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VOL. III.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

CHURCH SOCIETY NOTICE.

In accordance with the amendment of the constitution, the Annual Meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto will be held in this city, on Tuesday, the 13th of June next.

The usual meeting for the transaction of the preliminary business will be held in St. George's school room, at 11, A. M., on the above named day; and the

general meeting in the Music Hall, at half-past 7, P. M.

The members of the Standing Committee are requested to meet in the Society's Board Room, on the preceding Monday evening at half-past seven, P. M., to

prepare the Report, &c.

Lay delegates to the Diocesan Synod, who are not incorporated members of the Church Society, on payment of one dollar, are entitled to the privileges of membership for the year. The dollar should be remitted without delay, in order that a list of those entitled to take part in the proceedings may be at once made out, and so prevent confusion at the time of meeting.

> SALTERN GIVINS, Hon. Secretary. J. W. BRENT, Lay Secretary.

Church Society Office, May 20th, 1865.

(CIRCULAR.)

To the Clergy and Lay Delegates to the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.

We beg to inform you that the Synod of this Diocese will meet in the city of Toronto, on Wednesday, the 14th day of June next; and we herewith transmit to you the order of proceedings.

J. G. GEDDES, M. A., Clerical Secretary. JAMES BOVELL, M. D., Lay Secretary.

CHORAL SERVICE FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SYNOD.

June 14th, 1865, at St. James' Cathedral.

ORDER OF MORNING PRAYER. Versicles, &c., Dr. E. G. Monk.

Chants, Psalm tunes, and Responses to commandments from the Synod book.

Venite, No. 3, Farrant.

Psalms for the day: Psalm 44, No. 4, Psalm 45, No. 7, Woodward.

Te Deum and Jubilate, Boyce in A., full.

Anthem, Psalm 25, vs. 1, 2, to the music of Farrant's "Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake."

After Litany, Psalm 122. No. 77, Tallis' Ordination Hymn.

Before Sermon, Psalm 100, No. 95, the proper tune.

Kyrie, No: 58, Marbecke.

Gloria, Nos. 35 and 36.

June 15 and 16, at St. George's Church.

Venite, No. 4, Benedicti, No. 45, Benedictus, No. 8.

COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE 1st TO 81st MAY, INCLUSIVE.

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Grafton, additional	22	00	Rev. S. Boddy	5	
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Georgetown		00	WIDOWS & ORPHANS' FUND.		
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Toronto, St. James' Church	30	00	BOOK & TRACT FUND.		
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St. Stephen's Church, Toronto.—On the 31st, ult., the Rev. A. J. Broughall, Incumbent of St. Stephen's Church, Toronto, was presented with a pocket book containing \$180, by the members of his congregation, as a means of enabling him and Mrs. Broughall to take a summer tour, for the benefit of their health. Full particulars will appear in our next, the present number being already full.—Ed.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

ARRANGED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVED OF BY THE LORD BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE.

ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH OF JUNE, 1865.

Divine Service and Holy Communion, in St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Offertory collection in aid of the Mission Fund of the Diocese.— Meeting in St. George's Parochial School-house, for the dispatch of business, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

On each subsequent day of the session there will be divine Service in St. George's Church, at 10, A.M.—the Synod will meet for business immediately after-adjourn at one P. M .- re-assemble at 2, P. M., and adjourn at 6, P. M., unless otherwise ordered. Should an evening session be desired, notice must be given not later than 5, P. M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS ON ASSEMBLING AT 2, P. M., ON WEDNESDAY:

1. Prayer appointed for the purpose.

2. Clerical Secretary shall then call over the roll of Clergy

3. Lay Secretary shall then call over the names of the several parishes and their representatives.

4. Election of Clerical Secretary, by the Clergy.

5. Election of Lay Secretary by the laity. 6. Election of Treasurer and two auditors.

After this, on the first day, and on all other days after morning prayer, the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading, correcting, and approving minutes of the previous meeting.

2. Appointment of committees.

3. Presenting, reading, and referring memorials, petitions and correspondence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

a. Report of Treasurer and Auditors.

b. Report of committee on assessment and finance, Dr. O'Meara.

c. Report of committee on endowment of see, Dr. Read.

- d. Report of committee on parochial and diocesan statistics, Mr. Hodgins. e. Report of committee on the church temporalities act, Rev. H. C. Cooper. f. Report of committee on appropriation for support of missions, Rev. Dr. Beaven.

g. Report of committee on court of discipline, Hon. J. H. Cameron. h. Report of committee on vestry manual, canons, and index, Mr. Hodgins.

