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CONFIRMATION.

TO THE CLERGY OF THE HOME AND SIMCOE DISTRICTS, AND THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS EAST OF TORONTO.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—It is my intention, God willing, to hold Confirmations in the Home and Simcoe Districts, in the latter part of June, and the other districts in their order, of which more particular notice will, in due time, be given.

To render my visitation as useful and effective as possible, I request you, my brethren, whether resident or travelling Missionaries, to signify to me, at your earliest convenience, the number of your stations, and their distance from one another; more especially those new ones which you may have established since my last tour of Confirmations, that I may so arrange my journeys as to include them in my list of appointments. The day and hour of such appointments will be published in sufficient time to enable you to meet me in your several parishes with your candidates, I trust, well prepared to participate in an ordinance so holy.

JOHN TORONTO.

Toronto, 17th March, 1858.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

STUDENTS' FUND.

As in April the annual Collection on behalf of this Fund is appointed to be taken up, we would particularly call the attention of the Clergy to the following statement, which we copy, at the request of the Secretary of the Church Society, from the last Annual Report. We are informed that the collections received subsequent to the annual meeting swelled the total receipts of the past year to £232 10s. 11d. We trust that this Fund will be enabled to entirely support some deserving young men during their course; for there are many, we are persuaded, who require more assistance than that afforded by the small scholarships.

The amount collected for this Fund amounted to £193 12s. 8d., from 121 stations. The sum of £200 was paid towards the sustentation of eight Divinity Scholarships at Trinity College.

It has long been felt that serious objections existed to the admission of Students on Matriculation to Divinity Scholarships, and a modification of the rules respecting Scholarships has consequently been adopted, which, it is hoped, will be productive of great advantage. It has been the practice to offer for competition, annually, to Students entering the College, five Divinity Scholarships—one of £30 currency, two of £25, and two of £20, making a total of £120—and, as the Scholarships are tenable for four years, the whole sum annually devoted to this purpose has been £480. Of this sum, £200 has been furnished by the Church Society, and £280 has been appropriated from the general funds of the College. The £280 will for the future be appropriated by the College as a provision for four Scholarships—one of £30 currency, one of £25, and two of £20—tenable for three years, and open to all candidates for matriculation, whether intending to study for Holy Orders or not. The £200 received from the Church Society will be appropriated as a provision for four Divinity Scholarships—one of £30 currency, two of £25, and one of £20—tenable for two years, which students for Holy Orders are required to pass in the Theological Department, and open to Students of Trinity College who are either graduated in Arts, or who, having spent one year at least in Arts' course, have entered on their twenty-second year.

It is hoped that this rule will guard as far as possible against any disappointment consequent on a change of purpose on the part of Divinity Students,—the tenore of the Scholarship being limited to two years, which are specially devoted to Theological studies, and admission to it being delayed to an age at which a young man may reasonably be expected to have arrived at some fixed and steady resolution respecting his future course.

Students holding these Scholarships will for the future be designated in the Calendar as "the Church Society's Scholars."

It is distinctly understood that any student who offers himself as a candidate for a Divinity Scholarship does thereby declare that he believes himself to be entitled to receive such aid in conformity with the terms employed in the preamble of the Society's Constitution, where its third object is stated to be this: "For granting assistance, when it may be necessary, to those who may be preparing for the Ministry of the Gospel in the said Church within the said Diocese." It is also understood that every Student, without exception, who has been or who shall hereafter be admitted to a Divinity Scholarship, is under a moral obligation to refund any sums received in virtue of that Scholarship, in the event of his not receiving Holy Orders or not serving within the Diocese.

In the case of young men who have avowed the intention of devoting themselves to the sacred ministry of the Church, this clear understanding of the terms on which they are admitted to Scholarships ought effectually to prevent any misappropriation of the funds, and if, unhappily, it should fail to do so in any instance, it is difficult to say what more stringent security might be

adopted which would not occasion unnecessary annoyance to the well principled, while it would be equally inefficient in respect of any who may fail to recognise the obligation under which they are placed at present.

As Easter is drawing nigh, we re-publish, at the suggestion of an esteemed correspondent, the 2d, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Articles of the Constitution of the Synod.

The Lay representatives shall be male communicants of at least one year's standing, of the full age of 21 years, and shall be elected annually at the Easter meetings held by each Minister having a separate cure of souls; and all Laymen within the cure, of 21 years of age or upwards, who shall have declared themselves in writing, in a book to be provided for such purpose by the Parish, to be "Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other religious denomination," shall have the right of voting at the election.

The Minister himself, if present, shall preside at the election, and, in his absence, the Curate or assistant Minister, or chairman elected by a majority of those present.

The number of representatives to be elected within any cure shall be one or more, not exceeding three in number.

Each representative shall receive from the Minister or Chairman of the meeting a certificate of his election, signed by the person presiding at the election, and shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

If a vacancy should occur in the number of representatives, the Minister shall proceed to hold a new election with as little delay as possible after due notice.

We would observe that, though each cure may send three representatives, Article 15, under head "Rules for the Preservation of Order," rules that, as the vote is taken by Parishes, the three votes only count as one.

CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the St. James's Parochial School House, on Thursday, 11th inst., at 11, A. M.

Present—Rev'ds S. Givins, Dr. Fuller, H. C. Cooper, E. R. Stimson, R. V. Rogers, J. Hebden, S. B. Ardagh, J. Fletcher, E. Baldwin, D. E. Blake, Dr. Beaven, Dr. Shortt, Rob't Shanklin, J. Hilton, J. G. Geddes, S. F. Ramsey, J. Curry, E. Grasett, Thos. Leach, Thos. Campbell, R. Macgeorge, E. H. Dewar, Dr. MacNab, F. Tromayne, Provost Whittaker, A. Broughall, T. S. Kennedy, Messrs. Hon. H. J. Boulton, J. W. Gamble, C. J. Campbell, Clarke Gamble, Geo. Crawford, F. Gates, W. B. Jarvis, Hon. J. H.