

hoped that any remaining matters of detail, such as the temporalities, which are, to some extent, common to both, might be easily adjusted, not only because their component parts are clearly defined, but because we have a precedent in the facility with which similar temporalities were amicably arranged, between the Church Societies of Quebec and Montreal. Under these impressions, I readily agreed to appoint a Committee of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, to meet a similar committee from the Church Society of Huron, to confer together on the said temporalities, and so arrange them as might be found just and honourable. The duty assigned to the joint committee, was, of course, a matter of business to be conducted on the principle of strict justice, and implied no power to indulge in what might be deemed liberal and generous acts. In due time there will be many opportunities, I trust, for mutual proofs of kindness and benevolence between the two Dioceses of Huron and Toronto. but at the outset, and in ascertaining their respective rights and resources, they must be guided by justice only. Unfortunately, after two meetings the committees of the Church Societies were unable to agree, a result the more to be regretted, because of the precedent furnished by the joint committee of Quebec and Montreal, which came at once to an amicable arrangement. It is true the particulars referred to that committee were not in all respects the same as ours. There was no fund for widows and orphans, established in the Dioceses of Lower Canada, and the Commutation Fund was not referred, because it presented, in their opinion, no ground of difference. It is not my intention on the present occasion to enter into any discussion on the matters referred to the joint committee, but I think it right to remark that the differences are of very grave importance, and in my humble opinion, not such as are likely to be amicably adjusted by the same parties. I was, indeed, much grieved and somewhat disconcerted to find myself compelled to come to this conclusion; but the reports of the committees, though ably drawn up and by no means wanting in courtesy, are so very opposite in their leanings as to admit of no other. Yet while I confess my disappointment at the result of the reference, I still felt hopeful that some remedy would be discovered to bring about a satisfactory arrangement. In the mean time I was anxiously employed in examining the points of difference in their detail, and in ascertaining what their practical effects would really be if rigidly carried out to their obvious and natural results. And I must be permitted to say, that I found them so unsatisfactory, and even revolting, that they would have pleased no one, and have increased our difficulties tenfold. The knowledge of this fact made me still more anxious to find a safety valve, and although I resolved to proceed in all honesty and fairness of purpose, I was yet cautious to guard against dealing in a spirit too exacting to warrant a satisfactory result. I then asked myself whether it would not be better to mingle something of mutual confidence and Christian charity in our proceedings, and whether under this healing influence some happy course might not be found that would bring us to one accord. Moreover, the prospect of throwing matters so perplexing even to the most discerning before a large assembly, and calculated to produce so great excitement, was to me a source of no little uneasiness and alarm. Many have not enjoyed the opportunity of understanding them even in their general bearing, much less in their details and consequences, and are therefore not prepared to engage in a calm and deliberate discussion. This again increased my earnestness to discover some gentle and effective way of reaching a solution, which if it did not give perfect satisfaction, yet insured a judicial deliverance of an unim-

peachable character, which, with but trifling sacrifice, if indeed any, would bring about peace and harmony. One day in the midst of my lucubrations on this absorbing subject, the Bishop of Huron called, and after a long and interesting conversation, and shewing him the natural results of the demands of the Huron committee, I proposed that the two Bishops, each supported by a lay assessor, with an eminent judicial character at their head, should be appointed by the two Church Societies of Toronto and Huron, to form a tribunal to which the whole subject should be submitted and finally disposed of without appeal. But where are we to find such a head? After some consideration, the Bishop of Huron mentioned Sir James B. Macaulay, and I at once recognised in him a gentleman in every way eminently qualified to discharge this high and important duty. Such a commission, with a gentleman so distinguished to preside, would doubtless command the unlimited confidence of the whole Church, and we both felt that if he consented to act, we had found an infallible remedy for all our troubles. We lost no time in submitting our request. The two Bishops waited on the Honourable Sir James B. Macaulay, and after giving the matter due consideration, he was pleased to give his consent. Rev. gentlemen, and gentlemen, from that moment the Bishop of Huron and myself have considered our object accomplished, for we believed and we still believe that the two Church Societies will adopt our proposition with acclamation. It now remains with you, gentlemen of the Clergy and Laity, to give substance and life to the proposition by passing the necessary resolutions which will be now submitted to your consideration, and by which the tribunal will be constituted and clothed with all necessary authority to decide upon all the matters and things regarding the differences existing between the Church Societies of the Dioceses of Toronto and Huron, and finally settle the same. And may God in His mercy bless the result.

