

heretofore, or whether it shall be engrafted into the Synod and become one organization. This question should certainly be answered before we enter upon the detail of arrangement for the future working of the Society. And the members of the Church generally ought to know what the committee purposes to recommend, in order that they may come prepared to give a calm and deliberate verdict.

In any case judgment in so important a matter should not go by default.

Faithfully yours,

A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

Toronto, 31st March, 1866.

#### CONFIRMATION.

On Wednesday, the 28th ult., the Right Reverend the Bishop of Toronto held a confirmation at Weston. His Lordship was met at the church by the Rev. Mr. Johnson, the incumbent, and the Rev. C. Badgley, B.A., Head Master of the Trinity College Grammar School, recently established in that prosperous village. Morning prayer having been said at an early hour, the Bishop directed Mr. Badgley to read the litany, and the Incumbent read the anti-communion service, when his Lordship preached a discourse principally designed for the candidates for the holy rite, who numbered 23, and were chiefly composed of pupils in the school.

After the confirmation the Bishop affectionately addressed the candidates, and dismissed them, and the highly respectable congregation which filled the church, with the Episcopal benediction. The singing and responding was particularly good. It is gratifying to find that the school is likely to prove successful—the attendance has gone on to increase since its commencement. It now numbers 25 fine intelligent boys, and six more will enter after the Easter vacation.

#### ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, TORONTO.

Early in February last every pew-holder in the above church received a very able printed paper, entitled "A Statement in relation to St. George's Church Debt due the Bank of Upper Canada, for the payment of which Vice-Churcellor Spragge is liable."

This statement came upon the congregation like a thunder-clap, as arrangements had been made years ago to pay this debt. Ample funds had been provided, through a building society, to do so; and no mention having been made of it at the vestry meetings for eight years, and no demand for its payment having been made during that time, the congregation had no idea that such a debt existed.

They were confirmed in this opinion by the fact that of late years this was not included in the debts enumerated by the churchwardens in their annual reports to the congregation, who being ignorant of the existence of this debt had reported nothing but the debt contracted in the erection of the school house, still amounting to \$4,300.

However, at a vestry meeting, called by the Rector and attended by some thirty-four members, resolutions were passed almost unanimously, authorizing the Rector and churchwardens to mortgage the school house and parsonage (if necessary) for the paying off this debt. This was acting in a truly Christian spirit; for in addition to the fact, that those who were interested in securing the payment of the debt had forfeited their legal claim on the congregation by not urging its payment for eight years, the congregation had, during that time, been greatly weakened by having two congregations, (those of St. John's and St. Stephen's) formed out of what, when the payment of this debt was last pressed upon them, constituted the congregation of St. George's.

But, rather than allow Mr. Spragge to suffer, the vestry assumed the heavy responsibility, although their school house debt was apparently quite enough for them to manage. The next thing to be done was to meet it; and, at the suggestion of some very zealous members of the congregation, another vestry meeting was called for the 26th of February, and at it a subscription was commenced to pay off the debt in six months. This has been very happily effected in less than