

have happened that he himself should have been chosen a Trustee. But it will serve to throw still further light upon this fundamental point, to say a word or two on the nature of the duties pertaining to the office of Trustee, in the Churches, connected with the Church of Scotland, in Canada. There are usually two separate bodies in every congregation, the Trustees and Managers. The function of the former is to hold the church property in trust for a specific purpose, namely, for the maintenance of the worship of God according to the doctrines and practice of the Church of Scotland. When a Trustee is elected, it is for life, unless he becomes disqualified, or chooses to resign. But in the absence of corporate powers, Trustees who hold property for congregations have only a life estate in it, and there is consequently risk always of the trust lapsing, owing to the formalities to be gone through in electing successors, in case of the death, removal or disqualification of Trustees. Several congregations feeling the inconvenience of this, and desirous of having greater facilities for the acquisition and disposal of property, have applied for and obtained corporate powers: St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, among others. But for 41 years, from 1806 to 1847, that church was, I presume, on the same footing as the majority of the churches in Ontario and Quebec. Besides the Trustees, however, whose sole function ordinarily is to hold the church property, there is in most churches, and in every church organized since 1847 there *must* be, in terms of the Model Constitution imposed by the Synod on all new congregations, a distinct body whose business is to manage the financial affairs of the congregation year after year. They are called the Managers and are elected annually. *They* are representatives of the *congregation* worshipping in the church for the time being: the Trustees are representatives of the *church at large*, the religious body to which it belongs, and are bound to hold the property for the maintenance of the views of that body alone, unless that body, through its