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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.

- JUNE 27.—Wednesday.
 " 28.—Thursday.
 " 29.—Friday. ST. PETER, Apostle and Martyr. Prayer Lessons—Matins: Ecdus. xv.; Acts iii. Responsory: Ecdus. xix.; Acts iv.
 " 30.—Saturday.
 JULY 1.—Fourth Sunday after Trinity. Lessons—Matins: 1 Samuel xli.; Luke xlii. Responsory: 1 Samuel xli.; Phillips. l.
 " 2.—Monday.
 " 3.—Tuesday.

THE HURON SYNOD AND CHURCH SOCIETY.

WHILE we deeply regret the unenviable distinction which this Diocese is getting for extreme and peculiar views, which we fearlessly assert are alike opposed to the principles of the Gospel and the teachings of the Prayer Book, we have sincere pleasure in noting the energy of its Bishop, and the harmonious working of its two great Diocesan bodies, the Synod and Church Society.

The last meeting of Synod was, we understand, largely attended by both clergy and laity, and several matters of the deepest importance very energetically and ably discussed.

The three most important matters brought under discussion, were the Report on Ministerial Incomes, Trinity College, and the question of Separate Schools. The former, we imagine, its Committee scarcely expected to be absolutely received, seeing that its distinctive principle was the duty of every Christian to pay at least the TENTH of his or her income, for the maintenance of God's ministers; perhaps, however, they have gained more than they hoped, in the wide diffusion, in one shape or other, of their able and important Report, in the full discussion which its principles received during the first day of Synod, and in an amount of lay support, of which a few years back there seemed little prospect. We quite agree with the remark made by Dr. Townley, the Chairman of the Committee, that Synods are a great boon, if it were only from the fact that they furnish so fine an opportunity of bringing those subjects before the understandings and consciences of the prominent laity.

The next subject—that of Trinity College—was a most unhappy failure: we shall allude to the subject separately. The motion brought forward by Dr. Townley was a most guarded and moderate one, not even asking the approval of the Bishop or Synod to Trinity College as it stands,—but simply, as we stated in our last, "respectfully requesting the Bishop to adopt

such means as in his wisdom he may see good, as shall tend to secure the hearty co-operation of all Churchmen in support of Trinity College, Toronto." The only speakers were the mover, who, in a forcible address, ably supported his motion; and the Lord Bishop, who, with no less energy, immediately denounced the present teaching, and especially a late statute of Trinity College. This we cannot too much deplore, and must plainly express our opinion that it was as injudicious as it was unjust, but while we do not hide from ourselves that it is likely, for a time, to prove a serious check to the College, we fear that its reflex influence will be far worse upon his lordship's own diocese, indeed, we were assured by one of the most respectable delegates, that he believed the motion would have been carried, but from feelings of personal respect to the Bishop, and that the cheering he received was because at first they thought he was speaking of *Toronto University*, which appears, by the papers, to have been the name he, in the hurry of speaking, used by mistake.

It is only fair to Dr. Townley to say, that in asking leave to withdraw the resolution, he explicitly stated that he only did so to prevent placing those of the clergy who thought with him, in direct opposition to his lordship, although he felt it his duty plainly to enforce his own conscientious opinions.

The Separate School question, we are exceedingly pleased to state, was successful to a degree that does great honour to the diocese, the Synod, after a very able and satisfactory debate, almost unanimously resolving to petition the legislature for equal rights in the premises with the Romanists.

The most important matter of discussion in the Church Society, was the Episcopal Fund, which, after a searching investigation by a very able committee of first-class business men, it is gratifying to learn, is in a better state than was feared; £9,000 out of the £12,000 being pronounced good; this, considering the fearful commercial crisis which immediately followed its being raised, is we think, very creditable to all the parties intrusted with its management. The impression which had previously gone abroad that this fund, if not tampered with, had been carelessly managed, was most happily removed, in consequence of the very full discussion which took place; indeed it is hoped that in future the Episcopal Fund will realize £600 per annum, the minimum income which the Diocese pledged itself to the Governor General to raise; and to make up any deficiency to that annual amount, the Church Society has now pledged itself to the Bishop. On the 1st of next month (July) however, £1,000 for arrears of income and a small amount granted for his expenses home, become due; amongst other expedients to meet this, an appeal to the Colonial Bishops' Fund, is we understand, contemplated; and under all the circumstances, we should hope, with every prospect of success.

In his concluding remarks, the Bishop spoke with great feeling, and as we certainly think, not without cause, of the unanimity and kindness pervading his Diocese; indeed were it not that we see fearful danger of this Diocese splitting upon the rock of self-exalting sectarianism, which, as the history of the Church unanswerably proves, has never failed, sooner or later, to lead the Flock from the simplicity of the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus,—were it not for this, we say, the Diocese of Huron, might, from the authority and zeal of its Bishop, the loyal obedience and kindly spirit of its clergy and laity, become a pattern to many older Dioceses.

TRINITY COLLEGE AND THE BISHOP OF HURON.

The Bishop of Huron has at length spoken out. Dark and mysterious hints had before reached us, but all is now plain and clear as the daylight. Dr. Townley deserves the warmest thanks of the Church for his late motion before the Synod of Huron respecting Trinity College. The Western Bishop has