

and other necessary qualifications in candidates for the sacred ministry of the church, and that none should be admitted to holy orders but such as can answer conscientiously the question put to every candidate in the Ordination Service—a test which, if faithfully applied, they are satisfied would secure, so far as human means can be expected to secure, an efficient and godly ministry.

"That with reference to the personal holiness of the clergy and other members of the Church of England, they would cordially rejoice if better means could be devised than at present exist for the exercise of godly discipline.

"That in the opinion of your petitioners the retention by the Wesleyans of their system of 'class-meetings' need not be an insuperable obstacle to their re-union with the Church.

"That in respect to the admission of a Wesleyan minister to the orders of the Church of England, your petitioners submit that it would be improper to retain the requirement of a three years' testimonial, so far as regards life and behaviour; but as regards soundness in the faith, and general fitness for the sacred ministry they think it desirable that the period of probation be reduced, and that no longer time be prescribed than the Bishop may require to satisfy himself on those essential points.

"That your petitioners disclaim all wish to interfere with the property or patronage of the Wesleyan body.

"That, whilst anxious for the removal of every necessary barrier between the Church of England and the Wesleyan Methodists, your petitioners cannot refrain from saying that they would entertain better hopes of eventual reconciliation, could the Wesleyans be induced to revert to the principles of their founder, by receiving the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the parish church only.

Lastly—That your petitioners desire humbly to represent to your two houses that, aiming, as they do, at the restoration of union, they would heartily rejoice to see such of the Wesleyan ministers as are already in mind and spirit one with the Church of England, united to her by Episcopal ordination, and so placed in a position to co-operate with her clergy as fellow-labourers in the vineyard of their common Lord and Master.

"Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your two houses will be pleased to take the premises into your serious consideration, and to advise upon such measures as to you may seem most expedient for bringing about a restoration of the Wesleyan Methodists, to the communion of the Church of England.

"And your petitioners will ever pray."

Parish of St. Paul's.

MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS.

EASTER MONDAY,
March 24th, 1856.

A meeting of the Parishioners of St. Paul's was held this day.

Present:—The Rector, the Church Wardens, &c., &c.
Prayers read by the Rector.

A motion having been made, that this meeting do now proceed to business, it was moved by Mr. Lynch, and seconded by Mr. Cogswell.

That the Rector be requested to take the chair, the Parish having the right to choose their own Chairman.

The motion was then put and passed, 23 voting for it, and 12 against it.

After the motion passed the following was addressed to the meeting by the Rector from the Chair: "In deference to the majority of the Parishioners, I retain the Chair; but do not thereby give up my right to sit as Chairman, in virtue of my right as Rector of the Parish. And I request the same to be inserted on the minutes."

The Minutes of Easter Meeting, 1855, were then read: after which the senior Church Warden read the accounts of income and expenditure of the Parish during the past year. Auditors were then appointed for the present and ensuing years. Messrs. P. C. Hill and J. G. A. Creighton were then elected Church Wardens. The following were elected Vestrymen:—

Messrs. J. B. Fay, W. J. Almon, J. Wier, Dr. Jennings, Dr. L. E. Van Buskirk, J. W. Ritchie, W. Townsend, H. Harvey, E. Binney, J. C. Cogswell, W. Renne's, and B. Salter.

The Rector stated that the next subject for consideration of the meeting according to the usual course of proceeding, was, the salaries of the Curates and other parish officers for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Dr. Almon, and seconded by Dr. DeWolf.

That the meeting now proceed to the election of Representatives of the Parish of St. Paul's at the Diocesan Assembly of Nova Scotia.

The following amendment was moved by J. W. Ritchie, and seconded by Dr. Jennings, viz:—

Resolved, That application be made to the clergymen officiating in the Parish of St. Paul's, to ascertain, whether

it is their intention to attend the Synod as members of that body while so officiating, and if so, whether it is their intention to carry out, or assist in carrying out, within this parish, the resolutions, or canons, or any of the regulations passed at any of the meetings of the Synod.

The amendment was put, and passed by a majority of ten, 23 voting for the amendment, and thirteen against it.

