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Yours faithfully,

Dec. 20th, 1878.

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THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—The cheering intelligence contained in the accompanying letter, received by the last Canadian mail from the Lord Bishop of Huron, compels me to ask you to be kind enough to give it a place in the columns of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN. After reading it carefully, I concluded to request its publication *in extenso*, and not attempt to present its purport in my own words. I am satisfied you will agree with me as to the value of the information furnished, and that it must give a stimulus to all the friends of the University scheme, and especially to those who have personal experience of the difficulties with which so important an undertaking has to contend.

It is gratifying to be able to say that the amount of subscriptions obtained by his Lordship is nearly \$30,000.

The allusion to the Rev. Mr. Hurst will surprise and gratify his friends here. The Bishop has been fortunate in securing his services. From what I saw and heard of Mr. Hurst in England, I am convinced that few so fitted as he for the work could be found. He had been until recently one of the District Secretaries of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, and a few months ago he was unanimously elected a Resident Secretary of the Society, in London, at a salary of £400 per annum. He was eminently popular as a Secretary, and very comfortably situated. Yet his old diocese has attractions, which, to him, are stronger than all others. We hope that his labors during the remainder of his stay in England, and his resumed services in Canada, will be favored with abundant blessings from the Most High.

Yours truly,

JOHN GEMLEY.

London, Dec. 12, 1878.

London, S.W., England,
November 27, 1878.

MY DEAR MR. GEMLEY,—In my last letter I gave you the good news that an old friend presented me with a cheque for £500 (five hundred pounds) towards the "Western University." I am thankful to be able to inform you that the Standing Committee of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, on Monday last, passed *unanimously* a resolution for a grant of £2,000 (two thousand pounds) towards our Western University, which grant will no doubt be confirmed at the next general meeting of the society. We thank God, and take courage.

Our London and other friends will, I feel sure, be much pleased to learn how greatly God is blessing our efforts here, and I trust you will meet with a cordial welcome and liberal response wherever you may go. I am determined, with God's help—notwithstanding the multiform difficulties inseparable from so great an undertaking—to persevere in my efforts until the University is fully equipped and in working order, and occupying a position not second to any in our Dominion. And I believe the day is not far distant when, I trust, our new Governor-General and his Royal Consort will be invited to inaugurate the "Western University." I meet with unwearied kindness and encouragement from every quarter; and when God is with us, as he evidently is, we must succeed.

That our Canadian Christian friends appreciate our past and present efforts to advance higher education on sound Protestant principles, is an unspeakable comfort and encouragement to me. Of course, at my time of life, I find the work hard and arduous, but looking to the benefits which I trust will be reaped by the present and future generations of our Western Province from the establishment of our Western University, self-denial and labors sink into utter insignificance.

You will be glad to learn that Mr. Hurst will, with the new year, devote his whole time to our good cause amongst our English friends, and after that return to Canada and take parochial work

again, as he likes that work and wishes to return to the diocese. May God prosper you in all your ways.

[Signed]

Yours, etc.,

I. HURON.

CHURCH DECORATION.

SIR.—It is very pleasing to see and know of the interest that is year by year shown in the decoration of the House of God, for our various joyful festivals. And perhaps it may be said that never was there more desire shown and care and trouble taken to make All Saints' Church in this village, have a joyful festive appearance, than at this holy season. For the first time we used that "patent body" for the wreathing, made by Warren, of Watertown, Conn., which enabled the "workers" not only to complete their work in a much shorter time than usual, but also to make the wreaths of a more uniform thickness, and they were also free from the anxiety about cutting their fingers, and the twine with which the wreaths used to be made breaking, and the whole decoration virtually destroyed unless more than ordinary care is taken. Besides the evergreens in various devices, there is a very beautiful reredos in the retable, of three compartments, in gold, blue and red on a white ground, gilt uprights and a gilt cross capping it all. Above that, hung in the middle of the window, is an illuminated star encircled by greens. The font, at the west end, has a very nice cover, octagon shaped, standing about three feet high, painted in red, gold and ferns, and at the top a gold cross. Altogether, there never was more done having so good an effect, and with more good taste and good feeling than at this present season. St. John's Church, Stamford, though not so elaborate is also very beautifully decorated, a great deal of care having been taken, and a desire shown to make the material building accord with the joy we all feel at the return of Christmas-tide. May every Christmas blessing be bestowed on all who thus employ themselves in beautifying the House of God's Sanctuary. I. Drummondville, Innocents' Day, 1878.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH AND THANKSGIVING DAY.

