

be held as follows:—Amprior, Wednesday, January 31st, 7 p.m.; Galetta, Thursday, February 1st, 7 p.m.; Renfrew, Friday, 2nd, 7 p.m.; Stratford, Sunday, 4th, Cobden, Monday, 5th, 7 p.m.; Beachburg, Tuesday, 6th, 7 p.m.; Westmeath, Wednesday, 7th, 7 p.m.; Pembroke, Thursday, 8th, 7 p.m.; Alice, Friday, 9th, 7 p.m.

TORONTO.

THE ST. JAMES RECTORY DISPUTE.

The following has been issued to give the public some idea of the merits of the question in dispute between the Synod, the Toronto clergy, and the authorities of St. James' Church. We do not pledge ourselves to the statement, but have every reason to believe that it is accurate and fair:—

Question.—What is a Rectorial endowment?

Answer.—It is an endowment for the rector, vested in himself at the time of his induction, over which the parish has no control, and in which it has no direct interest.

Q.—What is a Parochial endowment?

A.—It is an endowment vested in the rector and churchwardens or other trustees, and may be under the control of the parish or vestry.

Q.—What are parochial or church revenues?

A.—They may include parochial endowment, pew and ground rent, offertories and subscriptions, and are under the control of the vestry and churchwardens, but they do not include the rectory endowments.

Q.—Are the endowments of St. James' rectorial or parochial?

A.—The rents, issues and profits of the lands granted by the Crown as a glebe of, or as appurtenant or belonging to, or appropriated for any rectory of the church by whatsoever name the same may be called, or in whomsoever the title thereto may be vested, as is shown by 29-30 Vic., cap. 16 (1866), are rectorial endowments; but lands purchased by the congregation of St. James' and vested in the rector and churchwardens, or other trustees, are parochial endowments.

Q.—What was the object for which the rectory lands were originally granted?

A.—To provide for the "future comfort, if not the complete maintenance" of the several rectors, as may be seen by reference to the Act 31, Geo. III, (1791), the several instructions to Governors-General, the reports of several Attorney-Generals and patents under which the lands were granted.

Q.—What are the St. James' parochial endowments?

A.—The park lots comprising 16 acres of land in the City of Toronto, yielding a revenue of \$743 57.

Q.—Who is entitled to distribute the surplus of the rectorial endowment?

A.—By the Act 29-30, Vic. cap. 16 (1866) 39 Vic. cap. 109, (1876) and 41 Vic. cap. 69, the Synod is charged with the distribution of the surplus after providing a salary of \$5,000 for the rector of St. James'. Said surplus to be divided among the rectors of the other churches, in such way as the Synod shall from time to time direct.

Q.—If the Acts grants all these powers what is the necessity for amending the Act?

A.—It was supposed that the whole of the lands would have been sold, and the proceeds be absolutely at the disposal of the Synod, but as a portion of these lots are not sold, and the fee is in the rector, who has no personal interest in the same, the Synod desires to have these lands vested in itself, in order that it may efficiently administer the same in accordance with the trusts reposed in it by the said Acts.

Q.—Who has the power of dealing with the surplus of the parochial endowment of St. James'?

A.—The vestry of St. James', as may be seen by the Act 29-30 Vic., cap. 161, (1866).

Q.—What is a church benefice?

A.—It is an appointment in the church with emoluments. A rector becomes a beneficiary when he is inducted into a rectory, he being inducted into all the rights and emoluments of his office.

Q.—Is not the rector of St. James' then legally entitled to all the proceeds of the rectory endowment?

A.—Beneficially he may be, but legally he is not, for the acts of 66, 77 and 78 limit his rights, and when inducted the legal rights of the other city rectors were reserved by the Bishop.

Q.—Will St. James' still be an endowed church?

A.—Yes. It will have \$5,000 per annum for its rector in addition to its large parochial revenues.

Q.—Will the benefits arising from the distribution of the rectorial funds remain wholly with the city and township churches other than St. James'?

A.—No. The whole diocese will benefit by it, at least indirectly, for as soon as the distribution takes place several of the city rectors will have to relinquish the amounts they receive from the commutation fund, which will have the effect of placing an equal number of the country clergy as beneficiaries for that fund.

