

One of the youngest of the Clergy,* who had given good promise of future usefulness, was called away a few months before the aged Archdeacon, and already, within the first six months of this year, three of our brethren have been removed by death, of whom two† had been for several years incapacitated by sickness and infirmities, but the other‡ was cut off in the prime of life, in the midst of an active career of usefulness, and it will not be an easy matter to find a worthy successor to fill his place. Of the two former, I need hardly remind you that, for more than three years, one had been grievously afflicted, and that sometimes his mental, were not less than his bodily, sufferings, but at length our merciful Father was graciously pleased to dispel the cloud, and to enable him to rejoice with the full assurance of faith. He frequently testified that all had been ordered for his good, with wisdom and love, that through his sore trial he had been brought nearer to his God, and had been enabled to comprehend the fulness of the Saviour's love. His was not indeed what *we* should term a "*light* affliction," but doubtless, now that he has entered into his rest, it appears to him to have been so, and we trust that it was instrumental in working for him "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Through death and removals we have thus lost ten Clergymen, but on the other hand there have been twenty-one added, of whom one has gone to Prince Edward Island.

The vacancy caused by the death of the late Archdeacon has been filled by the appointment of Dr. McCawley, which I cannot doubt must be satisfactory to all the Clergy, many of you having been in time past under his instruction and guidance, and all of you being acquainted with his kindness of disposition, and courtesy of manner.

Last year, in consequence of the enlargement of this Church, and the alterations which rendered it more suitable than any other Church in the Diocese for a Cathedral, I acted upon the authority contained in the Queen's Letters Patent, and constituted a Chapter for the Diocese, composed of a Dean and four Canons, of whom the Archdeacon is always to hold the first Stall. And I may here observe that, notwithstanding the decision against the validity of the Letters Patent, so far as they profess to grant jurisdiction, no doubt has ever been suggested as to the power of the Crown to

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