to their determination to carry out the rules or ordinances of the Synod in this parish, the connexion between them should cease at this present Easter; and whereas the Curates as well as the Rector, have by their letters dated 7th, 8th and 9th inst. respectively stated that they neither intend nor desire to carry out any of the rules or regulations of such Synod against the wishes of the parishioners,—Therefore resolved, that this meeting reciprocate the kindly feeling expressed by these gentlemen in this announcement.

On motion of A. Harshaw, Esq., seconded by Jos. Bennett, Esq., it was then resolved unanimously, that the letters of the Rector and Curates be entered on the Minutes of the Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHURCHWARDENS.

P. C. Hill, Esq. and J. W. Ritchie, Esq. were then appointed Churchwardens for the ensuing year.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE TREASURER.

On motion of J. C. Cogswell, Esq., seconded by Henry Pryor, Esq., a vote of thanks to Mr. Hare, the Treasurer of the Parish, was passed by acclamation.

APPOINTMENT OF VESTRYMEN.

The following gentlemen were then appointed Vestrymen for the ensuing year:—Messrs. Wm. Dunbar, W. T. Townsend, Maurice Melloth, E. J. Lordly, Thos. Boggs, jr., Wm. Metzler, J. C. Cogswell, B. W. Salter, W. H. Tully, John C. Silver, Dr. Jennings, Dr. Almon.

SALARIES OF CURATES.

Mr. Pryor moved that the usual salaries be granted to the Curates.

Mr. Salter asked whether it would not be well to increase these salaries. They might have sufficient some years ago, but now, in consequence of the increased price of provisions, &c., he thought they should be raised.

Mr. Chamberlain had no objection to increase these salaries, if it could be done consistently with a due regard to the repairs of St. Paul's Church, which were much required.

Dr. Almon remarked that the expenditures of the parish of the parish for the past year exceeded its income, that, much as he should like to see the salaries increased, he could not consent to any expenditure exceeding the income of the Parish.

The usual salaries to the Curates were then passed.

SALARIES OF ORGANIST, SEXTON, &C.

The salaries of the Organist, Sexton, and other persons employed about the Church, were passed.

W. C. Silver, Esq., who had been absent at the commencement of the meeting, enquired how it happened that the salary of the organist was charged to the parish funds, after the resolution passed on that subject on motion of Mr. Lynch.

Mr. Hill explained the matter as before, and Mr. Silver expressed himself quite satisfied with the explanation.

Mr. Creighton.—The churchwardens merely did what is sometimes done by the Government, namely, taking a sum from the Treasury, and trusting to the Legislature to indemnify them for it. When the services of the Organist were dispensed with last year, two ladies undertook to lead the singing at St. Paul's. They stood up there and sang the praises of the Lord without the aid of an organ. I think the church is very much indebted to them. (Applause.) They continued to do so for some time, until at last they found it impossible to endure the fatigue of singing three times a day. I would ask Mr. Pryor, who knows the exertion required in singing in a church, if it is not exceedingly wearisome. We were consequently compelled to employ an organist. Miss Willis kindly gave us her services for some time, but we had at last to engage a paid organist.

Mr. Pryor.—I can only say that the young ladies mentioned are indeed deserving of the warmest thanks of this Parish. For my own part, I would not sing in a choir without an organ; and I therefore withdraw my services from St. Paul's choir last year.

On motion of Mr. Silver, seconded by Dr. Almon, a vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the ladies referred to.

ORGANIST'S SALARY.

Mr. Silver moved that the sum of £15, expended by the churchwardens for the above purpose, be allowed.