

at the period of the Commutation, was a Rector in this portion of the Diocese. Mr. Clarke purposes to leave Canada and return to Scotland, and his annual allowance of \$480 will then lapse to the General Fund, and will prove an annual saving to that amount. Mr. Clarke applied to your Committee to be allowed to draw his stipend for one year after his departure from the Province, and had he solicited the indulgence for his own personal use and in order to facilitate his removal, which could not be effected without such aid, the Committee would undoubtedly have favourably entertained his memorial, inasmuch as there is a justifiable precedent for such a course; but Mr. Clarke did not wish for the grant to benefit himself in any way, but that it should be paid to another Clergyman doing duty in the Diocese of Toronto. Your Committee therefore taking into consideration the present embarrassed state of the Fund felt that it could not consistently grant to a Clergyman in another Diocese funds that were so urgently required in our own. There are two other sources from which a further addition, to the amount of \$680, may be immediately added to the Surplus Fund: but as there is some uncertainty as to the permanency of such addition a further explanation may, with propriety, be left for the next annual Report.

Upon the whole your Committee consider that they are fully justified in anticipating a considerable surplus within a short period, and they indulge the hope that not more than two or three years will elapse before, by the reinvestment of the annual Surplus, the Fund will be restored to its original amount of, say in round numbers, \$300,000, which, having been accomplished, there will then be a large and constantly increasing surplus to be disposed of as the Synod in its wisdom may see fit to direct. All which is respectfully submitted.

HY. PATTON, D. C. L., Chairman.

(I.)

The Committee appointed at the last Synod to devise the best means of discharging the rent on the See House, beg leave to

REPORT:

That on the 24th day of July last the Committee met in Kingston, having, as empowered by the resolution appointing your Committee, called in to their assistance the delegates of the churches in this city, it was, after mature deliberation, deemed advisable that efforts should be made in this city to obtain the amount of the rent, about \$840, before calling upon the other parishes in the Diocese to contribute.

Your Committee issued a circular addressed to the Churchmen of Kingston and vicinity. That after the distribution of the circular it came under the notice of your Committee that one of the sources of difficulty in raising the amount in this city would shortly be removed, and it was deemed advisable to delay further action until that event happened, as many persons had promised to contribute liberally, but conditionally, and it was considered expedient to wait, as more success would be then obtained in collecting the required amount.

Your Committee were only in a position to seek the promised contributions within a few days past, and as now there is every prospect of the city of Kingston furnishing its quota it is requested that your Committee may be re-appointed. All which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. A. HENDERSON, Chairman.

Kingston, June 22nd, 1864.