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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Want of space has obliged us to leave out many of the accounts of District and Parochial meetings which were in type, although, owing to the length of the list of collections acknowledged, we have for this number increased the size of the paper one-third.

We are informed that some uncalled-for remarks were made in a late number of the *Echo*, with regard to this Periodical. We have not been able to get a sight of the article, but believe its purport was that we had shown a determination to copy only from "*The Church*" such matter as related to the Church, or Church Society meetings, and thereby ignored the existence of other papers. The gentleman who makes the selections for the *Gazette* does not undertake to read any papers, and has never therefore courted exchanges. *The Church* paper being the property of the same Publisher and Proprietor, is weekly sent to him, with a request that he will mark such articles as he desires to have kept in type: Extracts from other papers, as well as original matter, are sent to him from the other Dioceses; and any parties wishing to have notices of meetings, or other information inserted in this paper, should enclose the article containing the information to the Publisher of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, when if it be judged likely to interest the members of the Church, it will without fail be inserted. In this number much of the matter kept in type from *The Church* has been laid aside to make room for the insertion of original communications.

Information has reached us that the Lord Bishop of Quebec has received an official letter from the Hon. Col. Bruce, Governor's Secretary, announcing the arrival of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, addressed to the Administrator of the Government, which signifies the *very gracious reception* by Her Majesty of the petition of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese of Quebec upon the subject of their synodical action, and mentions (a circumstance already recorded by us) the introduction into the Imperial Parliament of the Bill for relieving the Colonial Churches from their disabilities in this behalf. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has also been pleased,

we understand, to signify to the Bishop of Quebec his willingness to advocate the interests of the Church in this matter. It was to him that the petition to the Commons was confided.

✓ The Rural Dean of the Home District begs to inform the Clergy and Gentlemen of the Laity that represented the various Parishes within the bounds of the Rural Deanery at the late meeting of Synod, that he is authorized by the Lord Bishop to state that the preliminary meeting to carry into effect his Lordship's recommendations with respect to the raising of an Episcopal Fund, has been thus long delayed in compliance with his Lordship's express instructions to that effect, and for reasons that commend themselves fully to the Rural Dean's approval.

The Rural Dean embraces this opportunity to give notice that it is his intention to solicit the attendance of the Clergy and Lay Delegates of his Rural Deanery at a meeting for the above purpose, to be held at Toronto soon after Easter, of which due notice will be given.

Thornhill, April 10th, 1854.

The congregation of St. George's Church, Montreal, have, in consequence of the increased expense of living, increased the stipends of their clergy, the Rev. Dr. Leach and the Rev. Mr. Bond; the former by £100, the latter by £50. Will not this good example be followed in our own diocese?

COLONIAL CHURCHES.

✓ For the following copy of the Colonial Church Bill, introduced in the House of Commons by the Right Honorable Mr. Gladstone, Sir Richard Bethell, and Mr. Peel, we are indebted to the kindness of the Rev. Dr. Adamson.

Bill to relieve the Clergy of the United Church of England and Ireland resident in the Colonies, from any Disability as to the holding of Meetings in such Colonies for the Regulation of Ecclesiastical Affairs therein.

Whereas by reason of the Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances which affect or bind the Bishops and Clergy of the United Church of England and Ireland, doubts may exist whether the Bishops and Clergy of the said Church resident and performing Spiritual Duties in the Colonial Possessions of Her Majesty can lawfully hold or be present at Meetings of the Bishops, Clergy, and lay Persons professing to be Members of the said Church in any Colony, for the purpose of agreeing on Rules and Regulations touching Ecclesiastical Affairs; and it is expedient that such Bishops and Clergy should be relieved from any such Disability; Be it declared and enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spi-

ritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

I. No Statute, Law, Rule, Usage, or other Authority of the United Kingdom shall extend or be construed to prevent the Metropolitan of any Province or the Bishop of any Diocese in the Colonies of Her Majesty, together with his Clergy, and the lay Persons of such Province or Diocese, being Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, from meeting together from time to time for the purpose at such Meetings of making or entering into any such Regulations, Agreements, or Arrangements as local circumstances shall in their Judgment render necessary for the management or conduct of Ecclesiastical Affairs within such Province or Diocese: Provided always, that such Meetings, or the Regulations, Agreements, or Arrangements that may be made thereat, shall not obtain any force or authority from the enactments hereby made.

At the Annual Vestry Meetings on Easter Monday, the following Churchwardens were appointed for the several churches:—

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH.—T. D. Harris and Lewis Moffatt.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—W. Whitney and Walter McKenzie.

TRINITY CHURCH, KING STREET.—Enoch Turner and Wm. Gooderham.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—John Arnold and W. P. Roberts.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.—J. W. Brent and — Berczy.

DEATH OF COL. MOUNTAIN.

✓ We transfer, with regret, the following obituary from the *Montreal Herald*.

Among the items of intelligence brought by the *Europa*, we regret to find the death of Col. Armino S. J. Mountain, son of the former, and brother of the present, Bishop of Quebec. This gallant and distinguished officer died at Futtyghar, in the Bengal Presidency, on the 18th of February last, but it is not mentioned whether from disease or other cause.

✓ The Clergy are reminded that there is a Prayer appointed to be used when our country is engaged in war.

MONIES RECEIVED ON ACCOUNT CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF SYNOD.

Previously announced in *Church* paper, 6th March, £6 0s. 0d.; Woodstock, per Rev. J. C. Gibson, £3; Elizabeth Town and North Augusta, per Rev. W. C. Clark, 10s.; St. Jas. Kemptville, per Rev. H. E. Plees, £1; Zono Mills, per Rev. John Gunno, 10s.; Carleton Place, 10s.; Ennisville, per Rev. J. A. Morris, 10s.; making in all £12.

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