

transition of the Church of England in the old Colonies to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, produced no disruption of the sacred bond; the spiritual union, the union of faith, of worship and of discipline, was undestroyed. They professed the same doctrine, they used the same liturgy, with such modifications only as the revolution required. Their clergy receive a sound education, subscribe to the same articles, submit to the same code of laws, are episcopally ruled, and are admitted to be men of learning, piety and Christian conduct and constancy, and their admission to cures or other offices in this Province might promote the best interests of the Church.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully suggest to this Synod the propriety of taking such action in the matter as may lead to a repeal of that portion of the Imperial Act 26 Geo. III, cap. 84, sec. 3, as far as regards this Province, and remove the legal difficulty therein contained to the appointment of clergymen of the American Episcopal Church to cures in Canada.

REPORT ON THE DUTIES OF CHURCHWARDENS.

AS ADOPTED.

The Incumbent and Churchwardens of every church and chapel being a body corporate and politic, the administration of the temporalities of every church or chapel is by law vested in them; but for their more perfect and efficient administration, and with a view to leaving the Incumbent more complete leisure for the discharge of his sacred office, it is expedient that certain duties should be under the more immediate superintendence of the Churchwardens.

Wherefore it shall be the special duties of the Churchwardens of every church or chapel within fourteen days after appointment or re-election in each year, to make a faithful inventory, in duplicate, of all the moveable property of the Corporation, and to insure the same, and all the buildings thereof at their full estimated value with some English or Provincial Fire Insurance Company duly incorporated. And at each appointment or re-election of Churchwardens, the outgoing Churchwarden or Churchwardens shall present a true and faithful balance sheet of the accounts of the Corporation, to be filed with the above mentioned inventories in the vestry of the Corporation, and also shall hand over to his or their successor or successors any balance of monies remaining on hand.

To provide for the due care and preservation of the said moveable property, together with the administration of the real estate thereof, during their tenure of office.

Carefully to superintend and to enforce the execution of all contracts for the furnishing, repair, and preservation of the church, parsonage, burial ground and glebe, and to take the necessary steps to exact penalties in case of their non-fulfilment.

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