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## Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

### CANADA

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Rev. E. H. Dewar of Thornhill has given notice that at the annual meeting of the Church Society, on June 13th, he will move several amendments to the recommendations of the recent committee of revision. The most important of them are as follows:—

"1. That no clergyman shall be considered to have complied with the requirements of the society, who does not pay over to the treasurer of the district association, the whole proceeds of the parochial collections made within his mission, on or before the last day of April in each year.

"2. That the treasurer of each district association shall remit to the parent society the entire subscriptions of all incorporated members, together with one-fourth of the remaining collections.

"3. That each district association shall be at liberty to make grants out of the remaining three-fourths, either to parishes for local purposes contemplated by the constitution, or to missionaries employed by the district association within its limits.

"4. That any amount not so appropriated on or before the first of July in each year, shall be remitted by the treasurer to the parent society."

Delegates to the synod, whether clerical or lay, travelling at full single fare by the Great Northern Railway will be allowed to return free of charge, on presenting a ticket from the secretaries: the towns for the double journey from Brockville and Prescott to Toronto by the American line of steamers will be \$5, meals and state-rooms extra.

A meeting of the Toronto Delegates was held at the Church Society's Rooms, on Monday evening last, for the purpose of raising a subscription to entertain the Clergy and Laity non-resident in Toronto, at the Revere House, during the approaching Synod.

We learn from the bi-monthly paper of the Church Society, the *Canadian Ecclesiastical Gazette*, that the total sum subscribed for the Bishopric of the eastern part of the present Diocese of Toronto amounts to £9500, including £1500 secured upon mortgage, and £500 promised from England. This is within £400 of the requisite amount.

There will be a confirmation at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Toronto, on Sunday, June 10th: we believe that there will be an ordination in St. James' Cathedral, on St. Peter's Day, June 29th.

During the thunder-storm of Saturday week, the steeple of Brockville Church was struck by lightning, which demolished a slight portion of the top.

#### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

You referred briefly, in your first number, to the laying the foundation stone of the Finlay Asylum on the 10th ult. This ceremony was performed by a lady who is a contributor to the undertaking, with another member of her family, to the extent of \$2,700. The same family is well known in the eastern part of the Diocese of Toronto for similar acts of liberality towards the Church. On the Monday following, the corner-stone of a parsonage house for the Incumbent of St. Michael's Chapel, about three miles from the city, was laid by Her Excellency Lady Head. This ceremony was a comparatively private one, being witnessed only by some six or seven of the clergy of the parish, and a few members of the congregation. Appropriate prayers having been offered by the Incumbent of the chapel, three verses of Psalm cxxvii. were sung by the choir. The inscription was then read by W. Rhodes, Esq., one of the chapel wardens, and after the stone had been laid an appropriate address was delivered by the Bishop of the Diocese. It is pleasing to have to record, in connection with this undertaking, another instance of liberality, a warm friend of the Church having given \$1,000, on which, however, interest at 6 per cent. will be payable during his life. The same person recently made a donation of the same amount, on similar conditions, towards the endowment of St. Matthew's Chapel, Quebec.

The churchmen of Quebec have lately had the privilege, for the second time, of seeing the Bishop of Newfoundland among them. His lordship arrived in Quebec, on a visit to the Bishop of the Diocese, on the 16th ult., and though he was unfortunately prevented from making any stay beyond two or three days, he preached in the cathedral on the festival of the Ascension. This festival, by the way, is beginning to receive a share of respect more worthy of its character than has been heretofore the case. Besides the service in the cathedral, there were services in four chapels within the parish, both morning and evening, and in three with Holy Communion.

An interesting scene was witnessed yesterday at the afternoon service in the cathedral, where, by special invitation, the children of the different Sunday-schools connected with the church assembled together with their clergy and teachers. The pews in the body of the church were given up to them, and were well filled. After the prayers, and the singing of Psalm cxix, part 2, by the children, the Lord Bishop delivered a simple and affectionate address from Psalm xxxiv. 11.

The cathedral organ, which had been under repair for some time, was re-opened on the evening of the 18th ult. A special service was held on the occasion; and Handel's Dettingen *Te Deum* was sung as an anthem after the collect.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

For the Canadian Church Press.

The Sutton branch of the Montreal Choral Society held its first Choral meeting on Tuesday May the first, in the Town Hall, Sutton Flats, under the direction of the Rev. J. S. Sykes, incumbent of Grace Church, Sutton. The Hall was well filled with a highly respectable auditory, and a number of visitors from the State of Vermont and the neighbouring Townships were present.

The Rev. Mr. Sykes opened the proceedings with an excellent address, in the course of which he said: "We come before you to-day independent of foreign aid, to show you what can be accomplished within the short space of six months, and at the same time give you to understand that our studies are not at an end when this meeting is over, but that every Thursday evening through the summer season we hope to participate in a rich feast of social pleasure and true harmony of soul, that we may again invite you to our musical banquet. While the great men of the City, with loyal hearts and willing hands, are making the necessary preparations for the reception of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, a little band of loyal songsters, amid the beautiful mountain scenery of the Township of Sutton, will be found with united hearts and voices, and the sweet strains of Haydn, making supplication at the throne of Grace for a blessing on our noble Queen and her illustrious son, the Prince of Wales. The hymn composed by Henry F. Chorley on the birth of the Prince of Wales, and printed in Hullah's Part Music, will form part of our future studies. The practice of vocal music is a most essential part of our parochial system, but I am sorry to say a very much neglected part. Jerome says, "you might have heard the ploughmen and reapers in the fields singing Psalms." What is to hinder the ploughmen of Sutton from doing likewise? We answer, Nothing."

The choir then commenced and performed every piece in the programme with great precision of time and harmony, their voices rose with that gentle swell which produces a full volume of sound without that deafening, distasteful, and disagreeable noise which some call music. Before the National Anthem was sung, Mr. E. A. Dyer came forward and read a very gratifying address to the Rev. Mr. Sykes, to whose able instruction and exertion the progress of the Society was due. The National Anthem was then sung, and the meeting separated. The Rev. Mr. Sykes, and his pupils, proceeded to the house of G. C. Dyer Esq., churchwarden, where they found a hearty welcome. A clergyman and his choir never spent a more joyous evening.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

The new Bishops of Rochester and Antigua, were consecrated in Lambeth Church, on the 17th ult. by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishops of Bath and Wells, Carlisle, and Oxford.