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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 22nd.

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THE EASTERN DIOCESE.

We are glad to learn that there is a prospect of an immediate election of a Bishop for the Eastern Diocese. At the last meeting of the Episcopal Trust Fund Committee, it was announced that the Bishop of Toronto was prepared to request the permission of the Governor General to hold an election, when £7,500 should have been secured by mortgage. There seems to be no room for doubting that by the next meeting of the Committee in September, this sum will be secured, and we shall be able to congratulate the Diocese on the approaching event, upon which, under Providence, so much depends. His Lordship has in fact acknowledged the reasonableness of the proposition broached in our article of August 18th, and has consented to modify the former conditions for the election, so far as to reduce the required minimum of landed securities by the sum of £2,500. For this concession our Bishop is entitled to the warm thanks of the new Diocese, which, though about to be removed from his immediate jurisdiction will ever gratefully acknowledge itself, even in this the latest, though not the least important, of his Lordship's official acts. It only remains for the Committee to arrange the funding of notes sufficient to complete the required sum, and this may easily be accomplished; in fact we understand that the notes in Brockville and Ottawa City as yet unfunded, will be more than enough for the purpose, and that these have been tendered for by gentlemen in those Parishes, and will be funded before next meeting. This is so far satisfactory, and we trust that nothing will prevent the sub-committee from putting matters in such a shape, as will justify a Deputation waiting on the Bishop immediately after their next meeting, and requesting him to name a day for the election. It will doubtless give our Diocesan heartfelt pleasure to see a third Diocese set off. He will with feelings of satisfaction and thankfulness surrender into other, but not abler hands than his own, the government of a large portion of the present Diocese. He will anticipate with

confidence increased prosperity to the Church when the Episcopate shall be increased in proportion to the enlarged field of labour himself has opened out in the Lord's vineyard in this Province. Every Churchman must also feel in the present emergency that his Lordship ought to have his hands strengthened in his noble endeavour to maintain the integrity of Trinity College, and we need not say how largely the presence of the Bishop of the Eastern Diocese will contribute to that end. We look forward therefore in common with the church at large with great anxiety for the report of the Committee next month. We believe that timely exertion will secure a speedy termination to the lengthened suspense in which the Eastern Diocese has been kept,—will gratify our venerable Diocesan by the sight of the ripened fruits of his loving labours, and his fostering care of God's heritage, and add a second Bishop, would that we might say a third, to the working members of the Corporation of Trinity College.

THE DIVISION OF PARISHES.

THE parochial system would seem to be an institution essential to the efficiency of the Church. In every rightly constituted christian society, it sooner or later becomes the recognised plan of administration, both clergy and people mutually deriving considerable advantages under it. It rises superior to the mere congregational device, which engenders selfishness; and in the larger cities and towns, surrenders the sittings in Churches to those whose purses are best filled. The poor man is thrust out almost altogether, and the spiritual duties and ministrations of the clergyman are narrowed down to that circle of worshippers who are in the habit of frequenting the Church. "Go ye into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in that My house may be full." "Say to him that the lepers are cleansed, the dumb speak, the lame walk, and the poor have the gospel preached unto them." These commands are slighted, if not practically disregarded, and the spiritually dumb, halt and lame, have no angel to trouble the waters of life for them, nor have the poor the full opportunity of having the gospel preached to them. But we will take even higher grounds than this. For eighteen hundred years the news of gospel salvation has been proclaimed in most civilized nations; it is known that a covenant of mercy has been opened with man—the proclamation has been loudly made, so that thousands wait but to be led to a knowledge of its true worth. We have now to bring these multitudes to their knees to be hallowed in prayer. Now without organization such scattered sheep cannot be gathered; without some external boundary lines, the sheep-fold cannot be defined, and as a consequence wanderers stray hither and thither, looking it may be in vain for some hand gently to guide them, and yet remaining unknown to the Shepherd, as the sheep are to him.

Now that a clergyman may have it in his power to act upon his flock so as to accomplish that which is nearest his heart, he must have a fixed area in which he may work—to say that he is only responsible for those who frequent the Church or place of worship under his care is not enough, he is in duty bound to bring in all that he can, but as he is only one of a number of workers, he must so regulate his labour as not to interfere "with another's building"—besides the duty of converting men to the truth, there are also other christian obligations to be discharged, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, and relieving the necessities of the saints; that this can only be efficiently done by a rigid system of visitation is evident, and as man has but a certain degree of physical endurance, it is not only most convenient, but it is absolutely necessary for the economy of time and strength, that he should know where and when, he is to work. In short the parochial system has outlived every other, it invariably supplants every other, and the sooner we commence it in Canada the better. We therefore sincerely hope that the time is not far distant, when our venerable Bishop