

the Synod. In this way it was thought that the \$1000 would yield a better income to the clergyman. The application was granted by the Synod, as may be seen by reference to the journal of the Synod for 1876 at page 1417. No objection was made by the Bishop at the time. It has since been stated that the favorable report of the committee to whom the application was referred was owing to the information laid before them. This, of course, would be true in any case, but the only information given to the committee (as those who were present can prove) was given by the clerical Secretary, Archdeacon Parnell, and that information was perfectly true, viz., that the \$1000 in question was entirely at the disposal of the Synod. The very next day, however, the Bishop, utterly ignoring the action of the Synod, undertook to hand over this money to the Incumbent of Trenton, Rev. Mr. Bleasdel. However, this action of his Lordship was protested against on the part of the congregation of St. John's Church, Stirling, and the money still remains, together with accumulated interest thereon since July, 1876, in the custody of the Secretary of the Synod.

The utter injustice of giving this money, or any part of it, to the Incumbent of Trenton, or to assist in paying the stipend of his curate, is manifest to any person at all acquainted with the facts of the case. In the first place, Mr. Bleasdel gave up Frankford 17 years ago, leaving the people to obtain the services of the church the best way they could. With the exception of Frankford, he holds no services outside of the Village of Trenton. The congregation attending St. George's Church, Trenton, is small—scarcely as many as 120. The church population of the Village of Trenton by the census of 1871 is given as 456, or about 92 families. The work to be done is therefore necessarily small. Let us see what this work costs the church. First there is a fine parsonage house. Next, by turning to page 1433, journal of Synod for 1876, we find there is an endowment of \$5,870; again, at page 1409 we find that the Rev. Mr. Bleasdel receives \$486.64 a year from the Commutation Fund, and it is to be supposed that the congregation of St. George's Church, Trenton, pay their