

wardens of each church or mission can have only the delegated or vicarial authority given him by virtue of the Bishop's appointment.

But does not this make the Bishop, as such diocesan corporation, liable and responsible for whatever financial obligations the pastor or committee of church wardens may have contracted for the benefit of the mission? By no means; for such responsibility or liability is limited by the Canon Law which regulates the relations between pastors and people,—between the Bishop as the Diocesan chief pastor and his clergy and people.

There is the general Canon Law applicable to all the church; and the particular or local Canon Law for each Diocese or Province. Now every society, whether in the Civil or Ecclesiastical order, must have its laws or constitution and rules which bind its members; if the society is to hold together its laws must be obeyed. This is true of institutions in both church and state.

The Civil Law regulates the relations between the principals or employers in each department of industry and the subordinates who work as the delegates or representatives of the principals who employ them. Thus, a clerk employed to aid his principal in his mercantile or other business, has his official rights and obligations as such subordinate official, distinct and apart from his own individual or personal rights, which, nevertheless, also exist. If in the name and authority of his principal he make a purchase of goods, or receives a payment on account of the business in which he is duly employed, his act is regarded as of the same value as if done by the principal; but if he should exceed his authority, his act would be repudiated by his principal, and he himself thus becomes individually responsible. So if a priest, or church warden undertake buildings without the due guarantees for payment, he does so on his own personal or individual responsibility and risk; the loss, if any, is his own: he may not disobey or commit any fault, but the responsibility of his work rests with himself.

The local Canon Law regulating the discipline of the Diocese of Chatham is the Decrees of the First Council of the Ecclesiastical Province of Halifax, held there in Sept. 1857, examined at Rome, and approved by Decree of the Sac. Cong. de Propaganda Fide, dated 13th July, 1858, and sent by Cardinal Barnabo, Prefect of said Propaganda, to the Archbishop of Halifax. But before their arrival the said Archbishop (Dr. Walsh) died on the 10th August and it was a couple of years before his successor, Archbishop Connolly, got clear of the administration of the Diocese of St. John (of which since 1852 he had been Bishop), and took up his residence in Halifax; so that it was only in 1860 that said Acta et Decreta of the said Council of Halifax were printed under the supervision of the Metropolitan, and distribut-