Q.—Has St. James' any other endowments of church revenues?

A.—Yes. It possesses \$23,000 worth of pews, which are the property of the church, in addition to the ground rent of the sold pews which, during the year 1882, yielded a revenue of \$3,403 17. Its collections for the past year, for general purposes, amounted to \$5,480 44; casual revenue, \$541 28. The total receipts for general purposes being \$10,403 46, while the special collections swelled the amount to \$19,996 39, and this entirely independent of any rectorial endowment funds.

Q.—What proportion of the rectorial endowment is the rector of St. James' entitled to under the Acts referred to?

A.—More than one-fourth to St. James', while less than three-fourths will have to be divided amongst the sixteen city churches and the six township churches if it is found they are entitled to participate.

Q.—Which of these endowments have been given as security for the debenture debt of \$67,000?

A.—The church, valued at \$226,738 65, the land used therewith, and all other lands the property of the vestry. These are also made a first charge on the whole revenue of the church, but they are not secured on the rectorial endowment.

Q.—But was not the land upon which the church was built and used therewith an original grant from the Crown?

A.—Yes; but any lands granted by the Crown as sites for churches, parsonages or burial grounds or occupied as such were exempted from the powers of the Rectory Sales Act, 29-30 Vic., cap. 17 (1866).

Q.—Can you give any reason why the Synod should administer the trust and not a paid agent of the rector?

A.—Yes. The rector, having a stated interest and that interest fully secured, does not need any lien upon the unsold lands, and would have less interest in administering them to the best advantage than the Synod, which by its committee would act independently for the interests for all parties.

Q.—Is there not a maxim in law that a person having a secured stated interest should not manage an estate for the benefit of those who are interested in the surplus?

A.—Yes. It is held that those who are interested in the surplus should in all such cases administer, and not he who has the stated secured interest.

Q.—Is it not also true that when endowments for charitable purposes produce an income which is more than a reasonable recompense for the services rendered, the courts will interfere and divide the funds for other cognate purposes?

A.—Yes. And this is the principle upon which the division has been made by several Acts at the request of the Provincial and Diocesan Synod of Canada.

Q.—Then there is no desire to interfere with the parochial endowment, or other church revenues of St. James', in the Act now before the Ontario Legislature.

A.—By no means. The Synod simply desires to have the rectorial lands vested in itself in order that it may administer the rents, issues and profits thereof in accordance with the terms of the Vestry Lands Act of 1866, 1876 and 1878.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending February 1st, 1888:

MISSION FUND.—January Collection.—Seymour and Percy, Campbellford, \$6.00; Percy 30 cents; Alliston \$2.11; West Essa 83 cents; Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, \$15.48; S. Anne's, Toronto, \$6.00; Trinity College chapel, Toronto, \$37.25; Grafton \$3.27; Barrir \$10.22; Bowmanville \$8.66; Whitby \$5.00; York Mills \$3.39. Thanksgiving Collection.—Scarborough, S. Jude's \$1.37; S. Paul's \$4.85; Christ Church \$13.62. Missionary Meeting.—Alliston, \$2.77; West Essa, \$1.62; Weston, \$8.35; Etobicoke, St. George's, \$4.16; Christ Church, \$4.65. Parochial Collections.—Mulmur, for 1881-82, \$102; Toronto, St. Stephen's, from Young Women's Association, one-tenth of yearly proceeds, \$6.00.

PAROCHIAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—Mission Fund.—Barrie, \$16.22; Credit, \$3.80; Halliburton, \$1.45; Aurora and Oakridge, \$15.32; Midland, \$5.00; St. Paul's, Lindsay, Diocesan, \$1.10, Domestic, \$1.35, General, \$7.74.

CHANCELLOR OF DIOCESE.—The Bishop has appointed the Honourable Edw. Blake, Q.C., Chancellor of the Diocese, Mr. S. B. Harman, B.C.L., having resigned. We hope that Mr. Blake will be as faithful to the interests of the Church as his predecessor.

A HOSPITABLE WARDEN.—Mr. H. C. Blachford, Warden of Holy Trinity, entertained the choir to supper recently. These social attentions to choirs are worthy of all praise.