The following resolution was then moved by A. M. Uniacke, and duly seconded, and passed by a majority of 18: Twenty-seven voting for it, and nine against it.—viz:—

WHEREAS.—By a resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Parish on the 15th September, 1854, it was considered injudicious to establish Synods;

And Whereas.—At a General Meeting of the Parish held in April 1855, it was resolved:—That this Parish will not be represented at such Synod;

Therefore, be it Resolved,—that this meeting still entertain the same opinion, and deem it inexpedient to elect representatives to attend the Diocesan Assembly of Nova Scotia.

It was then moved by Mr. Kinnear, and seconded by Mr. Sawyer, as follows, viz:—

Resolved,—That notice be given that a special meeting be called for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of dividing the Parish of St. Paul's into the separate parishes of St. Paul's and St. Luke's. And that the Churchwardens be requested to give notice of such meeting within three months from this date.—Pass'd.

Moved and seconded—

That this meeting do adjourn to Friday, the 28th inst, at two o'clock, P.M.—Passed.

ADJOURNED PARISH MEETING.

At 2 o'clock, P. M. March 28, 1856.

Present:—The Rector in the Chair; Church Warden P. C. Hill, &c., &c. Church Warden J. G. A. Creighton being absent, from indisposition.

Prayers read by the Rector.

The minutes of the former meeting having been read, The Rector read a statement again protesting against the resolution of Easter Monday, by which the Parishioners claimed the right of appointing their own chairman, and claimed the chair in his own right; on which Mr. Ritchie moved and Dr. Jennings seconded,—

That the Rector do now leave the Chair, and that Mr. Hill do take it.

Before the question was put, the Rector withdrew his protest; it being understood by all parties, that the respective rights of the Rector and Parishioners remain as they were at the adjournment of the meeting on Easter Monday.

P. C. Hill, Church Warden, then read the replies of the Rector, and Curates, to the copy of the Resolution passed at the last meeting.

REPLY OF THE RECTOR.

Halifax, Thursday March 27th, 1856.

GENTLEMEN.—Courtesy demands from me a reply to the application made in a resolution of the Parish Meeting of Monday last, 24th inst., and I gladly avail myself of the opportunity thus afforded me of making known my sentiments and principles in regard to the subject matter of that resolution.

I beg in the first place to remind you that I attend the Diocesan Assembly in my official capacity as Archdeacon, and not at all as one of the Parochial Clergy; and, moreover, when I inform you that I am, by the constitution of that Assembly, the person appointed to take the Chair in the absence of the Bishop, I feel sure that you would not wish me to neglect for the future the duty which thus devolves on me? And further, I feel bound to claim for myself the right inherent in the character of a clergyman of the Church of England, of attending any Church meetings or assemblies, whether Diocesan, Parochial, or otherwise; and I will exercise this right freely and independently, and use my best judgement, on all such occasions, in the discussion of matters connected either with the promotion of the true interests of the Church generally, or of those of the Church in this Diocese in particular.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant.

ROBERT WILLIS, Rector St. Paul's.

The Churchwardens St. Paul's Church, Halifax.

[We refer our readers to page 109, for the Replies of the Curates.]—Ed. C. T.

Hon. Judge Bliss then moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Hartshorne:—

Resolved,—After hearing the candid and explicit statements by the Venerable the Archdeacon, the Rev. Mr. Almon, and the Rev. Mr. Bullock, of their views and sentiments on this subject; that the best interests of the Church would be hazarded,—the character of the Clergy lowered, and their respect and usefulness diminished, by any attempt to coerce or control them in the free exercise of their own conscientious judgment in this matter,—and therefore that this meeting will not proceed further thereon.

On the question being taken on the amendment, there appeared in favor of it, 26; against it, 43.

