

present meeting affords of expressing to you in this manner through the Churchwardens our united sentiments of high esteem and affectionate regard, which individually and collectively we entertain towards you, and to assure you that such sentiments are too strongly felt and gratefully cherished to be evanescent.

It is now upwards of four years since you undertook your very acceptable, and, we trust to most of us, not unprofitable ministrations in this then new mission; and the striking advancement which our beloved Church has since attained here cannot fail to be gratifying to your own feelings, while it affords ourselves much reason for hope in the future.

It is certainly matter for much congratulation that, during your incumbency our numbers have greatly increased, more especially in juvenile members; while the youthful as well as those of riper age have unmistakably manifested a warmer disposition to appreciate and participate of those blessed advantages and benefits which our Church through her own holy ministry so freely and bountifully supplies.

Again, as to our progress in a material point of view, during the same time, we would merely advert to the erection of the new brick Church at Hawkesbury Hill, to forward which towards its present, though yet incomplete state, you have always so cheerfully and effectually devoted much of your time and attention.

At the same time that we would again express our heartfelt regret at our approaching separation, we will most cordially desire that your future life may be most agreeably and happily spent in your sacred avocations, and as well that the same devoted christian demeanor which has so sensibly affected us, grafted as it is on those superior natural talents which God in his wisdom has gifted you, may in his good Providence in time conduct you to an exalted station of usefulness in his holy Church.

In conclusion, we would offer to Mrs. Lewis and yourself our kindest good wishes for your future welfare.

Signed on behalf of the congregation in vestry meeting assembled.

(Signed) JOHN HAMILTON, ) Churchwardens.  
THOMAS BARTON, (

Rev. J. Travers Lewis requests that all communications to him be addressed, "Bruckville, C. W."

To the Editor of "The Church."

Bovmanville, 5th June, 1851.

Rev. Sir,—In the midst of the bustle and confusion of a removal from the Rectory of Clarke to that of Darlington, I have neglected to furnish you with a statement of the interesting proceedings that took place at the Vestry of St. John's Church in this village on Easter Monday last. The meeting being the first of the kind since the division of these parishes possessed unusual interest, which was greatly augmented by the large attendance of members, who evinced a most praiseworthy zeal in behalf of the future welfare of the Church in this diocese.

From the accounts presented by the churchwardens, it appeared that the Sunday collections for the year had advanced some seventy-five per cent. upon those of the corresponding period last year, and the funds, generally, were reported to be in a prosperous condition. The church had been neatly painted a few months previous, and the debt accruing therefrom promptly paid; and, through the kind exertions of a few ladies (Mrs. Low, Mrs. Armour, and others), a pair of beautiful chandeliers had been purchased for St. John's.

The state of the grounds attached to the church occupied the consideration of the meet-

ing, and it was ordered that the same be surveyed, properly laid out, and ornamented with shrubbery.

After the transaction of the ordinary business, several handsome donations were presented as Easter offerings. John Hibbert, Esq., a most indefatigable church warden, made a gift of one hundred pounds towards the fund which has been established for the payment of the clergymen's stipend; and Mrs. Low, an old friend of the Church, presented two massive and elegant chairs for the altar, worth fifteen pounds. Fleetwood and Frederick Cubitt, Esqs., relinquished certain claims upon pews for the benefit of the parish.

This Rectory having been taxed to the amount of £300, in accordance with the scheme of our venerated diocesan for the establishment of the Episcopal Endowment Fund, that important subject engaged the serious consideration of the Vestry, when, after full discussion, it was unanimously resolved that that sum should be secured to the authorities of the Church for the purpose aforesaid,—three gentlemen (Dr. Low, and Robert Armour and John Hibbert, Esqs.) pledging themselves to pay, should it be found necessary, £50 each.

On the occasion in question the writer embraced an opportunity of mentioning an instance of great liberality towards himself on the part of two devoted parishioners. A beautiful lot of land of two acres, situated in the most delightful part of the village, and valued at £200, had been presented to him by his noble friend Dr. Low for the erection of a family residence,—Robert Armour, Esq., church-warden, having most generously contributed one-fourth of that amount for the purpose.

