

## RE-ASSESSMENT OF PARISHES.

The Committee appointed to revise the assessment list of the parishes of the Diocese beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee have been unable to devise any general basis of assessment which would remedy the irregularities found to exist under the present system, they therefore have considered the case of each parish individually, and recommend that the sum set opposite the respective names of Parishes be the assessment for the ensuing year.

Allanville .....	\$ 2	March .....	2
Amherst Island .....	2	Metcalf .....	2
Arthur .....	2	Milton .....	2
Ancaster and Dundas .....	4	Morrisburg .....	2
Barrie .....	4	Newboro' .....	2
Barriefield .....	2	Napanee .....	2
Bath .....	2	Niagara .....	2
Barton .....	2	Newmarket .....	2
Belleville .....	15	Northport .....	2
Berkeley .....	2	Ottawa .....	10
Brockville .....	10	Oakville .....	2
Brampton .....	2	Orillia .....	2
Bowmanville .....	4	Osnaburck .....	2
Brock .....	2	Otonabee .....	2
Cavan .....	2	Oakridges .....	2
Cobourg .....	15	Perrytown .....	2
Carleton Place .....	2	Pembroke .....	2
Credit .....	2	Port Trent .....	2
Collingwood .....	2	Peterborough .....	4
Charleston .....	2	Pictou .....	4
Chippawa .....	4	Pickering .....	2
Cartwright .....	2	Prescott .....	4
Clarke .....	4	Pouctanguishene .....	2
Cornwall .....	6	Perth .....	2
Carrying Place .....	2	Port Hope .....	2
Camden .....	2	Portsmouth Richmond .....	2
Douro .....	2	Rockton .....	2
Dunnville .....	2	Rice Lake .....	2
Etobicoke .....	5	Reach .....	2
Elora .....	2	Saltfleet .....	2
Emily .....	2	St. Catharines .....	10
Franktown .....	2	Scarboro' .....	2
Fitzroy .....	2	Sydenham .....	2
Fredericksburg .....	2	Stirling .....	2
Fenelon .....	2	Seymour .....	2
Fort Erie .....	2	Smith's Falls .....	2
Georgina .....	2	Streetsville .....	2
Goulborn .....	2	Stewartown .....	2
Gananoque .....	2	Toronto, St. James' .....	40
Garden River .....	2	" St. George's .....	20
Grimsby .....	3	" Holy Trinity .....	10
Georgetown .....	2	" Trinity .....	10
Grantham .....	2	" St. John's .....	6
Guelph .....	10	" St. Stephen's .....	4
Grafton .....	2	" St. Paul's .....	10
Hamilton, Christ's Church .....	15	Thornhill .....	6
" Ascension .....	10	Thorold .....	4
" St. Thomas .....	5	Tecumseth .....	2
Kingston, St. Geo's .....	20	Tyendinaga .....	2
" St. James' .....	5	Welland .....	2
" St. Paul's .....	5	Walpole .....	2
Kemptville .....	4	Wellington Square .....	2
Louth .....	2	Woodbridge .....	2
Lloydtown .....	2	Watertown .....	2
Lindsay .....	2	West Gwillimbury .....	2
Lamb's Pond .....	2	Whitby .....	2
Mono .....	2	Wellington .....	2
Merriekville .....	2	West Hawkesbury .....	2
Manetooabning .....	9	Wolfe Island .....	2
Markham .....	4	York .....	2
Minto .....	2	York Mills .....	4
Mountain .....	2		

In establishing the foregoing rates of assessment your Committee have taken into account the number of Churchmen and their resources in

each Parish, and likewise the relative distances of Missions from Toronto. It is obviously unfair to tax parishes which are wholly unendowed in the same ratio with endowed parishes, and it should not be forgotten that the expenditure incurred by far distant Missions in defraying the expenses of their Ministers and Delegates, while in attendance on Synod, is very great in proportion to the distance from Toronto, while the congregations in that city have nothing to pay for the attendance of Ministers or Delegates. Your Committee would, moreover, recommend that a Committee of Revision of Assessment be annually appointed to make such change in this list as the altered state of parishes may justify. All which is respectfully submitted.

