

departure a farewell service was celebrated in Trinity Church, New York, at which the Bishops of New York, Western New York, Tennessee, and many of the clergy were present.

The Diocese of Florida has returned to her former union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

A communication in the "Gospel Messenger" gives the following account of the new bells of S. Mary's, Burlington. (New Jersey):—

The makers of the bells are Messrs. Mears & Stainbrook, London. The largest one weighs 2800 pounds, and is inscribed as follows:

"This peal of eight bells is the gift of Margaret S. and Mary McIlvaine to S. Mary's Church, Burlington, New Jersey, Christmas, A.D. 1863. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

2. The Bishop's Bell: "In memory of George Washington Doane, second Bishop of New Jersey. The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee."

3. The Priest's Bell: "O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord, praise Him, and magnify Him forever."

4. The People's Bell: "O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord, praise Him, and magnify Him forever."

5. The Festival Bell: "My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh give thanks unto His holy name forever and ever."

6. The Funeral Bell: "O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord, praise Him and magnify Him forever."

7. The Marriage Bell: "Those whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

8. The Patriotic Bell: "Give peace in our time, O Lord."

For this appropriate selection of mottoes the parish is chiefly indebted to the former rector, the Rev. Dr. Hoffman. During his charge of the church the large debt was paid off, the estimable ladies who have now so liberally remembered it having at that time given \$6000 to head the subscription. The sum given for the bells was about \$10,000, with a fund additional to pay the ringers forever. But the elder of the Misses McIlvaine was not permitted to hear them, having been taken to her rest some two years ago. That the surviving sister may be spared for many years to listen to the sound of these church-going bells is the sincere desire and prayer of

A MEMBER OF S. MARYS.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Bishop of Fredericton has issued a circular to the clergy and churchwardens of his diocese, requesting them to appoint lay delegates to meet in July next, for the purpose of considering the question of the desirability of synodical action in that diocese. This step has been taken in consequence of the following resolution passed by the clergy at the last visitation:

Resolved, "That his Lordship be requested to call a meeting of the clergy and lay delegates of the Church, to take into consideration the question whether it be desirable to have a synod or not, and if so, under what particular organization."

NOVA SCOTIA.—The Bill to permit the clergy of the United States to officiate in this diocese with the sanction of the Bishop, has passed both branches of the Legislature. A Bill making some changes in the Court of Marriage and Divorce has passed the Council, upon which it may suffice to observe that it abolishes pre-contract as a ground for divorce, and permits the persons separated by any judicial decision to marry again. There are Bills before the Assembly to amend the Education and Registration Acts. The former has been, we understand, adopted as introduced by the Government without material alteration. Under its provisions teachers will receive from the Provincial Grant as follows: Men, \$120, \$90 and \$60 respectively, according to their class; and women, \$90, \$60 and \$45. The county assessment for education will be at the rate of thirty cents per head for every man woman and child entered at the last census, and any additional sums required are to be raised by assessment upon the several sections.