

to believe, is attested by the living testimony of actual fact. Nay, even disestablishment and disendowment, words which are said to be becoming ominously familiar to the English ear, have been felt here. The Canadian clergy met the difficulties attending the alienation of the Clergy Reserves by self-sacrifice and zeal. The commutation for their life estates, granted to them by Government, they formed into an endowment fund. The work which was entrusted to them by their Master to be done, they continued to carry on, though very much impoverished. It is well to remember these things, not only that we may retain the admiration and gratitude with which the laity of the Canadian Church then viewed the bright example of self-abnegation set them by their pastors, but also that we may be encouraged when difficulties assail us, or when we have to suffer loss or persecution for the truth's sake, to offer an unflinching front for Christ's sake, and to be ready, if he calls, to give up all for Him.

The Colonial Church in Australia has sustained a great loss in the death, by drowning, of the Bishop of Grafton and Armedale. Late in the dark evening of the Third Sunday in Lent, the account in the "*Guardian*" informs us, Bishop Sawyer was returning by water, after service in which he had preached, from Grafton to his house. The distance was two miles up the river, a strong breeze blowing, and the Bishop held the rudder lines of the boat. They were opposite to his own house, when the boat capsized, and the Bishop and his boy of 7 years old, and a servant, were drowned. It is a sad story; sad for the widow and children, whose husband and father was so suddenly called away, and for the new diocese which has thus early lost its first Bishop. He had been in his diocese but eleven weeks, but even on his voyage, his faith, zeal and love had been shewn in the confirmation which he held on board the vessel; before his arrival, his diocese had seen that their first Bishop was no ordinary man; no luke-warm servant of his Master and the Church; and in the short space during which he had lived among them, we hear that he had won all hearts, and raised a standard of work and zeal, which it may be hard for his successor to attain. Comparatively early his work for God on earth is closed; he has been found worthy to carry on that work which he began so worthily here, amid the brighter scenes of a sinless world, where the opposition of the enemies of the Church, both within and without us, shall be no more felt.

The Bishopric of Hereford, which was vacated by the death of Bishop Hampden, has been filled by the elevation of the Reverend Canon Atlay, Vicar of Leeds, to the Episcopacy. Dr. Atlay is spoken of as a zealous parish priest, of moderate views and sound learning, who is likely, by the blessing of God, to be a support to the Church in the coming times of trial.

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