Hon. J. H. CAMERON then moved the following resolution.—“That the apportionment to the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron of part of the lands, property and funds of this Society, be, and the same is hereby submitted, to the decision of the Bishops of Toronto and Huron, together with the Hon. Sir James Buchanan Macaulay, who, at his option, shall either act with the Bishops (in which case the decision of the majority shall be final) or as an umpire (when his decision alone shall be final) and that upon the concurrence of the Church Society of Huron in this reference, the necessary bonds of submission to the proposed arbitration be prepared and executed under the seal of the Society.”

Mr. S. KIRKPATRICK seconded the motion. The Lord Bishop said he thought the resolution met the case, and after a short conversation it was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. A copy of the same was then ordered to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron, and that the concurrence of that Society be requested therein.

The Lord Bishop congratulated the Society from his heart that they had adopted a resolution so satisfactory in its nature, and with so much unanimity. (Applause.)

The meeting then adjourned until two p. m. on the following day.

#### CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Monthly Meeting of the Society was held at the St. George's School-house, at 2 p. m., on Wednesday, the 9th. The Lord Bishop in the chair.

Present.—The Lord Bishop of Huron, and a large number of the Clerical and Lay members.

The prayers were said by the Secretary. Then the Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read that portion of the Annual Report which referred to the several funds.

The following Report of the Clergy Commutation Trust Committee was then read:—

#### QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CLERGY TRUST COMMITTEE TO THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Clergy Trust Committee submit to the Church Society the Quarterly Report of the Commutation Fund, in accordance with the by-law in that behalf.

The investments stand as follows:—

Debentures, at 6 per cent .....	£235,713 16 6,
yielding .....	14,142 6 3
Debentures, at 8 per cent.....	6,400 0 0,
yielding .....	432 0 0
Debentures, at 10 per cent .....	6,600 0 0,
yielding .....	660 0 0
Mortgages, at 8 per cent .....	35,306 13 4,
yielding .....	2,824 12 6
Mortgages, at 10 per cent. ....	3,000 0 0,
yielding .....	300 0 0

Making the amount of investments £285,920 8s. 10d., producing an annual income of £18,359 8s. 9d., being an amount more than sufficient to pay the salaries of all the Clergy in the Dioceses of Toronto and Huron, chargeable on the Commutation Fund

J. W. GAMBLE,  
Chairman.

Toronto, 8th June, 1859,  
J HILLYARD CAMERON,  
Manager

On the motion of the Hon. J. H. CAMERON, seconded by the Rev. Dr. FULLER, it was resolved that “the following members of the Society do form the Commutation Fund Committee for the ensuing year; the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Huron; the Venerable Archdeacon of York; the Rev. Dr. McMurray; the Rev. Dr. Patton; Rev. Dr. Fuller; Revs. S. Girven, J. W. Marsh, F. L. Osler, D. E. Blake, the Hon. Sir J. B. Robinson, Bart., Hon. P. B. Deblaquiere, Hon. George T. Goodhue, Hon. J. H. Cameron, J. W. Smith, Esq., L. Lawrason, Esq., and D. B. O. Ford, Esq.

#### REPORT FROM THE EASTERN EPISCOPAL TRUST FUND COMMITTEE.

The treasurer had received on account of the fund the following notes and securities:—

Cash subscriptions, less expenses .....	\$ 7130 70
Promissory notes collected.....	1669 00
Interest received on mortgage, (Hooker) .....	164 33
„ Ditto on promissory notes .....	113 66
Interest on cash in Commercial Bank to 31st May .....	380 43
At Credit of the fund in Commercial Bank .....	9448 18
Promissory notes not collected .....	\$22,338 33
Mortgage .....	2,600 00

\$34,386 51

There was also a deed from the Hon. R. C. Wilkins of a lot in the village of Trenton, containing one-fifth of an acre, value not ascertained. In addition to the amount of \$34,386 51cts., interest estimated at \$1,400, has accrued on the promissory notes; while the Society for Propagating the Gospel has provided the sum of £500 sterling, or \$2,433, so soon as the Fund comes within that amount of the sum required—namely, \$40,000. The total sum, therefore, now necessary to be subscribed is only \$1,780 49cts., provided the committee can realize the whole amount secured by promissory notes.

Rev. R. LEWIS moved, seconded by Rev. R. STEVENSON, and it was resolved, “that the fol-