

WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Date.	1st Lesson	2d Lesson
Oct. 24, 20 S. APT. TRIN.	M. Joel 2, Micah 6.	Luke 10, Eph. 4.
" 25	M. Eccles. 4, E. " 5.	Luke 11, Eph. 5.
" 26	M. " 6, E. " 7.	Luke 12, Eph. 6.
" 27	M. " 8, E. " 9.	Luke 13, Phil. 1.
" 28	M. Job 24 25, E. Job 24.	Luke 14, Phil. 2.
" 29	M. Eccles. 10, E. " 11.	Luke 15, Phil. 2.
" 30	M. " 12, E. " 13.	Luke 16, Phil. 2.
" 31, 21 S. APT. TRIN.	M. Hab. 2, E. Prov. 1.	Luke 16, Coll. 1.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Edith having failed to favour us with his name and address, we cannot insert his communication.

Canadian Churchman.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1852.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS,

DEMANDED BY POLITICAL CONSISTENCY AND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS.

In bringing before our readers the momentous subject of the Christian Education of the masses in this Province, and especially of the youth of our Church as it is affected by our Common School law, we have hitherto argued the question on what are, perhaps, the only proper grounds—those of moral necessity, and sound Christian principle. To-day, however, we purpose to prove our right to separate schools on the score of political consistency, and democratic rights—pleas which, we regret to think, may be more powerful with some of our rulers than those higher and holier principles which we have before adduced.

No ministry will acknowledge that they are actuated by merely selfish motives, or by the caprice of tyranny. All profess to be governed in their public conduct by certain political principles, and that consequently they are bound in honour rather to resign their office than to sanction any enactment which is opposed to their principles. Hence courtesy to our present rulers requires us to suppose that in granting separate schools to the Roman Catholics they have in no way violated their political consistency. But if so, on what principle do they refuse them to the Church of England, or to any other denominations requiring them?

Gentlemen of the Canadian Ministry!—that we believe your political principles to be wrong in toto, we make no secret in declaring; but we would yet vain hope, for the sake of yourselves and your friends, that they will be held by men of honour and integrity. We ask you, then, as gentlemen and honourable politicians, how, after having conceded the principle of separate schools to the Roman Catholics, you can withhold them from the Church of England? Are we less loyal than they? Have we fewer claims on Britain than they? Are our consciences less tender than theirs? Or is the British Government—of which we deem that you still esteem yourselves a part—pledged to be more careful of the religious rights and privileges of Romanists than of those of Churchmen and Protestants? Sirs, we would not forget the respect due to those in authority; but we feel aggrieved and indignant that—as a portion of the Church of that Empire which enjoys a world-wide fame for its Catholic truth and Protestant purity—our holy rights should be trampled upon, and our consciences, so far as you can do it, violated, while those of the schismatic adherents of the great corruptor of our Faith are carefully protected. Think not, however, that we would deprive our Romish brethren of one iota of their just claims. Far from it. But we cannot, and will not, consent that they shall be protected to the exclusion of the Primitive Catholicity and British Protestantism of our Colony.

If, therefore, you as Her Majesty's advisers in this Province, continue to resist our righteous claims, we can henceforth only attribute your doing so to one of three causes:—either that you have violated your consciences for the sake of retaining the emoluments of office, in granting separate schools to the Roman Catholics; or, that you are now withholding from us what you must in consistency consent to be our just rights, still from a grovelling desire to keep in office, in the hope of thereby securing the votes of the ultra-radical mob in this Province; or, that

you have such a personal dislike to what is holy, and to the Church of England in particular,—that in the arrogance of official tyranny, you are resolved to make no concessions to religion, but those which are absolutely forced from you. We repeat, with all respect, to your offices, we do not see, if you still resist our righteous demands, how you are to clear yourselves as individuals from one or other of these charges of unprincipled selfishness and tyranny.

To return, however, to the general question. We further claim separate schools, as being under existing circumstances, our democratic right. Self-government is the acknowledged idol of the self-styled "liberal," or more properly, the "democratic," party at present governing this Province. This self-government implies, we suppose, that there will be as little interference as possible with each individual's rights or wishes, and that the rights of one class of the community shall in no case be sacrificed to the wishes, or for the advantage, real or supposed, of any other class or section of the commonwealth. Thus should the Lower Canadians, for instance, being the large majority, desire to force all the inhabitants of that Province to attend Mass, under the impression that it would tend to the well-being and cordial peace of the entire community to compel them to worship the one way—the theory of democracy, not now to speak of higher principles, would at once denounce any such attempt as being a most unwarrantable interference with that liberty of conscience which is the undoubted right of the minority equally with the majority. Or, should they attempt to pass a law compelling all Lower Canadian children, British and Protestant as well as French, to attend schools superintended by the Romish Priesthood, on the same ground, that the harmony of the whole population would be thereby increased, how indignant would be the opposition of all the sincere democrats in the House! In fact, if democracy be not altogether a lie—if the boasted liberalism of our present Canadian Government be not altogether a selfish, hypocritical sham! its principle is, that it abhors class legislation, or the oppression, either in their conscience or their estate, of any portion of the citizens, at the pleasure, or for the benefit of their oppressors.

