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CANADA.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

We believe the following are the terms of motion which will be brought forward at the ensuing session of Synod, by Mr. R. B. Denison:—"That His Lordship the Bishop be respectfully requested to obtain from the Committee of the Commutation Trust Fund, for the information of the Synod:—

1. A statement of the actual amount of money received from the Government as commutation for the Clergy Reserves.
2. The nature of the investments of the money so received, whether in Debentures, Mortgages, Real Estate or otherwise.
3. By whom said securities were given, by whom they are held, and whether such securities have been effectually examined and registered.
4. The list of the names of the Committee of the Commutation Fund.
5. An account of the apportionment of the annual income derived from said fund, as well as of the disposal of the surplus fund; including a list of the names of the clergy on the fund, with the sums received by each.

Mr. Denison further moves that the information sought from the Commutation Fund Committee, be obtained as early as possible, in order that it may be laid before the Synod on Thursday 14th of June.

We omitted to mention last week, that on the second day of the Session of Synod, the annual meeting of the Church Society will be held. We may look for some stormy discussion, especially on the motions of the Archdeacon of York and the Hon. J. H. Cameron.

We learn that the election of Synodsmen in the eastern part of the diocese, was attended this year with more than usual activity. This is, no doubt, to be attributed to the prevalent idea, that upon the present delegates will fall the election of the Bishop of Kingston. We sincerely trust that the anticipation may be realized.

We are glad to record several interesting indications which have fallen under our notice, of the spread of Church principles in the City of Toronto. Ascension-day was marked this year, for the first time we believe, by the celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral. The Litany is said at 9 a.m. every Wednesday and Friday, in the Church of the Holy Trinity—the only Church in Toronto, moreover, which has a weekly celebration.

A commodious brick parsonage is in course of erection at Thornhill, for the Rev. E. H. Dewar, whose energy and ability have met with many marks of success during the year of his labours. The evening service is very numerously attended, and the congregation has been restored to the outlying station of St. Stephen's Church, Vaughan.

We hope that an effort may yet be made to recover the Government Grant to the Indian Mission and Schools of Monahatooaing, which has been taken away on the ground of the inefficiency of the present missionary and his staff. It is lamentable that the failure of an individual should be confounded with that of the Church to which he belongs. We trust that the Synod will take up the subject.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

The diocesan Synod will meet in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on Tuesday, June 19. There will be service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. The business of the Synod will commence at 2 p.m. On the following Thursday, the meeting of the Church Society will be held—the quarterly meeting at 10 a.m., and the annual meeting at 7 p.m.

We are glad to observe that Mr. V. Crouyn, son of the Bishop of Huron, has just been called to the Bar by the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

The Rev. F. D. Fauquier, of Huntingford, has recently been presented with a very beautiful copy of the Holy Scriptures, by the ladies of his congregation. The present was accompanied by a very cordial address.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

Trinity Church (late St. John's), Montreal, was opened for divine service on Whit-Sunday. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Bishop of Newfoundland has just passed through Montreal, on his return from Bermuda.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has granted £50 sterling to the Free Church which the Bishop is desirous of building in Montreal.

GRREAT BRITAIN.

ENGLAND.—The *Nonconformist*, the chief organ of the political Dissenters, expresses great vexation at the recent division upon the Church-rates Abolition Bill. It says:—"Upwards of sixty members have fallen away from our ranks since last year. We shall not puzzle our brains, nor mislead our friends, by attempting to account for this result as a casualty. It is a defeat. It indicates that the Church of England is determined not to part with the machinery of parochial taxation for ecclesiastical purposes, and that she will put forth, to the uttermost, her enormous power and influence to make such determination good."

The disturbances at St. George's in the East were, in some respects, worse than ever on Sunday, May 6th. In the evening, confusion of the worst kind prevailed during the whole of the service, and "a gentleman" who gave his name as Dr. Chambers, a physician in extensive practice, and a lecturer at one of the hospitals, was given in charge for breaking off a pew door, or assisting to do so. During the reciting of the Creed the yelling was terrific.

It is in contemplation to restore the chapel of Netley Abbey, situated on Southampton Water, for the purpose of performing Divine service in it.

Two new Church societies are now in active operation: The one is called "The Church Institution, an association of Clergy and Laity, for defensive and general purposes;" it has been established chiefly through the exertions of Mr. Henry Hoare, the banker, and has on its Committee several of the most prominent and active members of the Church of England, Viscount Ingestre, Earl Nelson, Earl of Dartmouth, Sir W. O. James, J. G. Hubbard, Esq., Lord R. Montagu, and others. Its immediate objects are to combine Churchmen of every shade of political and religious opinion in the maintenance and support of the Established Church, particularly as regards all questions affecting its welfare likely to become the subject of legislative action; and generally, to encourage the co-operation of clergy and laity, in their several districts, for the promotion of measures conducive to the welfare of the Church, no question touching doctrine being entertained at any meeting. The other is called "The English Church Union," and consists chiefly of those who sympathise with the ritualistic movement.

Archdeacon Denison has just delivered a charge in which he urges the clergy to resist every attempt at the compromise of the Church-rate question, even by the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the House of Lords.

The anniversaries of the religious Societies—the May meetings—furnish a very useful guide to their character and progress; That of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel was presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury, supported by the Bishops of Chichester, St. Asaph, Llandaff, Carlisle, Down and Connor, Llanuon, and Brisbane. The past year's income was £115,490. That of the Church Missionary Society was presided over by the Earl of Chichester supported by the Bishops of Winchester, Carlisle, Llandaff, Ripon and Sierra Leone. The past year's income was £159,206. A cheque for £1000 was handed in soon after the reading of the Report, for the support of a Mission in Japan. That of the Additional Curates' Society was presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury. A very encouraging report was read, and the annual income stated to be £26,317. That of the Scripture Readers' Society had for its Chairman Lord Ebury. Its income was reported at £9,529, being £823 less than the preceding year. That of the Church Penitentiary Association was presided over by the Bishop of Oxford. Its income was stated at £1567. The Protestant Alliance congratulated itself on its prosperity, its income having