

satisfaction, and steps were immediately taken by the Rural Deans to complete their respective endowments, and it was believed that the rank and respectability of the collectors would give confidence to our people, and induce them to come forward liberally on so great an occasion.

The Church members, in the portion likely to become hereafter the Diocese of Toronto, did not think it incumbent on them to proceed in this matter, as there was no vacancy, but they promised not to be wanting when the proper time arrived, and which in kindness they hoped was yet far distant.

In the western portion of the province great progress was made, and the amount so far advanced as to induce the Rural Deans to hope that they would be able to report a sufficient endowment for the bishopric of London in October, 1854. And had not the proceedings of the Provincial Legislature in regard to the Church property, and afterwards the absorbing attention required to adjust the commutation, interfered, their expectations would have been verified.

To these we may add the alleged procrastination on the part of the Imperial Government in replying to the representations of the Colonial Legislature and the Synod, which no doubt relaxed the efforts of many.

Similar exertions were made in the counties below Kingston, with similar success, but probably suspended from the same causes.

With regard to the Midland District, or rather Kingston, nothing has been done in accordance with the Bishop's pastoral letter or the resolutions of the Synod. The Rural Dean, the Rev. S. Givens, on his appearance to assume his duty as collector, was met with discourtesy instead of encouragement, and found it useless to proceed. Nevertheless a course seems to have been unhappily adopted, without authority, by some few individuals in Kingston. But as the steps taken were never communicated to me, I can give no correct information respecting