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OFFICIAL NOTICES.

To the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto.

REV. & DEAR BRETHREN.—Our fellow-countrymen residing in the East are at this time exposed to great peril, let me then beg of you when you pray in the Litany, that God "would succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation," add the words, "especially our brethren now suffering from war or violence in the East," and to insert the same words at the proper place when you offer up the prayer for all conditions of men. I also recommend that the prayer "in the time of war and tumults" be used.

I remain,

Rev. and dear Brethren,
Yours very faithfully,

JOHN TORONTO.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold his next General Ordination in the Cathedral, Toronto, on Sunday, the 18th October. Candidates for Holy Orders, whether of Deacon or Priest, are requested to communicate without delay to the Rev. H. J. Grassett, 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.

CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE TORONTO.—The Standing Committee of the Church Society will meet (D.V.) on Wednesday, 7th October, at 3 p.m. and the general meeting of the Society will be held on the following Wednesday.

KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSOR, NOVA SCOTIA.—The Rev. T. J. M. W. Blackman, B.A., of this University, having performed all the exercises required by the appointed examiners in Civil Law, has been admitted to the Degree of D. C. L. by accumulation.

Copies of the prayer recommended by the Bishop of London, to be used in private or family worship for our suffering fellow-countrymen in the East, may be obtained at the publisher's H Rowsell, King Street.

The degree of D.D. of Hobart Free College, Geneva, N. Y., has been, by a unanimous vote, conferred on the Rev. Adam Townley, of Paris.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

NEW CHURCH IN ORILLIA.

Orillia, 20th August, 1857.

The pleasing ceremony of opening St James's Church, in this village, for Divine Service, took place on Sunday, the 9th of August. Before the hour of service arrived the church was crowded, and many stood around the building; a goodly number from the country congregations of the Mission came in to join in the service. Prayer were said by the Rev. T. B. Read, Incumbent, and the Lessons read by the Rev. C. C. Brough, of London. A most eloquent and impressive sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Adamson, of Toronto, after which a large number of the congregation partook of the Holy Communion. The Rev. C. C. Brough preached in the afternoon, alluding in a very feeling manner to the altered state of things in this place since the period when he resided among the early settlers and shared their privations.

Appropriate anthems were sung by the choir, who performed their part of the service throughout with great credit.

The collections for the Building Fund were also very satisfactory. The church is yet unfinished, but its advanced condition is highly gratifying to those who have shared the labour of its erection, and will encourage them to go on with its completion. Its massive stone walls, spacious chancel and high-pitched roof, with wooden framework in the interior, give it a solid ecclesiastical appearance. A brilliant stained-glass window, such as is rarely seen in such churches, has been placed in the church, which, for exquisite beauty of design and artistic skill in execution, is perhaps not surpassed in the Province. It is from the establishment recently founded in Toronto by Messrs. McCausland & Bullock, and it is to be hoped that this enterprising firm will meet with the encouragement it so well deserves. For this unexpected and beautiful ornament the church is indebted to Dr. Bovell and Mr. Brown, of the Upper Canada Bank, who kindly interested themselves to obtain it by subscriptions from some of the clergy attending the late Synod, and other friends of the Rev. T. B. Read, in Toronto.

On the Tuesday following a Vestry Meeting was held in the Church, and before other business was entered into, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to those gentlemen, for their truly kind interest in the church, which had led to its receiving so handsome a present, and to the numerous contributors to the window, and church itself, not resident in the parish, and also to the Northern Railroad Company, for sending out the window and those in charge free of expense.

The Rev. T. B. Read was requested as Chairman of the Vestry, to acquaint Dr. Bovell and Mr. Brown with the above resolution, and to request its insertion in the *Colonist* newspaper.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COBOURG.

On Friday last, a deputation from the congregation of this church waited upon the Venerable Archdeacon Bethune, Rector of the Parish, with an address, which, together with his affectionate and appropriate reply, we have much satisfaction in laying before our readers. The former document was very numerously signed, and presents a gratifying testimonial of the happy feeling subsisting between the parties, as well as of the great satisfaction and joy which is so universally felt at the retention of his valuable services in the community:—

ADDRESS.

To the Venerable A. N. Bethune, D.D., D.C.L., Archdeacon of York and Rector of Cobourg.

REV. AND VERY DEAR SIR,—We, the Churchwardens and members of your congregation of St. Peter's Church, upon an occasion which may be deemed a renewal of your sacred ministrations among us, desire to give expression to the feelings of reverence and affection which we entertain towards you.

With the knowledge of the many and eminent qualifications you possess for the discharge of the duties of a more elevated and laborious position in the Church, we could not but participate in the desire so generally entertained by those who are best able, from long experience of those qualifications, to express an opinion on the subject, that, in the first election of a Bishop of our reverend church, expressed by its free voice, you, Sir, might have been the individual elected to fill that important office.

But while we cannot but regret that they, upon whom the duty devolved of selecting a fitting head for their newly-formed Diocese, should have lost the opportunity of marking their approbation of your zealous labours devoted to the welfare of the Church, and which have tended so much to advance her interest throughout the Province, we are deeply impressed with the immense advantage which cannot but result to ourselves from the continuance of the effective, diligent, and eminently pious discharge of your pastoral duties amongst us.

We trust that you may be long spared for these holy purposes, and we are assured, from the knowledge we possess of the kind and affectionate regard that you have always manifested for your flock, as well as from the Christian meekness and humility which have ever marked your course, that no disappointment is being felt by yourself in being permitted, for a future season, to dwell in the bosom of a congregation who have for so many years respected, revered and loved you.

REPLY.

To the Churchwardens and members of the Congregation of St. Peter's Church, Cobourg.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—The feelings of regard and affection, which you have so warmly expressed in this address, it shall be my endeavour to reciprocate by more than words. The esteem and confidence which you thus assure me that you feel, I shall strive to deserve by renewed efforts to promote your spiritual good and the general welfare of our beloved Church.