

clergyman something. But this is not all that the church people of Trenton cost the church. Mr. Bleasdel has a Curate, the Rev. Mr. Stanton, and the Rev. Mr. Stanton receives \$400 a year from the Commutation Fund. Now look at the Mission of Stirling, a Mission thirty miles long by ten miles wide at least. In the Township of Rawdon there are (according to the last census) 810 members of the church; in Stirling Village, 162; in the Township of Marmora, 406, besides those in the parts of the Townships of Seymour, Sydney and Huntingdon which come under the charge of the missionary. Each Sunday he has to officiate three times. What is his remuneration? No parsonage, no endowment, the only certainty \$200 a year from the Mission Fund. The people to whom he has to minister are for the most part poor people, and people who have been shamefully neglected by the church. The census of 1861 gave us 1059 members of the church in Rawdon, 269 in Stirling Village, and 515 in Marmora. Will not the next census in 1881 show a much larger decrease? The people of Trenton have services twice each Sunday; they have two clergymen to attend to their spiritual wants. In five years, the people of Stirling have had their Church opened for fifteen months only. Gentlemen of the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario, lay and clerical, look at these things!—they are *facts*—and then say are you going to take away this wretched pittance from the poor Mission of Stirling to add it to the already large revenues of Trenton. Let the people of Frankford be joined to Trenton if they choose; but surely the Incumbent of Trenton can afford to minister to them without any additional endowment. Let the Bishop come among the Stirling people and find out for himself. It is going on seven years now since his Lordship visited this Mission. Surely, had he come during the time of the trouble, much evil might have been averted. It is now over a year since the Rev. Mr. Stephenson left the Mission, during that time there have been at least four applications, all of which have been either put off or refused. In one case a clergyman applied for the mission and his application was seconded by the Churchwardens, but he too was refused. The Mission is now completely disorganized. It is useless to seek for any guarantee of salary for anyone who

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