

effects which the Legislature might reasonably expect to flow from the passage of this Bill for University Federation, and for the following reasons:

(a) That these clauses were never suggested or discussed in the various conferences on the subject convened by the Government of the Province and attended by the heads of the various Universities of Ontario.

(b) That the principle involved in them is a serious violation of the scheme thus agreed on and submitted to the government, and is calculated to raise a most formidable barrier in the way of carrying out the plan now proposed to your Honorable House for the federation of Universities.

(c) That its effect will certainly be to prevent Trinity University from ever again entertaining the subject of federation, on account of the feeling which would be aroused in the Church of England by the infringement of the powers conferred upon her by Royal Charter through the constitution, in such a way, of another University.

4. Your petitioners further submit that the Degrees of the Provincial University itself would be seriously lowered by this proposed multiplication of institutions possessing University powers, and in no way under its control, solely in virtue of their affiliation with it.

5. Your petitioners further submit that there would be a standing menace to every other University in the Province if a small number of persons could incorporate themselves under the general Act of Incorporation, and without any appeal to the Legislature be constituted a University; and that this would be a *reductio ad absurdum* in the matter of Degrees such as has never before been known.

Your petitioners further submit that these clauses are no integral portion of the Bill, and your petitioners believe that the only College at present affected by them has already by the presence of its representatives on a Committee appointed by the last Provincial Synod of the Church for the settlement of the whole matter, and by the action of these representatives in connection therewith entered into an honorable agreement with the said Provincial Synod to make an effort for the friendly settlement of this question, so far as the Church of England in Canada is concerned, and that the interposition of the Legislature of Ontario at this stage in a matter on which action has already been taken by the Provincial Synod of the Church of England, so far as that Church is affected, would be in effect a prejudgment of a purely domestic question whilst in the course of settlement by her highest Legislative body.

7. Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will withhold its consent from the said clauses, at least so far as the Church of England is concerned.

And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.—Arthur, Toronto; Charles, Niagara; J. T., Ontario; J. W., Quebec; C. W. E. Body, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Trinity College, Toronto.

I hereby concur in the prayer of this petition upon the grounds stated in Clause 6.—E. Algoma.

Appendix.—Copy of the Resolution of the last Provincial Synod of the Church of England, held in the city of Montreal, in the year of our Lord 1886, and passed on the eleventh day of September.

"That the House hereby expresses its concurrence in the Resolution of the Upper House for the postponement of the consideration of the proposed Canon on Degrees in Divinity till the next Provincial Synod, and that this concurrence is given on the distinct understanding, as expressed in the Preamble of the said Resolution, that the Bishop of Montreal has undertaken to say he will not consent to the taking of any steps towards the renewal of the affiliation of the Montreal Theological College to the Legislature for the power of conferring Degrees before the next triennial meeting of the Provincial Synod, and that the following be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Upper House, and report for definite action at the next Session of the Provincial Synod."

University of Trinity College, Toronto.—The Chancellor, the Provost, Rev. A. J. Broughall.

University of King's College, Windsor.—The President, Rev. Dr. Partridge, Prof. Hind.

University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville.—The Chancellor, the Principal, the Professor of Divinity.

Huron College.—The Principal, Rev. Canon Innes.

Wycliffe College.—Rev. Septimus Jones, Mr. A. H. Campbell.

Montreal Diocesan Theological College.—The Principal, the Dean of Montreal.

PERRYTOWN.—The annual vestry meeting in connection with St. Paul's Church was held on Easter Monday. The following were elected. Church wardens, James Leslie and Thomas Beggs. Lay delegates to Synod, James Leslie and Joseph S. Wilson. The financial report showed a balance of \$28.28. The offertory during the year (exclusive of special collections), was \$41.42.