Upon the principles of democracy, then, we take our stand, and demand SEPARATE SCHOOLS for the members of the Church of England. The democrat and the infidel have demanded schools, from the routine instruction of which religion shall be excluded; with this demand the Government have cheerfully complied. Nor, considering them as democrats, who govern, not as the servants of the only wise God for his people's good—but as the slaves of the people, receiving their thousands simply to carry out the people's will,—we say, considered as democratic rulers, we blame them not—they could do no other; their only law is, and must be, the will of the people. But then, let their obedience be even-handed! We, the Church of England, as a portion of the people, and neither a small nor an influential portion, also demand our separate schools. No matter whether our request be wise or unwise—whether the education we wish to give be the most degrading superstition or the purest wisdom. With this, we contend on their own principles, our rulers have nothing to do! Democracy asks not, what is wise? but, what is the will of the people?—All that the present Government have a right to ask, if they have any political consistency whatever, is, "Does the Church of England, in their present request, seek to interfere with the rights and privileges of any other portion of the community?"

To this we fearlessly answer—No; and challenge successful contradiction. We leave to the infidel—his godless school—we say, give the Romanist, the Presbyterian, the Methodist, the Baptist, &c., give all who desire it, and can raise the requisite number of children, separate schools; only do not, with a tyranny worse than that of the Sultan, compel us to support, and therefore, if poor, to send our children to schools that in our deepest souls, as men answerable to a holy God, we thoroughly condemn, and at the thoughts of the effects of which upon the present and eternal interests of our children we sincerely tremble! We repeat, you may esteem us weak and foolish, but we call upon you—the Ministry of this Province—since we may evoke no holier motive, by the sincerity of your principles as a Liberal or Democratic Government, to give us these separate schools to which, as a portion of the Canadian community, we have an undoubted right, and which, upon our honour as gentlemen and our faith as Christians, we positively declare our consciences require!

BAZAAR.

A Bazaar will be held in the Town Hall of St. Catharines, on Wednesday and Thursday next, in aid of the fund for the erection of a

Parsonage House, in connection with St. George's Church of that town. We learn that strenuous exertions have been made to render the display more than usually attractive, and that a great variety of articles, useful as well as ornamental, will be exhibited for sale. Should the present delightful weather continue, our Toronto friends could not do better than pay a visit to St. Catharines on the above occasion. Independently of the Bazaar, the scenery of that quarter of the Province will well repay the small amount of time and expense required for the trip. Sincerely do we trust that the proceeds of the sale will prove sufficient for accomplishing the important and praise-worthy object to which they are to be devoted.

ECCLESIASTICAL ARCHITECTURE.

We beg to direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. Hay, which appears in another column. From personal knowledge, we can speak in the most unqualified terms of his professional skill and attainments. The testimonials which he brings with him to Canada are of the very highest order, and the works which he has executed emphatically speak for themselves. We may refer to the Church of the Holy Trinity, Bermuda, building from the plans of Mr. Hay, and to the Cathedral of Newfoundland, the erection of which he personally superintended.

In connection with this subject, we subjoin the following correspondence:

To the Editor of the Canadian Churchman.

DEAR SIR,—By giving insertion in the next Churchman to the enclosed note from Mr. Hay, I consider you will confer an obligation on the country Clergy generally, as well as on

Yours, very truly,

THOMAS S. KENNEDY.

Toronto, 13th October, 1852.

18, King Street, Toronto,
12th Oct., 1852.

REVEREND SIR,—From the conversation I had with you lately on the subject of Ecclesiastical Architecture for this Province, I understand that you have occasionally some difficulty in meeting the several applications you, as Secretary for the Church Society, receive from some of the Clergy of the Diocese for plans of rural churches and in supplying information required on many points connected with the building of a church.

As this is a subject I have some experience of, and in which I take the greatest interest, I shall be happy at all times to afford you every facility for meeting those wants by supplying any information, sketches or plans, if required, that might tend to the improvement of rural church architecture in the Province.

I have the honor to be, Rev. Sir,
Faithfully yours,

WILLIAM HAY.

The Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Sec.
to the Church Society.

THE UNIVERSITY BILL.

This Bill has at last been printed, and we are indebted to our contemporary the *British Canadian*, who appears to have obtained an early copy, for the following abstract of the leading enactments. It will be seen therefrom that the wrongs which will be ruthlessly perpetrated on individuals are great, and however much we may condemn the principle on which the College has been based, we can not derive any gratification from the sufferings of antagonists. It is unnecessary for us to add the university in its new shape will be as godless as ever, but with less learning within its walls.

