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DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TO THE REVEREND GEORGE WHITAKER, M. A.,
PROVOST OF TRINITY COLLEGE, TORONTO.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—Having learned with deep regret that the Lord Bishop of Huron has recently, in his Synod at London, made a serious charge against yourself in your office of Divinity Professor: We, the undersigned, who have enjoyed the privilege of your theological instruction, wish, in the most positive terms, to express our conviction that the charge is entirely without foundation. We hesitate not to affirm that, in our experience, no so-called dangerous or un-Protestant views have ever characterized your lectures. With regard to your exposition of the Church Catechism, to which special reference has been made, we wish to state that if we were called upon to say what lectures in the academic course were the most interesting and instructive, we should give the preference to those on the Church Catechism, involving as they did extensive scriptural proofs, a critical examination of the original languages, and copious quotations from the great divines of our Church, whose principles, we know, are based on the word of God, and the doctrine and practice of the Catholic Church in her purest days, as contained in our Book of Common Prayer, Articles, and Homilies.

A number of questions were prepared by you upon each lecture delivered, and, at our own request, the use of these questions was afterwards occasionally granted to us. Answers to the questions were required of us, *ad roce*, at the succeeding lecture on the same subject; no written answers were given or required from us, except at the periodical, or terminal examinations, when the same course was pursued as at other universities.

In conclusion, permit us to express our firm hope that nothing which has occurred will hinder the growth of our University. As for ourselves, we are determined, as far as may be in our power, to uphold, both by precept and example, the pure teaching of our ancient and scriptural branch of the Church which we have received in Trinity College. We could desire that we may, in our several spheres, do this as faithfully and efficiently as we can testify that you have done in your capacity of Professor of Divinity.

We remain, Reverend and Dear Sir,

Ever sincerely and gratefully yours,

Thomas J. Roberts, M.A., curate of St. Catherine's; Francis Tremayne, jr., incumbent of Milton; J. G. Armstrong, B.A., incumbent of West Hawkesbury; James A. Preston, M.A., incumbent of Stirling; C. E. Thomson, M.A., incumbent of Elora and Fergus; S. J. Vankoughnet, M.A. and B.C.L., Toronto; W. E. Cooper, M.A., second assistant Holy Trinity, Toronto; John Langtry, M.A., incumbent of Collingwood; E. W. Heaven, M.A., incumbent of Matilda and Edwardsburg; Thomas D. Philipps, M.A., principal St. Catherine's County Grammar School and curate of Thorold; A. J. Broughall, M.A., class lecturer Trinity College and assistant minister St. John's Church, Toronto; H. W. Davies, M.A., assistant minister Trinity Church and head master Senior Grammar School, Cornwall; Charles Badgley, B.A., Quebec; C. W. Patterson, B.A., Toronto; William H. Case, B.A., Hamilton; Thomas A. Parnell, incumbent of Mirickville; A. M. Patton, B.A., Cornwall; James Henderson, B.A., Yorkville; James A. Miller, B.A., Galt.

[We are requested to ask those gentlemen who have been educated at the College, and are desirous of adding their names to this list, to forward them at once, that they may be appended to the Address.]

Operations were commenced on the site of the New School House, on Sussex Street last Saturday. We believe considerable progress will be made with the work before winter. The members of the Church of England in Lower Town will be enabled to have a place of worship, sufficient, for a short season for their wants. To the energy and ability of the Rector, the Rev. J. S. Lauder, they are principally indebted for this favorable circumstance, and we trust a handsome Church on the remainder of the lot will be the fitting reward of so much toil and industry.—*Ottawa Paper.*

A Bishop's Court was held on Monday, in the Parochial School-house of St. James' Church, Toronto. The Lord Bishop was present; together with the Archdeacon of York; the Rev. H. J. Grasett; and the Rev. S. Givins, one of the assessors. The case before the court was that of the Rev. W. Hickey, of the township of Emily, who, despite the inhibition of the Bishop, continues to preach doctrines at variance with those of the Church. The patent of the Crown was read, fixing his Lordship's authority to erect the Court, and the authority of the the Synod to make it the Court of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto. His Lordship then issued his warrants for the appointments, under the patent, of a Chancellor and a Registrar. The Hon. J. H. Cameron was appointed to the former office, and S. B. Harman, Esq., to that of Registrar. A letter having been read from the Rev. W. Hickey, furnishing a medical certificate of his inability to attend, further proceedings were postponed till Wednesday, the 26th inst.

A few days ago, the Rev. J. Van Linge, of St. Mark's Church, Orangeville, was presented by his flock with a set of harness, as a mark of their affection towards him, and their appreciation of the assistance he has given towards the completion of the church.

DIOCESE OF HURON

LONDON, September 12.—The quarterly meeting of the Church Society of this Diocese was held to-day in St. Paul's school-house; there was a good attendance of the clergy, but, as usual, a very sparse attendance of the laity. Very little business of any consequence required attention, and the usual routine business of the Society was transacted without much discussion, so that the members were soon released and able to seek amusement in inspecting the various arrangements made throughout the city for the reception of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. Thursday, 13.—At 9 A.M. there was divine service in the Cathedral; prayers were said by the Rev. J. McLean, M.A., after which the holy communion was administered, the Rev. Messrs. Brough, Flood, Marsh, and McLean officiating. At 10 A.M. the Synod assembled in St. Paul's school-house. On calling the roll it was found that the number of the laity present was insufficient to form a quorum. On this, the members present entered into a desultory conversation on topics connected with the Diocese, for the purpose of whiling away the time, hoping that some of the absentees would still present themselves and thus enable the Synod to proceed to business. The chief topic of conversation was the appointment of the Metropolitan. The Bishop stated that after the meeting of the Synod held in 1859, he had written to the Governor General stating that the Synod of this Diocese declined to join in the petition to the Crown for the appointment of a Metropolitan, and that his letter had been forwarded together with the petitions from the other dioceses, by his Excellency to the Imperial Government. Mr. Goods, the delegate from Brantford, then spoke at a considerable length, and in a somewhat querulous tone, of the fear which he entertained, that an improper control would be exercised over this Diocese by a Provincial Synod when constituted, and urged great caution in taking any steps in the matter. After a few sensible remarks from the Rev. Messrs. Caulfield, Fauquier, and Smyth, the subject dropped, the members of the Synod feeling that they were merely groping in the dark, while they were utterly ignorant what powers were conferred upon the Metropolitan by the patent which he held. There was, however, an evident feeling displayed by a large majority of those present not to stand aloof in the formation of a Provincial Synod, and thus make this diocese a mere sect. An adjournment for an hour and a half was then agreed upon. On the members re-assembling, it being evident that there was no quorum of the Laity, the roll was not called, and the parties present proceeded, as though the Synod had been duly organized, to discuss the address which it was proposed to present to the Prince of Wales. The address, as prepared by the Committee, was then read by the Secretary. It was proposed by Mr. Short, seconded by the Rev. J. Gunne, that the address be adopted, and that the Synod proceed in a body to present the same to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. This was carried unanimously. A procession was then formed, the Laity taking the lead, to the City Hall, where, at the levee, the address was presented by the Bishop, and a gracious reply read by His Royal Highness. On the return of the members of the Synod to the School Room, the reply of the Prince was read by the Bishop, when the Synod adjourned, *sine die*.