J. T. LEWIS,  
Chairman.

The Hon. J. H. Cameron, having obtained leave, brought up the following report from the committee on the

## REGULATION OF ENDOWMENTS.

The Committee, to whom it was referred to consider whether any and what means could be devised for the better regulation, management and division of Endowments of Churches, beg leave to report,—

That in order to enable the Synod to deal with the Endowments that have from time to time been made by the Crown or individuals to churches or parishes, they recommend the appointment of a Committee, whose duty it shall be,

To examine carefully all orders in Council, Crown grants and deeds, relating to churches, parishes and glebes.

To ascertain the trusts upon which any Church property is held, and whether those trusts have been fulfilled.

To take such steps as they may consider necessary for enforcing compliance with such trusts.

To report especially upon the case of any township, city, town or parish, in which there exists more than one church, but with an endowment appropriated only by or to one church only.

To suggest a basis of division, in cases in which they consider it advisable to apportion an endowment among several churches.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. HILLIARD CAMERON,  
Chairman.

Dr. Bovell, having obtained leave, brought up the following report from the Committee on

## LESSENING THE AMOUNT OF DRUNKENNESS.

According to the original Resolution of Synod, this Committee was appointed:—"to consider and report upon the best subsidiary or auxiliary means of lessening the amount of drunkenness, and aiding in the reformation of the inebriate and his restoration to society."

Your Committee beg to tender, with due submission to the Synod of the Church, the following report, as the result of their considerations. They are of opinion that:

The first and chief means to be employed by the Church, in endeavouring to lessen the amount of drunkenness or other crime, must ever be her own manifestation of palpable purity, and entire freedom from allowance of crime within herself. She must cause her own blessed light "so to shine" in the holy and unblemished lives of her children, that men, seeing their good works, may glorify their Father which is in heaven,—even that "Father of lights, from whom, with the Son, proceedeth that Spirit of holiness, whose fruit is 'love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

To this end the Church, through her constituted agencies, must needs commence all works of general reformation with self reformation; employing her efforts on such members of society as are also members of herself, "judgment must begin at the house of God." She must herself take the initiative, purifying her own borders, and cleansing the "household of faith" by a dutious and jealous exercise of the authority committed to her of the Lord, "for edification and not for destruction." Recollecting that her salutary Rule of Discipline was never meant to be made purposeless, or to become, by reason of desuetude, a lifeless letter; the Church is imperatively called on to take up and carry out, honestly and earnestly, the Canon of Communion contained in her Book of Common Prayer. She must use her godly authority to the preservation of her people from defiling association, and to the promotion of internal reform when needed. "Building herself upon her most holy faith and praying in the Holy Ghost, she must keep herself in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life, and of some she must have compassion, making a difference, and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garments spotted with the flesh." She must thus anxiously strive to save her children from the corrupting plague of communication with persons given to habits of ungodliness, whether of meebriety or other deadly sin; for if these persons be "spots at social feasts, how much more so when they come to feast at Holy Communion, there eating and drinking damnation to themselves, not discerning the Lord's body, while they offend those who should be kept 'unspotted from the world.'" She must give earnest heed to the Apostolic injunction,— "But now have I written unto you not to keep company, if any man, that is called a brother, be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, with such an one, no, not to eat." \* \* \* "Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." (1 Cor. v. 11, 13.) "Now," says the Apostle elsewhere, "N w we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly." \* \* \* "If any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him that he may be ashamed; yet, count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother." (2 Thess. iii., 6, 14, 15.)

Your Committee believe that, in order to affect the objects of the Resolution in such sort as Christians should desire, this Synod must act in its sacred capacity as a Synod of the Church of Christ, and must therefore give all encouragement to those in authority within her, to use the legitimate means and appliances she still possesses, as well for cutting off all just cause of offence, as for "crucifying the old man, and utterly abolishing the whole body of sin." In this conviction the following suggestions are respectfully submitted to the lower Estates of this sacred Synod:—That said Estates do signify to the Right Reverend Bishop their firm resolve, with God's help, cordially to sustain him in his official enforcement of the rules and regulations contained in the Book of Common Prayer; knowing that they were intended to conserve the morals of the Church's members, and, by consequence, to influence surrounding society. Reference is here more particularly made to the provisions contained in the first and second rubrics of her Communion Office, and in the first rubric of her Order for the burial of the dead. The former regulations provide that persons guilty of scandalous wickedness shall not be admitted to the Lord's Table until they have truly repented and amended their