

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE DEAN FARRELL.

On Tuesday evening, June 15th, a meeting of gentlemen was held in Trinity Church School-room, for the purpose of considering the best means of testifying respect to the memory of the late incumbent of the above Church, Dean Farrell. There were between 30 and 40 persons present, and Dr. Mayo occupied the chair. In commencing the proceedings, the Chairman explained the object of the meeting, remarking that he should be glad to receive any propositions or suggestions on the subject, they had met to consider. Dr. Gosse moved the following proposition, remarking that the cost of the tablet would not be more than £20:—"That a memorial tablet similar to the one in the Church, to the memory of the late Rev. Mr. Howard, be placed in the chancel, to convey the feelings of the congregation towards their late incumbent." Sir James Hurtle Fisher seconded, remarking that he thought this would have been quite in accordance with the wishes of their late Dean. Mr. W. A. Cawthorne thought this was a very narrow way of expressing their esteem for their late Incumbent, and it would not add to the dignity of the oldest Church in the colony. What was this compared with what other denominations had done? some had raised whole

churches to the memory of their pastors. He would be in favor of collecting a larger sum and erecting a memorial window or something similar, in addition to a tablet. However, he would not oppose the proposition, although he hoped the mover would consider what he had said. Mr. Justice Wearing thought it would be better for them to wait and see what amount was subscribed before they fixed on the erection of any memorial. Perhaps, if this proposition was carried, there were many persons whose respect for the late Dean was quite equal to theirs, who would be prevented from testifying it. It would almost exclude contributions if they fixed £20 as a limit for the memorial. On the suggestion of some present, he moved that a subscription-list should be opened for the purpose of obtaining funds towards the erection of a fitting memorial to the memory of the late Dean Farrell. Mr. Cawthorne seconded. Mr. S. Tomkinson pointed out that there was another way in which the public generally could show their respect for their late Dean. They should wait and see what the subscriptions amounted to, and then perhaps they could find some other means of expending the amount received. In the meantime he thought this tablet should be erected. A conversation as to the propriety of erecting a tablet, or opening a subscription-list, here ensued, when Mr. E. J. Hodgkinson addressed the meeting, deprecating the idea of their discussing a matter of this kind, as it might look as if they were discontented when they should be unanimous. He hoped they would support the

they were discontented when they should be unanimous. He hoped they would support the proposition, and then any one might table a motion to the effect that a subscription-list be opened. He thought the proposal most suitable, as it was not likely, through the severance of Church and State, that they would have another Colonial Chaplain. Mr. J. S. Saunders thought that something more useful than ornamental should be erected. He would be in favor—knowing the interest the late Dean always took in the Sunday-school—of a subscription-list for the purpose of erecting a new schoolroom being opened. Dr. Gosse having said a few words in reply, pointing out that their present object was simply the erection of a small tablet, and that any surplus amount collected might be handed over to use for any purpose they thought fit; the amendment was, with the consent of the meeting, withdrawn. The Chairman put the motion, which was carried. The Chairman and the Churchwardens were appointed a Committee for the purpose of carrying out the object of the resolution. It was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Farrell, and the following were appointed a Committee for the purpose of preparing it:—Sir James Hurtle Fisher, Mr. Justice Wearing, Drs. Mayo and Gosse, Mr. Samuel Tomkinson, and the Churchwardens. It was also determined to call a meeting of the congregation at an early date for the purpose of considering the appointment of another incumbent.