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TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—It having been left to my discretion to convene the Synod at any time during 1854, I have waited longer than was perhaps desirable, for two reasons:

First—In the hope that the Imperial Government would redeem its pledge by passing a measure to remove the disabilities which are supposed by some to exist in regard to Colonial Church Assemblies. This hope has not been realized; for, although a Bill for that purpose was introduced into the House of Commons early in the last Session, it never came to maturity, and was postponed for another year. In the meantime, we learn from the best authority, that if there be any legal impediments to the meeting of Synods, they are confined to those of a national character, and do not extend to such as are merely diocesan.

Second—Before the fate of the measure proposed by her Majesty's Solicitor General to the Imperial Parliament could be known, I required to commence my Confirmation Visitations, which occupied me from the 14th of May to the 26th of September. I therefore take the earliest opportunity of calling you together which circumstances would admit.

This delay (if it may be so deemed) is not without its advantage. The Church will be enabled to take into consideration the increased peril with which the proceedings of the Provincial Legislature seem to threaten the remainder of her very scanty endowment, and to take such a course as may appear just and expedient to avert the same.

The Synod will also be engaged in framing such regulations for its future government and guidance as our local circumstances require; and in doing this, it would appear expedient to assume, as the basis of our proceedings, the Bill which passed the House of Lords last year; and should the Imperial Parliament think it necessary at any future period to pass a measure authorizing and regulating Church Assemblies in the Colonies, it will be

easy to modify what we have done to meet its just requirements.

These things being premised, I request the Clergy of this Diocese, and the Lay Delegates, to assemble in the Cathedral Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, the twenty-fifth instant, at 10 o'clock A. M. After Morning Prayer the Synod will adjourn to the Parochial School-house to hold its Session for the transaction of business.

In case any Clergyman finds that the Delegates from his Parish are absent, have removed, or are otherwise unable to attend, it is proper to have a fresh election in the manner directed by my Circular Letter of the 2nd of April, 1851, because a full attendance is very desirable.

I remain, my dear Brethren,
Your affectionate Diocesan,
JOHN TORONTO.
Toronto, 2nd October, 1854.

COLLECTION FOR WIDOW AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Clergy are reminded that the time appointed by the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto for preaching the sermon and taking up the collection for the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy is the month of October.

The Rev. Mr. Mitchele, M.A., Rector of St. John's Church, York Mills, requests us to inform his brethren in the city and adjacent parishes that his church is (D.V.) to be consecrated on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at 11 A.M., and that their presence will be most welcome, and to request that as many as can attend will carry their surplices.

The Lord Bishop held an Ordination in the Cathedral Church of St. James, last Monday.

The following four Deacons were ordained Priests:

Rev. Joseph Chambers Gibson, Curate at Woodstock.

Rev. J. Strutt Lauder, late Curate at St. Catharines, Travelling Missionary in the county of Bruce.

Rev. John Hilton, Missionary at Norwood, Asphodel.

Rev. Colin Campbell Johnson, late Missionary at Sydenham, destination not known.

The following gentlemen were ordained Deacons:—

Thomas Tempest Roberts, A. B., Curate of St. Catharines.

John Carroll, Travelling Missionary in the county of Leeds.

Thomas Leech, Curate of Prescott.

James Smyth, Missionary at Warwick.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

The following gentlemen have been elected to Scholarships in Trinity College

DIVINITY SCHOLARSHIP.

1st. Class Scholarship—John Ardagh.

2nd. Class Scholarships— } Wm. P. Atkinson.
 } Stewart Houston.

3rd. Class Scholarships— } J. G. Bourinot.
 } Wm. B. Evans.

CAMERON SCHOLARSHIP.

Horace Philipps.

We give the following intelligence extracted from a private letter from Quebec. We trust the writer will excuse us for publishing it:—

“The sermon in aid of the Widows and Orphans' Fund of our Church Society, which was to have been preached by the late lamented Bishop Wainwright of New York, was preached on Sunday last by our own venerated Diocesan, and a beautiful and pathetic sermon it was.

His lordship's subject was, the Widow's Son, of Naine.—“As he came to the gates of the city a man was carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.” He spoke of the gates of our own city, and the frequency with which during the late visitation of cholera, the processions of the dead were to be met there. He beautifully alluded to Bishop Wainwright, who was to have stood in the pulpit he then occupied, but was alas “a dead man,” and concluded with some forcible practical reflections.

The collection was £48 17s. 6d. but will make £50.

The Rev. Geo. A. Bull begs to acknowledge an offering of £1 5s. by an unknown friend, at the Offertory of Sunday the 8th inst., in St. Peter's Church, Barton. The sum will be applied to Missionary purposes in this diocese, as specified.

It is with the deepest regret we announce that the Right Rev. Bishop Wainwright, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of New York, departed this life on the 21st Sept. The blow has not fallen unexpectedly, as he was for many days suffering under a severe attack of malignant fever, brought on, it is believed, by his great and incessant exertions in the work of his large Diocese.