Such are a few instances amongst the many in which the beloved people of my charge have shown the kindest feeling towards their pastor, and the most earnest zeal for the general interests of the Church.

The ladies of the congregation have for years past done much in various ways to promote the prosperity of the same blessed cause.

With such a membership I doubt not but you will agree with me in saying, that this parish must, by the blessing of God, soon take its place among the first in the diocese.

I am, Rev and dear Sir,

Yours obediently.

A. MACNAB.

PRESENT TO THE REV. ALEXANDER SANSON.

To the Rev. Alexander Sanson, Incumbent of Trinity Church, King Street, Toronto.

REV. SIR:—The ladies of your congregation beg your acceptance, through the medium of the Churchwardens, of a Tea Service, which they present to you as a token of their respect and esteem for the faithful discharge of your ministerial duties to the numerous congregation attending your church.

Toronto, 24th May, 1851.

To the Ladies of Trinity Church, King Street, Toronto.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—Allow me to return my very cordial thanks for your exceedingly chaste and elegant gift, which has just been presented to me by our kind and respected churchwardens.

Words cannot express my appreciation of your present, not only on its own account, although costly and valuable, but also and especially on account of the very friendly feelings by which it must have been prompted, and of which it is at once a useful and graceful memorial. Highly as I value your respect and esteem, and much as I have been concerned for the faithful discharge of my ministerial duties, yet, being conscious of manifold deficiencies, I

am deeply sensible that I am more indebted for your regard and its handsome token to your kindness than to my own doings or deserts. Not, however, to prolong this attempt to give expression to what is more easily felt than spoken, permit me to add, that although I have had uninterrupted experience of your friendliness, and need no outward proof of its existence, yet I feel much encouraged by this mark of your regard, accompanied as it is by your brief but gratifying note, and presented so cheerfully and heartily by our worthy churchwardens. May our Heavenly Father accept your good will towards his ministering servant; make it the spring of many blessings and much happiness to your several families, and enable me, in the performance of my important duties, to render to you and yours some substantial and abiding return for all the kindness which I have received at your hands from the first day that I came among you to the present hour. With much respect and regard, I beg leave to subscribe myself,

Your affectionate friend and Minister,  
ALEXANDER SANSON.

#### MEETING OF THE PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE SYNOD.

TORONTO, June 8th, 1851.

The Committee for general purposes appointed by the Synod of this Diocese at the close of its Session in October last, met this day at the request of the Bishop in the Parochial School House, at ten o'clock. The Bishop having taken the Chair, requested the names of the Clerical and Lay Members composing the Committee to be called over, and finding them almost all present addressed them as follows:

*Reverend Gentlemen and Gentlemen:*

Towards the close of the proceedings of the Synod on the 14th of October last, it was

Resolved, "That a Committee for General Purposes be appointed by this Synod consisting of 12 Clerical and 12 Lay delegates, of which his Lordship the Bishop be *ex officio* Chairman, who shall sit and act from time to time until the next Meeting of this Synod, to consult and advise upon matters connected with the Church in this Diocese—to frame and report rules and regulations for the future guidance of this Synod, touching the future election of delegates to the Synod—the mode of procedure at meetings thereof, and all things necessary to insure order and despatch therein; to report from time to time upon such matters as they may have considered, and from such reports to cause a condensed statement to be printed and forwarded to the Members of the Synod, at least one month previous to its next meeting."

During the winter I found no valid reasons for summoning the Committee. The Government appeared fully pledged to bring forward early in the Session a measure in favour of the Colonial Church, which should make ample amends for the hasty and perhaps uncourteous rejection last year of the Archbishop's Colonial Church Regulation Bill.

Accordingly a Bill was introduced by Her Majesty's Solicitor General towards the end of February, on the principle, that the Church of England in the Colonies ought to have similar privileges to those possessed by other religious bodies. This Bill was nearly the same in substance as the amended Bill introduced by the Honorable the Chancellor of the Exchequer in June, 1852, and consisted of a preamble and one clause. The Solicitor General in moving for leave to bring in this measure, said it was to relieve the Colonial Clergy from certain disabilities, which arose from the fact that it was illegal for them to meet together for the purpose of