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APPOINTMENTS.

TORONTO, December 1st, 1860.

His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz.: The Rev. Robert V. Rogers, M.A., Incumbent of St. James', Kingston—to be Rural Dean of the Midland Deanery.

The Rev. John Bell Worrell, Incumbent of Smith's Falls—to be Rural Dean of the Bathurst Deanery.

SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TORONTO, Thursday, June 14th, 1860.

It was moved by the Hon J. HILLIARD CAMERON, Q.C., D.C.L., seconded by W. B. SIMPSON, Esq.,

That the offertory of the respective congregations of the Church throughout the Diocese, on Christmas Day every year, shall be devoted to the sole use of the Incumbent of the Church in which the offertory is made.—*Carried.*

(Signed) JOHN TORONTO.

Which we attest,

STEPHEN LETT, L.L.D.,

JAMES BOVELL,

Secretaries.

FOR THE ECCLESIASTICAL GAZETTE.

Mr. Editor,—In the Church Society's Annual Report for 1860, recently received here, I observe with regret, an error which takes largely from the credit due to my people, and which, therefore, I desire, out of justice to them, to correct through your columns. The error to which I refer is in the summary of collections by Parochial Associations, where I find the Mission of Carlton Place credited with only £22 15s. 8d., instead of £41 6s. 4d. The amount forwarded to the Treasurer of our District Branch, and carefully reported by myself to the Secretary of the Parent Society.

I am, dear Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. H. M. BAKER.

Carlton Place, Nov. 21st, 1860.

The above error is accounted for by the fact of the statements from Carlton Place having been sent in in July, (when the report was almost out of the Printer's hands,) instead of as they ought to have been in April, in consequence of which we were obliged to guess at the totals from each Church.—*Ed.*

For the following reports, which complete his Lordship's tour, we are indebted to "the Echo."

PORT MAITLAND, SOUTH CAYUGA, AND DUNSVILLE.

At the recent confirmations in this parish, the number of persons confirmed was 59 at Port Maitland; 9 in St. John's Church, in the township of South Cayuga; and 32 in Dunville. The candidates appeared to be deeply impressed with

the meaning, solemnity, and Scriptural character of the ordinance in which they participated, and there is great reason to believe that most of them have sincerely and earnestly given themselves to Christ, and that they have come forward to receive "the laying on of hands" as a step in the way to heaven, and one which they intend to follow up by a life of faith and holiness. Most fervently does their Pastor beseech "the Father of Mercies" that they may have grace to "watch and pray," "through the Spirit mortify the deeds of the body," and "fight the good fight of faith."

The congregations on Sunday were very large, the Church in Dunville was densely crowded even to the outer door. The Bishop preached a most excellent sermon, and delivered a very touching and moving address to the candidates.

The Rev. J. Flood writes as follows:

"I was with his Lordship at five confirmations, and each of these was to me a hallowed privilege. When I was parting with him, I felt I was leaving an atmosphere which for three days I had experienced to be rich with the 'Fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace.'"

CAYUGA, YORK, AND CALEDONIA.

Confirmations were held in the above places as follows: at Cayuga, Monday, 29th ult., where 17 candidates were confirmed; at York, on the same day, 48; and at Caledonia, on Tuesday, 30th, 35;—the whole number confirmed being 100.

The Rev. B. C. Hill writes to us as follows.

"The number at York, which is a very small village, may appear large, but the greater number came from the lines of the township in the rear of York. I hold fortnightly evening services in three of the school houses in these lines, and in the afternoons hold Scripture classes in the same school houses. This is the case also with regard to the churches of Cayuga and Caledonia, so that thus I am brought into close intimacy with the young members of the families long before the season of confirmation approaches. You will be aware that they who make the young familiar with the doctrines of the Church through the New Testament, will feel little difficulty in making them feel interested in the language of the catechism"

TORONTO, Nov. 14, 1860.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

The following Resolution has been transmitted to me from the Board of Missions in connexion with the Diocesan Church Society:

"Resolved—That in order to afford to this Board the means of fulfilling their obligations to the Missionaries who have received aid from the Sustentation Fund, now transferred to this Board, and of more effectually meeting the applications for extending Missionary operations in this Diocese, the Lord Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint a General Collection throughout the Diocese in aid of the Mission Fund, on the day of the proposed General Thanksgiving, or on the Sunday immediately following it."

I have much satisfaction in complying with this request, and would leave it to the discretion of the Clergy, to make the Collection either on the Day of General Thanksgiving, or on the Sunday immediately following it.

The object is so excellent and important, that I cannot refrain from urging my Reverend brethren generally, to bring the subject very earnestly before their respective congregations, in order that the appeal may be so answered as to give essential aid to our Missionary exertions in this Diocese. For I feel assured that, if fully explained, the object in view will strongly commend itself to our several congregations, that they will be glad to make this an occasion of testifying by more than words, their sense of the Divine goodness in the bountiful harvest once more vouchsafed to this land.

I remain, Rev. and dear Sir,

Faithfully yours,

JOHN TORONTO.

TORONTO, November 26th, 1860.

To the Churchwardens of each Church throughout the Diocese.

GENTLEMEN,

While forwarding to you a resolution passed unanimously at the last meeting of the Synod of this Diocese, and with which I heartily concur, I desire to call your special attention to its bearing.

It is intended that the entire sum collected at the offertory on Christmas Day, in each year, in all Churches, Chapels, and Stations in the Diocese, shall be given directly to the Incumbent of the Church as a free-will offering and a token of love and respect for their pastor, irrespective of and in addition to his ordinary salary or stipend.

I trust that the members of each congregation will exercise a becoming liberality on the approaching Christmas festival, and so enable their Clergyman to provide those additional comforts for himself and family which the season suggests.

Should any willing parishioner prefer sending a donation *in kind* to contributing through the offertory, it will be perfectly in accordance with the spirit of the resolution.

You will be kind enough to cause this communication to be circulated as extensively as may be, among the members of the congregation for which you act as Churchwarden.

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

JOHN TORONTO.

TO THE PROVOST OF TRINITY COLLEGE.

REVEREND SIR,—As the pamphlet containing your two letters in defence of your teaching has been sent to me, I suppose it is only right that I should express my opinion upon this most unfortunate cause of disagreement.

Ordained six or seven years before these matters