SIR,—Concerning your article in last week's DOMINION CHURCHMAN charging the authorities of All Saints' Church with misappropriating the evening offertory on Thanksgiving day, allow us to say that you, as well as those who have been troubling you with so much correspondence, must have overlooked the notices which appeared in the Daily Newspapers announcing that the offertory of the early celebration would be appropriated for the poor, that at the 11 o'clock service for the mission fund and that at the evening, for the organ fund. Also, have overlooked the fact that after the sermon, and before the collection notice was expressly given to the congregation that the offertory except otherwise marked, would be applied to the organ fund. Having done all that could be reasonably expected, to give publicity to our services and the purpose to which we intended to apply the proceeds of the various collections, surely no one having any interest in the subject could be misled—and certainly no injustice was done to the Mission Fund, because the offertory at the regular service was liberal and in keeping with all the contributions by "All Saints," given to the synod for diocesan purposes. In no spirit of boasting, nor with the desire to compare ourselves with other churches, but to place us right before the readers of the "Article" in question we may be permitted to say that as a young branch of the Church whose advent in this city does not extend beyond six or seven years and whose congregation is not considered wealthy, and with a large debt on the church and organ yet to be renewed, and a free church supported by voluntary offerings only, "All Saints," in giving, as it does, upwards of \$600 a year to the missions of this diocese, gives, in our opinion, very liberally.

The choral service in the evening was a special one, and it would have been unjust under the circumstances to the members of the congregation to have applied their money to any other purpose than the organ fund. The service was intended to promote the friendly union of various choirs in a churchly service, and the organ fund seemed not inappropriate for such an occasion.

In appropriating the offertory of the regular morning service to the Mission Fund, as well as the different sums so marked in the evening, we submit that we complied with the letter and spirit of the Lord Bishop's pastoral. We feel sure that His Lordship's circular was no more disregarded by our action on Thanksgiving day, than by the Christmas offertory at the early celebration, being given by our Rector, as it is, to the Poor—to which no objection has been ever made. In conclusion we might state that the Church of the Holy Trinity had no intention of having anything but the usual Advent service in the Chapel of the Church—and if any person is aggrieved, who contributed on that evening to the organ fund by mistake, upon making the fact known to the Churchwardens, his collection shall be paid over at once to the Mission Fund.

Therefore in view of these facts, and claiming, as we do, the right to control our funds as we think proper, and with every feeling of respect for our venerable and beloved Bishop, whose circular we duly regarded and literally complied with, we submit that your charge of *misappropriation* is ungracious and unfounded, and that no one should have been surprised or disappointed on that occasion.

Yours truly,

C. H. GREENE, } Churchwardens.
CHAS. UNWIN, }

[We willingly publish the above explanation which no doubt fairly represents the case, as it presents itself to the mind of the authorities of All Saints. In our judgment, however, it does not supply any justification of the course which was, we have no doubt, inconsiderately pursued. The Bishop in his pastoral, which he directed his clergy to read to their people on the previous Sunday, directed that the offerings of the faithful on Thanksgiving day should be applied to the Mission Fund. We submit that no clergyman had a right to appropriate those offerings made at one service, or at three, to any other object. The fact adduced by the churchwardens of All Saints' that the Bishop directs the offerings of Christmas Day to be given to the clergy of the different parishes; and that the Rector of All Saints', without complaint from anyone, appropriates one of the offerings of that day to the poor, does not surely supply any justification of the point we are discussing. The money is given to the clergy for their own comfort and enjoyment; and if they think it will minister to their comfort or enjoyment to give it all to the poor, no one would have any right to object. And if the offerings at All Saints on Thanksgiving day had all been handed to the Mission Board and the Board had handed back the amount collected at one of the services to the Organ Fund, then the illustration would have been in point. In like manner the very considerable sum contributed to the Mission Fund by All Saints does not in the least alter the case. We know a congregation not one-fourth the size of All Saints, and not proportionately any better, that contributed last year, not six, but over eight hundred dollars to the Synod Funds; but that would not justify the Rector and Churchwardens in saying, we have done enough; we will take part of the money, which the Bishop asks for the general use of the Church, for our own use. The generous offer made by the churchwardens of All Saints' to restore the money to any who contributed by mistake, certainly frees them from the charge of misappropriating any of the money that was actually contributed. But what we specially complain of is that Funds that would have been contributed were not contributed at all, because many people, whether rightly or wrongly felt that they had been misled. We saw several people taking bills out of their pockets (in one case a five dollar bill) who indignantly put them back, when Mr. Baldwin announced that the offerings would be applied, not to the Mission Fund for which the Archdeacon had been so eloquently pleading but, for the Organ Fund of the Church. It is quite true that notice was given in the papers the day before of the intended appropriation of the evening collection. Many people never, and more people seldom, read advertisements. So that it was manifest to any one sitting amongst them, that a very large proportion of the congregation were utterly taken by surprise by Mr. Baldwin's announcement. Moreover whatever may have