TORONTO.—*The Fenian Meeting.*—A meeting called by the Fenian organization of Toronto, and attended by all the disloyal element, that drifts into such bodies, was held on the 18th April, to protest against what is so absurdly called "The Coercion Bill." The meeting had no significance whatever as a sign of public sentiment, yet it was cabled to Mr. Gladstone that, "the citizens of Toronto in mass meeting assembled condemned the Coercion Bill." The statement is too ludicrous to treat here with gravity, we only notice it for the sake of the English press and assure our contemporaries that the cable was as false as it was impudent, and in both aspects was unsurpassable. Toronto is a civilized city, we have no love of ruffians, and have hanged a Fenian or two who came uninvited to disturb our peace!

BOWMANVILLE.—*St. John's.*—A handsome oak altar and reredos, richly carved, the liberal gift of Mr. John Griffith and his late wife, (designed by Mr. Mashaw, and executed at the furniture factory) have recently been placed in this church. The chancel is marked off by a low screen, and the altar is raised three steps above the rest of the building. On Easter Day the services in this church were well attended, and the offertories large—the number of communicants being specially gratifying—the celebrant was the rector (Rev. A. Macnab, D.D.) assisted by his curate (Rev. W. G. Aston). The decorations were much admired—the panels of the reredos being lined with white, and the four altar vases on the re-table filled with choice exotics; banners bearing appropriate texts of Holy Scripture were hung on each side of the chancel; the font and the rest of the building being adorned with beautiful plants, for which this little town is so renowned.

At the annual Vestry meeting on Easter Monday the following were elected as officers for the current year:—Wardens, S. S. Edsall, J. Wesley; Sidesmen, W. Tamblin, J. Adams, A. Sutton, J. Labell, W. Pettewick, W. Dugan; Lay Delegates, W. Armstrong, R. S. Manning, R. Virtue.

NIAGARA.

ERIN.—*All Saints.*—We are glad to say that this parish is showing unmistakable signs of life. During the past year many improvements have been made by the ministry and people. Last July, the congregation added \$50 to the missionaries stipend. In August last, an evening service was commenced in addition to the usual morning service. This has been a decided gain. The extra service being much appreciated by the people. During Lent, in addition to the usual Friday evening service, a Wednesday evening service was held; and also a children's service every Friday afternoon. During Holy Week, service was held every evening, and on Good Friday, in addition to matins and evensong, a solemn three hours service of prayer and meditation upon the "seven last words."

Easter Day the services were bright and cheerful. The Church was well filled at both services, and no one could witness the heartiness of the services without realizing that the people were gathered together to worship the "Risen Lord." The little church was neatly decorated with flowers, kindly lent by members of the congregation, some being sent a distance of six miles. One pleasant feature of the Easter services was the gathering and presentation of the Lenten offerings of the Sunday School children, who at the beginning of Lent had been furnished with the S. T. G. boxes (supplied by Rev. C. A. B. Pocock) in which to place the results of their Lenten fast, and the happy faces of the children as they made their offering for the Algoma Mission Fund, showed how much they appreciated being able to work for Christ. At the Easter Vestry meeting (in spite of dull times, and low prices for grain which the farmers received last year) the churchwardens were able to show a very satisfactory financial standing. It was resolved, also, that the "envelope system" of contributing be adopted by as many as were desirous of doing so. We hope to be able to report further progress from time to time.

LAUS DEO.

ARTHUR.—The festival of Easter was duly observed in Grace Church. The services for the day opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion, the choir under the leadership of Mr. W. E. A. Lewis. The sanctuary looked lovely, the altar being vested in a very rich white frontal, faced with a plush ornamented with plush stoles, edged with gold braid. The superfrontal made of plush six inches deep, lined with yellow and gold fringe showed to advantage. The face of the altar frontal bore three designs beautifully cut out by Mr. Thomas Wood, of Mount Forest. In the centre *The Medal of the Church of England Temperance Society*, and on the two sides, triangle and trefoil. The retable was well provided with beautiful

