

be Secretary of such Vestry Meeting, and the proceedings of such Vestry Meeting shall be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, and preserved in the custody of the Churchwardens.

XII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the rent-charge to be paid upon Pews holden in freehold, and the rent to be paid for Pews and Sitings in Pews leased or rented, shall be regulated from time to time at such Vestry Meetings as aforesaid: Provided, nevertheless, that no alterations shall be made therein, except at Vestry Meetings called for such special purpose, and so expressed in the notice calling the same, and further, that the charges to be made in respect of such conveyances, leases, and certificates, shall in like manner be regulated at such Vestry Meetings as aforesaid.

XIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Clerk of the Church, the Organist, the Vestry Clerk, the Sexton, and other subordinate servants of the Church, shall be nominated and appointed by the Churchwardens for the time being, and that their salary and wages shall be brought into the general account, to be rendered as aforesaid by such Churchwardens.

XIV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the fees on Marriages, Baptisms, and other services of the Church of the like nature, and the charges payable on breaking the ground in the Cemeteries or Church Yards, and in the said Churches for burying the dead, shall be regulated by the Ordinary, or in case of there being no Ordinary, by the Bishop of the Diocese.

XV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be in the power of the Members of such Vestries, at such Vestry Meetings as aforesaid, to make By-Laws for the regulation of their proceedings, and the management of the Temporalities of the Church or Parish to which they belong, so as the same may not be repugnant to this Act, nor contrary to the Canons of the said United Church of England and Ireland.

XVI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any deed or conveyance of land, or of personalty, that may be made to any Bishop of the said Church, in the said Province, and to his Successors, for the endowment of his See, or for the general uses of the said Church, as such Bishop may appoint, or otherwise, or for the use of any particular Church then erected, or thereafter to be erected, or for the endowment of a Parsonage, Rectory or Living, or for other uses or purposes appurtenant to such Church in general, or to any particular Church or Parish, to be named in such deed, and any such deed or conveyance, to any Parson, or Rector, or other Incumbent, and his Successors, for the endowment of such Parsonage, Rectory, or Living, or for other uses or purposes appurtenant thereto, shall be valid and effectual to the uses and purposes in such deed or conveyance to be mentioned and set forth, the Acts of Parliament, commonly called the Statutes of Mortmain, or other Acts, Laws, or usages, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; Provided always, that in order to the validity of such deeds and conveyances, the same shall be made and executed six months at least before the death of the person conveying the same, and shall be registered not later than six months after his decease.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in the event of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, do-

sing to erect and found a Church or Churches, and to endow the same with a sufficiency for the maintenance of such Church and of Divine Service therein, according to the rites of the said Church of England and Ireland, it shall and may be lawful for him, or them, to do so, upon procuring the License of the Bishop, under his hand and seal, for that purpose; and thereupon, after the erection of a suitable Church, and the appropriation by the founder thereof, of such Church so erected, and of lands and hereditaments, or other property, adequate to the maintenance thereof, and of an Incumbent, and adequate to the usual and ordinary charges attendant upon such Church, such provision being made to the satisfaction of the Bishop, such Founder, his Heir and Assigns, being members of the said Church of England, or such body politic or corporate, as the case may be, shall have the right of presentation to such Church, as an advowson in fee presentative, according to the Rules and Canons of the said United Church of England and Ireland.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, in any manner, to confer any Spiritual Jurisdiction or Ecclesiastical Rights whatsoever upon any Bishop or Bishops, or other Ecclesiastical Person, of the said Church, in the said Province of Upper Canada.

TURKISH MISSIONS AID SOCIETY

LETTER FROM BISHOP GODAT

Jerusalem, September 1, 1955.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—The Rev. Mr. Veitch has informed me that the Committee of the Turkish Missions Aid Society have kindly voted the sum of £100, for the Jerusalem Diocesan Fund, to be applied to the evangelisation of Palestine. I take, therefore, the first opportunity to express my grateful acknowledgment to that Committee, through its Secretary, for this valuable help in time of need, with the promise that the money shall be applied to the object for which it has been given.

I ought, perhaps, to have written to your Honourable President, the Earl of Shaftesbury, but knowing how much his time and strength are occupied, I was unwilling to add to his burdens. I have had the privilege of reading, in *Evangelical Christendom*, the encouraging Reports and correspondence of our American brethren labouring among the decayed Churches of this empire, with only a few of whom I am in personal correspondence, although I have long felt united with them all in the faith and the love of Christ. It is more than twenty-eight years ago, that I knelt before the mercy-seat of our common Lord, at Beyrout, with the brethren Goodell, Bird, and Smith, imploring God to restore the light of his saving truth to the benighted Churches of the East. And now that the Lord has begun to answer the prayers which we offered so timidly, I cannot but rejoice with our brethren, who are now reaping chiefly in the Armenian field. But although here in Palestine

we are far behind our brethren in the more northern countries, still I trust you and your Society will let us have a share in your interest and in your prayers. The causes of our being behind may be partly in the less congenial soil of the Arab heart and character, seeing that the success of the faithful missionaries at Beyrout, &c. are less rejoicing, or at least less visible, than among the Armenians; partly because we have begun later, and no doubt also because our instruments are of an inferior quality, the two or three missionaries from Europe being still imperfectly acquainted with the language, and my native Scripture readers, although sincere, are still defective in many things. In a certain sense I ought not to complain of want of success, considering the little amount of work that has been done (I am not speaking of our mission to the Jews.) We have now small Protestant communities here at Bethlehem, Jaffa, Nablous and Nazareth, numbering together about 130 adult persons, besides that, many others are more or less impressed with Gospel truth. But what humbles me is the fact that, with the exception of a few individuals, there is a great want of spiritual life and power, even with those who are well acquainted with the Word of God. The native mind has been so thoroughly perverted under the tyranny of Turks and monks, that my best expectations are connected with the schools, of which we have now eight containing about 300 children of both sexes, i. e., about eighty girls, and 220 boys, all instructed in the pure Word of God. O, pray that the precious seed which we sow, and water often with tears, and amidst much contradiction, and opposition, even from quarters where we should receive help, may receive increase from God!

There is much work going on here amongst the Jews at present, but it is a ground still more thorny and rocky than the dead Churches called Christian. Some Moslems here have of late asked for Bibles, which they read, but no fruit is as yet perceptible.

Again thanking your Committee for their kind contribution,

I remain, Rev. and dear Sir,

Very faithful yours,

(Signed) S. ANGL. HIEROSOL.

Rev. C. G. Young.

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