The amendment was lost by a majority of 17

The question being then taken on the resolution, there appeared in favor of it, 43; against it 26,—viz:—

For the Resolution

Hon. E. Collins,
J. C. Allison,
Wm. Haro,
P. C. Hill,
A. M. Uniacke,
Joseph Wier,
J. B. Fay,
J. C. W. Wilkie,
B. H. Collins,
Ed. Pryor,

— Artz.
Wm. Richardson,
Philip Leason,
Stewart Tremain,
W. S. Symonds,
J. W. Fenerty,
Jacob Withrow,
J. M. Chamberlain,
Jos. Bennett,

— Peters,
W. T. Townsend,
Edgar Allen,
Wm. Dunbar,
Henry Harvey,
M. McIlreith,
Chas. Beamish,

— Monteith,
Azor Stevens,
W. H. Tully,
Geo. Handley,
T. C. Kinnear,
J. W. Ritchie,
S. A. White,
Wm. Reynolds,
John Shuster,

John Romans,
Robt. Richardson,
G. T. Waterfield,
Dr. Buskirk,
T. A. Brown,
Peter Lynch,
Ed. Jennings,
J. C. Cogswell,—43.

* The names marked with an asterisk were objected to, as having no vote.

The salaries to the Curates were then voted for the ensuing year, as heretofore; and various other routine business was transacted.

A motion to adjourn the meeting to this day fortnight having been made,—

The Hon. M. B. Almon gave notice that he would then propose a Resolution modifying, or rescinding the Resolution with respect to the Curates, passed this day

On which, moved by Mr. Ritchie, and seconded by Mr. Hill,—That the meeting do adjourn sine die.

Previous to the question being put, it was moved by S. A. White, and duly seconded,—That the Minutes of this Meeting be published under the direction of the Churchwardens, which passed.

The motion to adjourn sine die was then put from the Chair, and passed; and the meeting adjourned.

Against the Resolution.

J. J. Sawyer,
Hugh Hartshorne,
Hon. Judge Bliss,
John Willis,
Henry Trow,
Dr. Almon,

Hon. M. B. Almon,
E. F. Stewart,
Wm. Willis,
Ed. Binney,
Thomas Bogge, Jun.,
W. Gossip,
Dr. DeWolf,

Henry Pryor,
W. A. Johnston,*
J. T. Walnwright,
W. C. Silver,
M. Keefer,
E. Lortley,
B. W. Salter,
Ed. Wallace,
Geo. Smithers,

C. M. Almon,*
M. B. Almon, Jun.*
E. Jost,*
C. Witham,—26

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DANIEL GALLAGHER,
Vestry Clerk.

[The foregoing is published as a copy of the minutes entered in the Parish Book, but is not altogether correct. For instance, the beginning should have been thus—The Rector took the Chair and opened the meeting as usual with Prayer, after which it was moved, while the Rector was in the Chair, by Mr. Lynch &c., (as in the foregoing.)

It was then moved in amendment, that

"This meeting do now proceed to business," which having been negatived, Mr. Lynch's motion was put and carried.

We have also corrected a word in Judge Bliss's amendment—the minutes published in the *Colonist* had it "their views and determination," for which read "views and sentiments."

Also, of the names marked in asterisks "objected to as having no vote"—only the two former names were mentioned at the meeting, and then not formally objected to. If this is done for the purpose of shrinking the minority, it may be as well to state that there are two doubtful names, at least, on the other side.]—Ed. Ch. T.

The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1856.

MR. UNIACKE'S LETTER.

THE *Colonist* of Tuesday last contains an article addressed to the Editor of *The Church Times*, and signed "A. M. Uniacke," upon which we feel it our duty to make a few observations, regretting their cause, but hoping that they will be viewed in the spirit in which they are conceived—as a reply to an implied charge, on which we entertain no feeling except a desire to set ourselves right with the parties who have made it; and in the hope also, that something may be drawn from our remarks, that may tend to heal our unhappy divisions, and unite the Church more fully in the bond of charity and brotherly love.

In the first place we beg to distinctly repudiate the idea that seems to be conveyed in the article, of an intention to mislead or misrepresent, by our statement that the Rector and Curates had "asserted their right to take part in the business of the Synod." We do not consider that to be "an erroneous statement of facts," or as "withholding any part of their replies," or as evidence of "any such intention." Our assertion was the substance of those categorical replies, and covers the whole intention of the Rector and Curates, in like manner as our