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## Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

We are authorised to state that in consequence of the session of the Court of Appeal in the second week of June, a circumstance which would prevent many churchmen from attending the meeting of the Synod, and annual meeting of the Church Society, were they held at the usual time, these meetings will not be held till the last week in June.

The Bishop of Toronto proposes to hold confirmations in all the parishes and missions between Toronto and the River Trent, during the month of June—and later in the season in the Home and Gore Districts. The list of the appointments will be forwarded to the Clergy respectively in due time.

Toronto, 25th March, 1861.

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Toronto, hereby gives notice that a meeting of the Synod of this diocese will be held on Tuesday, the 25th day of June next in the City of Toronto.

STEPHEN LETT, L. I. D., Clerical Sec.  
JAMES BOVELL, M. D., Lay Sec.

Toronto, April 11, 1861.

### DIOCESAN SYNOD.

The secretaries of the synod of the Diocese of Toronto would request such of the clergy, as have not already forwarded the certificates of the election of their lay delegates to J. W. Brent, Treasurer, to do so as soon as convenient, as the synod list will immediately be printed.

April 10, 1861.

All members of the Synod, having business to bring forward, are requested to send it (post-paid) to the secretaries, Toronto, on or before the 14th day of May.

Members of the Synod, lay delegates, who are not incorporated members of the Church Society, on the payment of one dollar, are entitled to the privileges of membership for the year. The dollar should be sent up without delay, in order that a list of those entitled to take part in the proceedings may be at once made out, and so prevent confusion at the time of meeting.

THOMAS SMITH-KENNEDY,  
Secretary Church Society.

### TRINITY COLLEGE.

We are requested to state that all students of Trinity College, who have graduated in Arts, and have completed their theological course, are qualified to compete for the first Kent Prize, for

a Theological Essay, the second prize being restricted to those who are still keeping terms.

The subject is the same which was announced last year:

"The applicability of the term 'fulness of time,' to the state of the Gentile world at our Lord's first advent."

The exercises are to be sent in to the Provost on or before October 1st, 1861, after which date none can be received. Every exercise should bear a motto, and be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the name of the writer, and bearing on the outside the same motto as the exercise.

### THE EASTER VESTRY MEETINGS.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, KINGSTON.

At the vestry meeting on Easter Monday, Messrs. James A. Henderson and Robert Sellars were unanimously re-elected Churchwardens, and Messrs. Edmund Boyle and William Rudston, Sidesmen.

### ELECTION OF LAY DELEGATES.

The meeting was held in the Sunday School House, on Monday, at 7 p.m., the Rev. A. Stewart, assistant minister, in the chair. The attendance was very large, as every one felt that the persons chosen would have a voice in the election of a bishop for this diocese.

Six gentlemen having been duly proposed and seconded, a ballot was taken, when the numbers were found to be as follows: James A. Henderson, 45; T. Kirkpatrick, 44; L. Muckleston, 43; A. H. Campbell, 36; Dr. Robinson, 35; W. B. Simpson, 29; whereupon the chairman declared the first three duly elected.

Before the proceedings terminated, a vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the Rev. A. Stewart, for his able and impartial conduct in the chair.

To the Rev. A. J. Broughall, M.A.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

The congregation of St. John's Church cannot allow you to depart from amongst them, without expressing the great regret they feel at parting with one who has so faithfully discharged the duties of curate under our respected pastor, the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, for a period of over three years. We shall ever hold in lively remembrance the many times, and oft which with true evangelic spirit you have preached unto us the sacred truths contained in the Holy Scriptures, both by precept and example, reminding us that true christianity consists not in forms and ceremonies, but in clinging to the faith which is in Christ Jesus, thereby adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour. Those who have been sick amongst us, and the poor of this parish bear willing testimony to the zeal which you have shown in ministering to their wants. Be assured, Rev. and dear sir, that many, very many, of this parish will hold in grateful recollection the interest you, in conjunction with our pastor, have taken

in establishing a congregation in the west end of his city. The numbers which now attend St. John's church prove that your labours have not been in vain.

We earnestly hope that in your new field of labour abundant success may attend your efforts in advancing the truths of the Gospel; those who have attended your ministrations in the first scene of your labours, pray that blessings may attend your efforts, and happiness reward your zeal in the sacred calling which you have espoused.

Signed on behalf of the congregation, as chairman of the vestry.

THOMAS SMITH-KENNEDY,  
Incumbent of St. John's

Easter Monday, 1861.

To the Reverend Thomas Smith Kennedy, Incumbent of St. John's Church, &c. &c.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

Will you be so kind as to convey to the members of St. John's congregation my warmest thanks for the very considerate address which they have presented to me through you, as chairman of the meeting, on the occasion of my removal to another parish. Believe me, I shall never forget the extreme kindness with which I have been met on all hands, while endeavouring to labour among them in conjunction with yourself. I may add, too, that the three years and a half, during which time I have had the pleasure of being your assistant, have been spent by me in the happiest manner.

In referring to my humble exertions to impress upon them the sacred truths of God's word, the members of the congregation are pleased to say that they will ever "hold them in lively remembrance." My greatest earthly reward will be to be able to believe that they are determined to cling to the faith which is in Christ Jesus; the faith which has once for all been delivered by God's revelation to the saints, and to frame the lives of themselves and their families in all respects according to this. While ministering to the spiritual and temporal wants of the poor and the sick, and giving attendance to other parochial work, I have only aimed at performing that for which "necessity was laid upon me." Few can feel more painfully than myself, how easily I have fallen short of accomplishing that which was my duty to do; it affords me, however, the sincerest pleasure to feel that their prayers for God's blessing upon my efforts will accompany me to my new sphere of labour. It would be well for God's people, if the ministry of His Church were more generally remembered by them in their prayers and intercessions to the throne of grace; the latter could indeed go forth to their work with a refreshed spirit, seeing that their hands were thus upheld by those for whose souls they watch, "as they that must give an account." That God may be pleased to give all the members of your congregation "the spirit of grace and supplication;" that He may guide them safely through "the many changes and chances of this mortal life," and finally bring them all to his eternal and everlasting