

are needy and deserving, but they do not require aid from your Conference. Each has its own staff of friends and supporters and with their assistance is generally able to meet all demands in a satisfactory manner. If you have too much money for your present wants, keep it until you need it, or return it with thanks to the donors or hand it over to some poorer conference. At any rate do not employ it for any other object than that for which it was given without the knowledge or consent of those who gave it. Were it suspected that this Society obtained money for one purpose and expended it for another, the result would be most disastrous. The writer can quote from his own recollection two instances where the misapplication of money was attended by very unsatisfactory consequences. In 1847, being then one of the three church wardens, he saw interred in the old church of St. Joseph, Kingston, whence they were removed a short time ago, the remains of the Rev. Father Nealan. The circumstances attending the death of this young, talented and zealous priest, cut off at the commencement of his career by that fell-destroyer, ship-fever, were so touching that it was resolved to erect forthwith a monument to his memory. A collection was accordingly made to which the writer contributed, and prepared besides an inscription, approved by competent authority; but the monument was never erected, and to this day—44 years after the death of Father Nealan—the question “what became of the funds” still awaits, so far as the writer knows, a satisfactory answer.

The other instance occurred nearer home. Some forty years ago, or during the fifties, the *Bona Mors* Society was established in St. Michael's parish in this city. For membership in this society a small contribution (25 cents a year) was required, also a daily recitation of certain prayers. Its objects were the care of the sick poor, and the furnishing of a decent funeral for those who died destitute. The society went on very well for a time, and had accumulated a small fund with which it was intended to procure gradually, vestments, candlesticks, and other accessories of divine worship to be used exclusively at the obsequies of its beneficiaries. One day, when the chief officers were absent, a venerable member, highly esteemed as a citizen but rather crotchety, and perhaps imbued with the idea that people did not die fast enough to keep the funds of the society actively employed, rose up in meeting and