

is sufficient to meet rates and taxes. It was at first thought that a remedy for want of income might be found by the Bishop appointing himself Archdeacon, which office was vacant; but when it was found that the Trust Deeds did not permit of this, it occurred to the Bishop that the S. P. G. might be willing to transfer a grant of £300 hitherto made to the Indian Mission, to the Bishop: considering him in fact as "Chief Indian Missionary." The secretary of the venerable society consented, on condition that the Rev. R. Small, the Priest in charge of the Mission, was made Archdeacon, so that the Indian Missions would not suffer, but would be supported out of the Archdeaconry Endowment. The "arrangement" was to be only temporary; but even as a temporary arrangement the English Committee have felt that they cannot "conscientiously approve of it."

The chief objection that has been raised to this arrangement among some of the clergy and laity in the Diocese, has been that it was done without consultation with the Executive Committee. We are disposed to go further, and say that such a step should not have been carried out without the full knowledge and consent of the Synod.

But the members of the English Committee go still further, and object to the whole arrange-

ment on the ground, apparently, that it is bad in principle and cannot be, therefore, conducive to the good of the Church.

We cannot, therefore, expect any longer, support from the Committee, as a whole; though it is probable, and we hope likely, that as individuals their interest will still be in the Diocese, and that some financial aid will yet be forthcoming.

CALENDAR for MARCH, 1897.

1. Mon — S. DAVID, Archb. of Meneira.
2. Tue — Shrove Tuesday. S. CEDDE or S. CHAD, Bishop of Lichfield.
3. Wed — Ash Wednesday, + First day of Lent.
4. Thu
5. Fri
6. Sat
7. First Sunday in Lent. S. Perpetua, M.
8. Mon
9. Tue
10. Wed. Ember Day.
11. Thu
12. Fri. Ember Day. S. GREGORY I., Bp. of Rome and Confessor.
13. Sat. Ember Day.
14. Second Sunday in Lent.
15. Mon
16. Tue
17. Wed
18. Thu — S. EDWARD, King of West Saxons
19. Fri
20. Sat
21. Third Sunday in Lent. S. BENEDICT, Abt.
22. Mon
23. Tue
24. Wed. Vigil.
25. Thu. Annunc'n. of the Blessed Virgin Mary
26. Fri
27. Sat
28. Fourth Sunday in Lent.
29. Mon
30. Tue
31. Wed

+ The Forty Days of Lent are to be observed as Days of Fasting or Abstinence.

SHROVE TUESDAY.—This day is so called from the old English word *shrive*, *shrif* or *shrove*, meaning to absolve after confession, it being customary for people to make a particular confession on that day before entering upon the Great