

down among us, seeking to be allowed to "impart to us some spiritual gift," one personally and officially so worthy of our respect,—it is right, I say, to mark the departure of such an one from our head, by such tokens of respect and mournful affection, as this Church presents to day, and which the affectionate kindness of several of you has enabled us readily and quickly to supply. But I regret that the notice I can take of our departed and honoured Bishop, must be brief and imperfect, and quite unworthy of the subject.

He began his ministry as Missionary in the rural parish of Aylesford, where he discharged his duties in a most exemplary manner, commending himself to the affections of the "humble poor" by his devotion to their temporal and their spiritual necessities, in a manner which the aged among them still speak of, with grateful hearts. From 1816 to 1824 he filled the more arduous post of Rector of St. Paul's, Halifax, where I witnessed his untiring devotion to his ministerial duties, his attention to the sick and the afflicted, his readiness at all hours to attend to the calls of the poorest members of his flock, no less than of the highest. He had to encounter, at this time, the opposition of some influential members of the community; but he overcame it all, by the Christian weapons of persevering kindness, patience and love, "heaping coals of fire" on the heads of all who withstood him, "overcoming evil with good," and effectually winning his way to very general and affectionate regard.*

Although he has held his high and holy office little more than twenty-five years, he has been closely identified with the interests of the Church in these Colonies for nearly fifty years. His father, who was the first Colonial Bishop, and presided over this Diocese for thirty years, died in the year 1816. But for many years before his death his infirmities were so great, that the chief care devolved upon his son. So was it also during the time of the next Bishop (Stanser), who only resided a few months in his Diocese, giving place in 1824 to our late Diocesan. So that as the confidential adviser of his father, the first Bishop, and the efficient substitute of the second, he has for nearly half a century, had the "care of all our Churches."

Elevated to the Episcopal office, he displayed the same anxious desire, and unwearied endeavours, to promote the prosperity of the Church over the widely extended field committed to his care. That field embraced Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, P. E. Island and Bermuda, the sole charge of which immense Diocese, not less than 1000 miles from one extreme to another, lay upon him for the first sixteen years of his Episcopate. He

* I may here mention as illustrating the forbearance and self government which he practised, that he told me about this time, that whenever he met with any annoyance, he found his best cure was to go to the chambers of the sick and afflicted, and there he soon forgot it all. Or when he received, as he sometimes did, letters calculated to arouse his feelings, his rule was to put them aside for a day or two before he would reply. I have had an opportunity of knowing many instances in which he seemed to study to do most kindness to those who were most opposed to him.