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## SYNOD.

We are requested to state that the Grand Trunk Railway Company, with their usual liberality, have consented to give a free return ticket to all delegates who travel to the meeting at Kingston by their line; this boon has been refused by the Great Western.

## WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

We remind the Clergy that the collections on account of this fund are appointed to be taken up in the month of October. The amount received last year from this source was only £382 15s. 6d. They will see the necessity of exerting themselves to increase this fund, when they consider that there are already eight widows, most of them entirely dependent on the small allowance they receive from the Society,—also the orphans of two clergymen. The sum actually required to meet the pensions is £480. Every year is adding to the number of claimants. The Society, therefore, should not only be enabled to pay the pensions from the proceeds of the sermons, but also to add something to the investment fund, as yet only amounting to £8,129.

The Book and Tract Committee of the Church Society are going to send to the Christian Knowledge Society for books and tracts, having disposed of the greater portion of those lately imported. The sum they have to remit is small, consequently they have determined to delay for a fortnight, so as to give parties an opportunity of forwarding a list to the Secretary of what publications they require, together with the money

N.B.—All orders for Books, Tracts and other publications of this Society should be sent to the Secretary of the Society, in all cases accompanied by the money.

THE BISHOP OF HURON.—His Lordship the Bishop of Huron has been prostrated, for the past few days, by a severe attack of ague.—*Colonist.*

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold his next General Ordination in the Cathedral, Toronto, on Sunday, the 10th of October. Candidates for Holy Orders, whether of Deacon or Priest, are requested to communicate without delay to the Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D., Examining Chaplain, their intention to offer themselves, and to be present for examination in the Library of the Parochial School-house, at Toronto, on the Wednesday previous to the day of Ordination, at 9 o'clock, A.M. They are required to be furnished with the usual testimonials, and the *Si Quis* attested in the ordinary manner.

We have on our table a well got up little book, entitled "Tales, Sketches and Lyrics," by the Rev. R. J. MacGeorge. We have read the first legend—a Legend of Bethlehem—and pronounce it a very beautiful production. We regret to learn that the Rev. gentleman has published his work for the purpose of enabling him to visit the old country, where his wife has for some time been invalided. With the name of the Rev. Mr. MacGeorge all are familiar, but few are acquainted with the amount of missionary labour he has undergone in this Diocese, since he entered it in 1841. Several parishes are, under God, indebted to him for their present position. He kept alive the desire for the regular ministrations of the Church by his periodical visits. He used to officiate on Sundays at Streetsville, Hurontario (where he built a church), Churchville, Norval, Hornby (where he completed a church), Sydenham, Dundas Street, Port Credit, Brampton; and on week days he visited Milton, Etobicoke, Edmonton, Middle Road, Toronto Township and Albion. When the temporalities of the Church were in danger, no man worked more energetically and disinterestedly to avert the threatened calamity than Mr. MacGeorge; and, however people may differ in their opinion, as to his theological views or style, all will admit that self has been the last thing he thought of, and his amiable, simple and truth-loving nature ensures him the best wishes of all. May he prosper in his journey, and the cause of his absence be speedily and happily removed.

## SYNOD BILL, ENACTED AUGUST, 1858.

An Act to explain and amend the Act intituled "An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada, to meet in Synod."

Whereas doubts exist whether in the Act passed in the Session held in the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to enable the Members of the United Church,

of England and Ireland in Canada, to meet in Synod," sufficient provision is made for the representation of the Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Synods by the said Act authorised to be held, and it is expedient that such doubts should be removed: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. For all the purposes of the aforesaid Act, the Laity shall meet by representation; and until it shall be otherwise determined by the Synod in each Diocese, one or more delegates (not exceeding three in any case,) may be elected at the annual Easter meetings in each parish, mission or cure within the diocese, or in cases where there may be more than one congregation in any parish, mission, or cure, then in each such congregation, or at meetings to be specially called for the purpose by each Clergyman having a separate cure of souls; and all laymen within such parish, mission, or cure, or belonging to such congregation of the full age of twenty-one years, who shall declare themselves, in writing, at such meetings, to be members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other religious denomination, shall have the right of voting at such election. Each delegate shall receive from the Chairman of the meeting a certificate of his election, which he shall produce when called upon so to do, at the Synod; and the first meeting of such Synod shall be called by the Bishop of the Diocese at such time and place as he shall think fit; Provided always, that no business shall be transacted by the Synod of any Diocese unless at least one fourth of the Clergy of such Diocese shall be present, and at least one fourth of the Congregations within the same be represented by at least one delegate

2. All proceedings heretofore had in any Diocese under the aforesaid Act, which have been conformable to the provisions of this Act, shall be held to be valid, as if the same had taken place after the passing of this Act.

## Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO

##### SECOND DAY.

St. BARNABAS DAY, FRIDAY, June 11

Divine Service in St George's Church at 9 a.m. Prayers were said by the Rev. J. A. Morris. The Lessons were read by the Revs. E. Denroche, and F. Tremayne.

The Synod met in the School-house of St. George's Church.

His Lordship the Bishop took his seat at 11 o'clock, a.m.

There was a full attendance of members, several