pots of flowers kindly lent by Mrs. Bowman and other ladies of the congregation, and bore the words Holy, Holy, Holy. The frontal was presented by the choir and a few friends as an Easter offering. Miss Draper, the organist, and Miss Green kindly got up the cloth. Mrs. Wallace White, Mrs. Draper, Miss Hynds and other ladies assisted with the sewing. Mrs. Dr. Robinson, Miss Ebbs, and Miss Green kindly gave the lectern, prayer-desk and pulpit hangings. A permanent screen has been presented by the Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe, and vases by the Rev. P. T. Mignot. The services were well attended morning and evening.

THOROLD AND PORT ROBINSON.—On Good Friday the evening was devoted to a service of sacred song, sung in St. John's Church, the title being, *The Suffering Saviour*. The attendance was very large. The Easter services at both stations were well attended. On the first Sunday after Easter, a children's service was held at both stations in the afternoon. The combined offerings, the result of Lenten self-denial and work amounting to \$57.50. The mite box system was employed during Lent.

HAMILTON.—*Jubilee.*—As the time is near for the Jubilee commemoration of her Majesty's happy reign, very active preparations are being made in this city for a right loyal observance.

MARSHVILLE.—*Obituary.*—We regret to record the death of Edward Lee, Esq., aged 76 years; for many years a prominent man in the County of Welland, and a devout member of the church!

MERRITTON.—The Rev. James Ardill, assistant minister, Fort Erie, has been appointed successor to the Rev. Joseph Fennel, resigned on account of ill health.

NIAGARA ON THE LAKE.—The Rev. Stuart Jones, curate, has received a handsome token of esteem from the curling club of this ancient town.

HURON.

WOODSTOCK.—*Old St. Pauls.*—The annual Vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday evening in the Sunday School, and was presided over by the newly-appointed rector, Rev. W. H. Wade. There was a large attendance, and the proceedings were marked by perfect harmony. The rector waived his right to appoint his own warden and Mr. John Peers (for the people) and Captain F. W. Macqueen were unanimously elected, as were the three Delegates to Synod, Messrs. R. N. Light, John Hart and Joseph L. Peers. The meeting was adjourned for a fortnight for the auditing of the accounts for the fiscal year. Mr. Wade commenced his Ministry on Easter Day, and the services were attended by very large congregations. We are glad to learn that after nearly a year of trial and difficulty there is every prospect of this venerable and historical Church having a new life of prosperity and blessing.

BURFORD.—*Trinity Church.*—On Good Friday evening, Rev. W. H. Wade conducted service and preached his farewell sermon. Every part of the pretty little edifice was crowded. The preacher took for his text 2 Cor. 13. 11. He spoke of the happy relations which have existed between himself and his parishioners during his ministry, and especially rejoiced over the fact that the many alterations and improvements have been effected without the least disagreement. He exhorted his hearers to follow the teaching of the text under the ministry of his successor, for whom he solicited their prayerful co-operation. Mr. Wade leaves his parish free of debt, the whole of the subscriptions for the enlargement both of Burford and Cathcart churches having been paid.

SARNIA.—St. George's Church was decorated with flowers on Easter Day. The services were bright and cheerful, the congregation large. The number of communicants 164, by far the largest in the history of the church. On Monday Evening the annual Vestry meeting was held, the rector, Rev. T. R. Davis in the chair. In his opening remarks he alluded to the steady and encouraging growth of the parish. The various reports of the different organizations connected with the church, showed the total revenue for the year to have been \$5,188.43. The interest on the church debt was paid to date, and the principal reduced by \$1,029.70, which at present stands at \$3,290. A subscription list is now in circulation which amounts to almost \$6,000, and it is hoped the whole amount of mortgage debt will be covered by this means. Wardens; rector's, Thos. Kenny; people's, F. W. Kittermaster; Delegates to Synod, R. S. Gurd, A. C. Clark, Dr. Pousset.

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