

APPENDIX.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT THE VISITATION OF THE LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO, HELD IN THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, TORONTO, ON THE 1st MAY, 1851.

VISITATION OF THE LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO.

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1851, *the Festival of St. Philip and St. James.*

This being the day appointed by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, in his Pastoral Letter, dated 2nd of April, 1851, for the holding of the Triennial Visitation, there was Divine Service at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, at Eleven o'clock, A. M.

Prayers were said by the Rev. E. Denroche, A. M., Incumbent of St. Peter's Church, Brockville; the Lessons were read by the Rev. Saltern Givins, Incumbent of St. Jude's Church, Oakville and Rural Dean of the Midland Deanery; the ante-Communion Service was read by the Venerable Archdeacon of York, the Rev. Saltern Givins reading the Epistle; the Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. M. Herchmer, M. A., Chaplain to the Lord Bishop, from the 2nd chapter of Malachi, 7th verse; Holy Communion was administered by the Lord Bishop, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Kingston, the Ven. the Archdeacon of York, and the Rev. H. J. Grasett, Domestic Chaplain to the Lord Bishop.

Divine Service being ended, the Lord Bishop stated that he would deliver his Charge at Three o'clock.

Three o'clock.

The clergy and the lay representatives from their several missions or congregations whom they had invited, at the request of the Lord Bishop, to accompany them to this Visitation, having taken their places in the Church,

The names of the clergy were called over by the Rev. H. J. Grasett, Chaplain to the Lord Bishop; when the following clergymen answered to their names:
[See List of Clergy and Laity attending the Visitation, published in *The Church* paper.]

The Lord Bishop, having desired the clergy and lay representatives to be seated, delivered his Charge.

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The Charge being ended, the lay representatives from the several parishes or missions were desired to come forward, and hand in their credentials to the Lord Bishop's Chaplain; which, having been done, the clergy were desired to occupy the right side of the Church, and the laity the left.

His Lordship then addressed the assembly, as follows:

REV. GENTLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN,—

I remarked in my Pastoral Letter, that the business to be brought under your consideration would be confined to the temporal affairs and position of the Church; and I trust that you will allow me to exercise the privileges which belong to me, on such occasions, without comment or offence.

These are: that in all Diocesan meetings of the clergy, over which the Bishop presides, no proceeding shall be introduced without his previous sanction, nor be considered carried without his approval.

This much being premised, I have to state that the business which I have to bring before you this time, may be conveniently comprised in the form of two questions:

1. Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, take any steps to protect her property and endowments?

2. Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, apply for permission from the Crown, to hold Diocesan Synods or Convocations?

Should both questions be answered in the affirmative, I would then propose the following course of proceeding, as appearing to me the most convenient.

In regard to the first, we should petition the three branches of the Imperial Parliament to protect our endowments, and secure them for ever, to the sacred purposes for which they were set apart.

We should petition the three branches of the Colonial Legislature against disturbing the 3rd and 4th Vic. chap. 78; and should deprecate the continuance of the intolerable injustice of having to contend against Roman Catholic votes upon questions embracing the confiscation of Church property, as tending to breed a religious rancour that can never be appeased, till all such property in both Provinces shall be swept away: a result which the petitioners would earnestly deplore, and which they seek by this solemn protest and warning to avert.

We should also petition the Colonial Legislature for separate Schools, wherever they may be required; as the Church has the same right to this privilege as the Roman Catholics, or any other denomination, and which cannot be refused without manifest injustice.

In regard to the second question, if decided in the affirmative, the most expedient and proper method of proceeding will be to petition Her Majesty the Queen, through His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, for leave to hold Diocesan Synods,—a copy of the petition to be at the same time forwarded through His Excellency the Governor General, Earl Elgin, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies. And here I notice a ground of encouragement: the Australian Colonies, with fewer Church members and clergy than this single Diocese contains, are at this very moment soliciting some such measure as we have in contemplation.

I have only to add, that should this assembly agree to the course of proceeding which I have ventured to suggest, there would be no necessity for detaining the members after the two questions had been solemnly decided, as a committee may be appointed to draw up the required documents, under the sanction and approbation of the Bishop, and to forward them to their several destinations.

His Lordship then requested the meeting to appoint two Secretaries,—one clergyman, and one layman.

It was moved by the Rev. S. S. Strong, of Bytown, seconded by the Rev. M. Harris, A. M., Rector, Perth, and Rural Dean of the Bathurst District,

“That the Rev. J. G. Goddes, B. A., Rector, Hamilton, be requested to act as Secretary, on behalf of the clergy, at this meeting.” Carried.

Moved by Geo. Crawford, Esq., of Brockville, seconded by Dr. Mewburn, of Stamford,

“That Dr. Bovell be appointed Secretary, on behalf of the laity.” Carried.

His Lordship then proposed two questions for the decision of the meeting:

1st. Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, take any steps to protect her property and endowments? Which was answered in the affirmative.

2nd. Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, apply for permission from the Crown to hold Diocesan Synods or Convocations? Which was also answered in the affirmative.

The meeting was then adjourned to the following day (Friday), at Ten o'clock, to meet for prayers at the Church of the Holy Trinity; after which, his Lordship dismissed the assembly with his benediction.