

same Constitution, rules and regulations for conducting our business in the different Synods, while we yet retained severally our distinct powers and freedom of action, a vast advantage will have been obtained by the Colonial Church, as well as a great addition to her strength and harmony. Were it to go no further at present than to unite more cordially the other two Dioceses of this Province, it would be of no small benefit to the Church. Even at this moment were the three Bishops, with their Synods, to remonstrate in a compact body against the meditated confiscation of our property, such remonstrances would carry greater weight than when acting singly.

2nd. To consider what steps can be taken at this time towards commencing and establishing a Clerical Sustentation Fund.

I very much fear, that all we can at present do towards the attainment of this important object, will be to appoint a small Committee of zealous and really working men, to collect facts and materials, and report on the subject to the next Synod—adding such remedies and suggestions as may appear to them the most likely to produce favorable results. Some energetic movement in this direction is daily becoming more and more necessary. Many of our clergy are already suffering severely from the neglect of their congregations in not strictly keeping their engagements, and allowing them to fall in arrear. Not that in perhaps any case they desire to put their Minister to serious inconveniences, but they do not regard their debt to him in the same light as a debt to other people; they think it may wait a little. Now, all such engagements should be considered sacred, and to come before all common engagements. If, indeed, we truly feel that we are bound to worship God and to serve him with all our heart, soul, and mind, we shall not hesitate to give a reasonable portion of our substance to support Divine worship, or bestow it grudgingly, or with great reluctance.