"The preamble states that certain Acts, thereby repealed, had failed to effect the end proposed by the Legislature in passing them, inasmuch as no College or Educational Institution had under them become affiliated to the University to which they relate, and many parents and others are deterred, by the expense and other causes, from sending the youth under their charge to be educated in a large city, distant from many cases from their homes, and from these and other causes many do and will prosecute and complete their studies in other institutions." "That the principles embodied in Her Majesty's Royal Charter to the University of London is well adapted for the attainment of the objects aforesaid; and therefore the Acts 12 Vic. C. 82, and 13 & 14 Vic. C. 49 be repealed, as also so much of the Charter granted by King George IV. as may be inconsistent with this Act."

The future substitute is to be called the "University of Toronto;" and there shall be no Professorship or other Teachership therein, but its functions shall be limited to the examining of candidates for degrees in the several Faculties, or for certificates of proficiency in other branches of knowledge, and the granting of such degrees and certificates after examination—the corporation to consist of a Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and Senate, the former to be appointed in the

Vice-Chancellor to be hereafter elected by the Senate from that body; the Chancellor to be always nominated by the Crown; the Governor General to be visitor, with powers of delegation; the Senate to manage the business of the University, with power to make statutes, and in addition to the power of conferring degrees in Arts and Faculties, a further power is given of granting certificates of proficiency in such branches of knowledge as they shall from time to time, by future statutes determine.

The Act further provides, that all persons shall be admitted as candidates for degrees on proof of having completed a certain course of instructions "in any of the Colleges in Upper or Lower Canada Incorporated by Royal Charter, or by act of the Parliament of this Province, or of either of the late Provinces of Upper or Lower Canada, and also such other institutions corporate or unincorporated as now are or shall hereafter be established for the purposes of education within this Province, which the Governor of this Province shall from time to time prescribe to the said Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and members of the Senate." "And for the improvement of Medical education and legal education, the Senate shall from time to time report to the Governor of this Province what appear to them to be the Medical Schools, (Dr. Rolph's for instance) and institutions, or the law schools and institutions whether corporate or unincorporated in this Province, it may be fit and expedient to admit candidates for degrees in medicine or law, and on approval shall admit them for such purpose, and be authorised to confer such degrees, declaring in certain cases relative to proficiency and classification, and giving certificates accordingly, special regulations if necessary to be made in respect of Students in the University before the passing of this act."

There are several clauses as to the foundation of Scholarships and other incidental matters, and the bill then goes on to constitute a University College in the City of Toronto, under the management and administration of a body corporate, to be called the Council of University College, to consist of a President, Vice-President, and ten members to be appointed by the Governor for a term of two years, one half going out annually; and in such University College there shall be such professors, lecturers, and teachers as the Council shall determine, but there shall be no professor or teacher of divinity in the said College, and after a day to be named there shall be no Professorship or Teachership of Law or of Medicine, Anatomy, or subjects immediately connected with the study and practice of medicine or surgery. The professors, lecturers, teachers, officers and servants, to be appointed by the Governor, and hold office during his pleasure. Existing professors to continue unless otherwise directed, except those who may be professors or teachers of those subjects which are not under this act, to be taught in the said College.

It is further declared that no religious test or profession of faith shall be required of either officers, servants or students, but the Council may regulate as they please as to their moral conduct and attendance on public worship, and then it proceeds to dissolve the Corporation of Upper Canada College and Grammar School and to place it under the control of the University of Toronto, the Governor to appoint the Masters, &c., during his pleasure, the present Masters, &c., to remain in office, unless otherwise ordered, at the present salaries and emoluments. No religious test to be required.

The endowment and property of every description belonging to the University of Toronto is to vest in the Crown to be hereafter managed by a Bursar appointed by Commission under the Great Seal, who shall hold office during pleasure, his salary to be fixed by the Governor in Council and who shall account for the College Revenues as therein mentioned, such Revenues after paying the charges of management to be appropriated to pay the current expenses of the University and University College, and in aid of affiliating colleges not exercising the power of granting degrees except in divinity and affiliated to the said University, and receiving pecuniary aid from the Legislature for the same year, the sum awarded to each such college being in proportion to the amount of such aid received by it. Provided that the receipt of any portion of such sum by any college shall be held to imply an abandonment by such college of any clause in its charter providing for or authorizing any religious test or profession of faith on the part of any student in such college, or any professor or teacher therein except the professor of divinity, and to be a declaration by such college that no such religious test or profession of faith shall be required of any professor, teacher or student except as aforesaid.

These are the principal features of this mysteriously concocted measure. It sweeps