PROPOSED SISTERHOOD.—A service and meeting were held at St. George's on the 2nd inst. in the interests of the Sisterhood proposed to be established. Dr. Mockridge preached, and a statement was read by

Mr. Marling on the work to be done. We hope to give a full report with comments next week.

S. Luke's.—We much regret the continued indisposition of the Rev. Mr. Langtry, who is likely to be sent South to recruit.

BORCAYGEON.—The Rev. John Farncombe, B.A., has been offered this appointment.

HASTINGS.—On the 22nd ult. about thirty members of St. James Church, Alnwick, drove to Hastings, and besieged and took possession of the parsonage. The ladies were provided with baskets of viands in great abundance and variety, for they had provided not only for the enjoyment of a social evening, but also provision for the future use of the family at the parsonage. The tables were profusely furnished, grace was said, and then Mr. E. Weir read the following address:

To the Rev. John McCleary, Incumbent of Hastings and Alnwick, our beloved friend.—Rev. and dear Sir,—We, the members of St. James Church, Alnwick, in token of our appreciation of your untiring zeal and faithful ministrations amongst us in the cause of Christ and the saving of souls, beg of you to accept of this purse, also of a load of oats which have heartily been contributed by our few but willing members, not on account of their intrinsic value, but as a kind remembrance of the deep affection and good-will we at all times entertain for you. Hoping that you and your esteemed lady and family may be long spared in the enjoyment of health and happiness.—Signed on behalf of the congregation, Edward Weir, John Coyle, Alexander Kennedy, Thomas Drope, James Leeper.

The reply was a very heartfelt acknowledgment of this kindness. A happy evening was spent, in the course of which Miss E. Drope and Mrs. David Drope sang a Scottish song, which was much applauded. The purse contained a considerable sum of money in bills, and the sleigh contained twenty bags of well cleaned oats and other grains.

HURON.

CORRECTION.—We are much obliged to a correspondent for pointing out that the name of the pervers to Rome, named in our issue of the 25th January was not as there given, K. L. Jones, but John R. Jones. We are always happy to make corrections, into which every journal is liable to fall. The incident alluded to occurred some years ago, and cannot in any way be regarded as a reflection on Huron College, but on its unfortunate student.

THE COLLEGE OF HURON.—The article in DOMINION CHURCHMAN, JANUARY 25th, under the heading "Huron College," may need a few words of explanation to prevent the possibility of its making an erroneous impression on the minds of some. The reasons for the foundation of Huron College and Toronto Ev. School were widely different. Huron was founded to meet a diocesan need. It was designed to educate young men for the ministry of the Church in pure "Evangelical" doctrine for the diocese. Many of the students of Huron are sound scholars and well read theologians. The columns of this paper bear ample testimony to the good for the Church that they have done in the diocese and beyond its limits. On the contrary, the Toronto Ev. School originated with a few persons, under the government of a lay bishop. Its object was to oppose the instruction of the students in Church principles, in a college of no mean standing, whose Principal enjoyed a reputation second to none in the Empire, in all acquirements to render him thoroughly adequate to the performance of the duties falling upon him. The names of the first professors of Huron are sufficient guarantee for its learning, and in almost all things its orthodoxy. We have but to add the names of Revs. Dr. Helmuth, Halpin, Wicks, Young and Broom. May we not hopefully pray that she may before long be affiliated with her elder sister, Trinity College, Toronto.

WOODLAND.—The committee of Mount-Pleasant Cemetery have published a report which is very favourable. The report of St. Paul's will not be published till after the meeting of vestry. Meantime we would present in advance a few suggestions. We would crave for those whose loved ones sleep beneath the verdant turf of Woodlands a few suggestions. Let us enjoy more frequently the pleasure of visiting them. The distance now to be travelled is too great, and the way for pedestrians at times almost impassable. The highway after rain makes travelling almost a Herculean task for vehicles. This should have the care of the municipal authorities; the municipalities avail themselves of its benefits. Let the sidewalks be kept in good order; they should be constructed of young hemlock, procured beside the road, at least eight feet wide. Have them well drained.

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