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R. SYMES,
Treasurer Church Society.

Quebec, 27th December, 1852.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(From the Canadian Churchman.)

At the Monthly Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, held on Wednesday the 1st December, the Committee appointed by the Special General Meeting of the Society, held on the 10th November, made the following Report:

The Committee appointed to frame and report a By-law for carrying into effect the provisions contained in the 3rd Clause of the Provincial Statute 14 and 15 Vic. cap. 175, respecting the right of presenting to certain Rectories and Parsonages in Upper Canada, have not agreed to recommend that in the case of the Rectories or Parsonages referred to in the Act, any exception shall be made to the mode of appointment which has hitherto prevailed within this Diocese.

They therefore submit 1st, a draft of a By-law vesting in the present Bishop of Toronto the right to appoint to all Rectories and Parsonages within his Diocese, as it is now constituted, or within the territory which shall constitute his Lordship's Diocese in any division which may hereafter take place.

2nd. A draft of a By-law making a general provision for the appointment by the Bishop for the time being in all such cases.

The Committee have reported these two By-laws, in order that the first, which is in accordance with the Resolution of the Church Society passed at their special meeting, may become a Law without unnecessary delay—so that no inconvenience may occur for want of present provision for filling up vacancies. And that the draft of the second By-law await the consideration of the Society, to be taken up, and proceeded in at such time as they may think proper.

In the event of its being thought better to provide for the whole by one By-law, the Committee reports a third draft of a By-law which it seems to them would in that case be sufficient.

J. B. ROBINSON, *Chairman.*

1st December, 1852.

BY-LAW, NO. 1.

To be finally disposed of on Wednesday, the 5th January, 1853.

Whereas by An Act of the Parliament of the Province of Canada, passed in the fifteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, to which the assent of Her Majesty in Council was declared by proclamation, published on the ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two—which said Act is intitled, "An Act to repeal so much of the Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the thirty-first year of the Reign of King George the Third, and chaptered thirty-one, as relates to Rectories and the presentation of Incumbents to the same; and for other purposes connected with such Rectories." It is enacted, that in the event of its being judicially decided that any of such Parsonages or Rectories as are in that Act referred to, were erected according to law, and until a judicial decision shall be obtained on such question, the right of presenting an Incumbent or Minister to such Parsonage or Rectory shall rest in and be exercised by the Church Society of the Church of England Diocese within which the same shall be situated, or in such other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, as such Church Society, by any By-law or By-laws, to be by them from time to time passed, shall or may think fit to direct or appoint in that behalf.

Be it therefore enacted and ordained by the authority of the Act herein before recited, and of the Act passed in the seventh year of Her present Majesty's Reign, intitled "An Act to incorporate the Church Societies of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Dioceses of Quebec and Toronto," that from and after the passing of this By-law, the right of presenting an Incumbent or Minister to any Parsonage or Rectory within the present Diocese of Toronto, which by the said Act passed in the fifteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, is vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto to be exercised by them, or is vested in and appointed to be exercised by such other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, as such Church Society shall in manner aforesaid direct or appoint, shall be vested in and exercised by the Right Reverend John Strachan, the present Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto, so long as he shall

live and continue Bishop of that Diocese: Provided always, that in the event of the present Diocese of Toronto being divided, then the provision made by this By-law shall in respect to any presentation or appointment to be hereafter made, apply and extend only to such part of the present Diocese of Toronto as shall form the See over which the present Bishop of Toronto shall continue to preside, and so long only as he shall live and continue to be Bishop thereof.

And be it further declared, enacted, and ordained, That the presentations which have been made by the Bishop of Toronto to any Parsonage or Rectory, or Parsonages or Rectories within his Diocese, since the said Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the fifteenth year of Her present Majesty's Reign came into force, shall be and the same is and are hereby ratified and confirmed.

BY-LAW, NO. 2.

To be considered in the month of June next.

(Preamble as in No. 1.) And, Whereas, it appears to this Society that no method of appointing to vacant Parsonages or Rectories would be so likely to secure the harmony of the Church, the due supply of a faithful and efficient Clergy, and a just attention to their respective claims arising from long and faithful service, and from ability and zeal in the discharge of their sacred duties, as to leave the presentation to be made as it has been hitherto, by the Bishop of the Diocese.

Be it therefore enacted and ordained by the authority of the Act herein before recited, and of the Act passed in the seventh year of Her present Majesty's Reign, intitled "An Act to incorporate the Church Societies of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Dioceses of Quebec and Toronto," that from and after the passing of this By-law, the right of presenting an Incumbent or Minister to any Parsonage or Rectory within the present Diocese of Toronto, which, by the said Act passed in the fifteenth year of Her present Majesty's Reign, is vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto to be exercised by them, or is vested in, and appointed to be exercised by such other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, as such Church Society shall in manner aforesaid direct or appoint, shall be vested in and exercised by the Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto for the time being, or by the Bishop of that Diocese of the Church of England, within which such Parsonage or Rectory shall in case of any division of the present Diocese of Toronto be situated.

BY-LAW, NO. 3.

To be considered in the month of June next.

(Preamble as in the preceding.) Be it therefore enacted and ordained, by the authority of the Act herein before recited, and of the Act passed in the seventh year of Her present Majesty's Reign, intitled, "An Act to incorporate the Church Societies of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Dioceses of Quebec and Toronto," that from and after the passing of this By-law, the right of presenting an Incumbent or Minister, to any Parsonage or Rectory within the present Diocese of Toronto, which by the said Act passed in the fifteenth year of Her present Majesty's Reign, is vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, to be exercised by them, or is vested in, and appointed to be exercised by such other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, as such Church Society shall in manner aforesaid direct or appoint, shall be vested in, and be exercised by the Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto, for the time being, or by the Bishop of that Diocese of the Church of England within which such Parsonage or Rectory shall in case of any division of the present Diocese of Toronto be situated.

And be it further declared, enacted and ordained, that the Presentation or Presentations which may have been made by the Bishop of Toronto to any Parsonages or Rectories, within his Diocese, since the said Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the fifteenth year of Her present Majesty's Reign, came into force, shall be, and the same is, and are hereby ratified and confirmed.

It was then moved by the Hon. P. B. de Blaquiere, seconded by Rev. D. E. Blake, and unanimously resolved.

That the consideration and adoption of By-laws, Nos. 2 and 3, of which notice has been given this day, be postponed until the regular Annual Meeting of the Society in June, 1853, and notice thereof be given to the Corporate Members of the Society, and that By-law No. 1 be disposed of at the next monthly meeting.

The Rev. D. E. Blake gave notice that at the meeting in June he would move the following amendments to By-law No. 2:—

That after the word "Diocese" in the latter part of the second paragraph, the following words be introduced:—"The Society occupying the place of the Crown, and reserving to itself the right of exercising all the rights and prerogatives formerly belonging to the Crown, exclusive of the right to nominate as hereinafter conceded to the Bishop."

That in the 3rd paragraph the words "the right of presenting" be expunged, and the following introduced in their stead,—"the right of nominating."

That in the same paragraph the words "be vested in and," be altogether omitted.

And that the following words be added after the word "situated," in the latter part of the same paragraph. "The Society, in each case, having