- i. Report of committee on securing property of church, Rev. Dr. Fuller. j. Report of committee on provisional registration, Mr. Harman.
- k. Report of committee on incorporation of synod, Mr. Harman.

1. Report of the music committee, Rev. Dr. Beaven.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Mr. Harman, on behalf of the committee, gave notice, that he or some other member of the committee will move the adoption of the Report of the Committee on the Incorporation of the Synod, and that the Draft Act to provide for the same, presented with the report, be entrusted to certain members of the legislature, with a request that they will use their efforts to have the same carried through the Legislature.

2. The Rev. Dr. Read will, at the approaching Synod, move the adoption of a by-law to limit the amount of episcopal income in the Diocese of Toronto; and also to make such provision as will facilitate the division of the diocese into two or more Dioceses, whenever it may be desirable so to do, and such division shall be sanctioned by the Synod, or such other authority as may then be competent to

deal with the subject.

3. Mr. C. J. Campbell gives notice that he will move the following resolution: That the 5th canon of the election of a bishop be amended, by the introduction of the following, after the word 'parishes,' in the 4th line:—But if the result of such ballot shall shew a majority of votes in favour of placing the nomination of the bishop in the hands of the archbishops and bishops of the United Church of England and Ireland, or any one or more of them, then, on such nomination taking place, it shall be final, and the person so nominated shall be considered duly elected.

4. Dr. Beaven gives notice, that he will move that on a vacancy in the See, the Archdeacon of Toronto, or in his absence the senior Rural Dean, shall, within one week from the occurrence of such vacancy, communicate that event to the Metropolitan, requesting him, with the concurrence of the other bishops of the province, to nominate, for the acceptance or rejection of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, a fit person to fill the vacant see.

That, so soon as the bishops of the Province shall think fit, the Metropolitan shall call a meeting of the Synod of the Diocese, at which he shall preside, and proceed to such election: provided that provision shall have been made for the sustentation of such bishep, and accepted by the Governor-General of the Provinces of British North America, within which the Diocese of Toronto is situated.

That if the first nomination should not be accepted, it shall be competent to the Metropolitan, with the consent of the Bishops, to proceed to a second or third nomination; and, if neither of these be accepted, then it shall be left to the Synod to propose three persons, from whom the Bishops shall select; or to offer one person for the acceptance of the Bishops; or to request the Bishops to make a selection from the Clergy of Great Britain and Ireland.

5. Mr. Gamble gives notice, that to any resolution that may be proposed to alter or amend the by-law title 5, relating to the election of bishop, he will move the following amendment: That the first section of that title be expunged, and the following substituted in its place—1. In the election of a bishop to a vacant see, or to a new see, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately by ballot; the Clergy by individuals, and the Laity by parishes: the two persons having the greatest number of votes in each order shall be the appointed candidates, provided that two-thirds of the clergy appointed to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the parties entitled to vote be represented, otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

The choice of two candidates having been thus determined, each of their names shall be written upon a blank card (such cards being similar or near as may be,) by the lay secretary, and dropped by him into a bag, to be provided for the pur-

pose.

Prayer shall then be made to Almighty God, after the manner set forth in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, the 24th and 25th verses; after which

the Clerical Secretary shall present the bag to the Bishop, Archdeacon, or Rural Dean presiding, who thereupon shall draw one of the cards before mentioned from the bag, read out the name of the candidate written thereupon, and declare him the bishop elect: the secretaries verifying the same by examining the undrawn eard, and laying it upon the table.

6. The Rev. Mr. McCollum will move, seconded by Rev. Mr. Cartwright,—
That a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of forthwith establishing a Diocesan School, for the education of the daughters of the Clergy.

- 7. Notice of motion by Rev. C. E. Thompson.—That this Synod desires to reiterate its often expressed condemnation of the Common School system of this Province, in its religious aspect, and to declare its conviction that neither piety nor morality can be advantageously cultivated amongst the youth of our country until distinctive religious teaching is made part of public elementary education.
- 8. By J. George Hodgins: That in order still more to perfect the details of the Amended Church Temporalities Bill, laid before the synod at its present meeting by the committee appointed to aid in revising it, a Committee of four members (two clerical and two lay,) be appointed, to meet corresponding Committees from the respective dioceses of Huron and Ontario, to confer upon the Church Temporalities' Act, as amended; and that this Committee be invested with full power on behalf of this Synod, to consent, to the bill as finally revised and agreed upon by the joint committee.
- 9. By J. George Hodgins: That with a view to promote the early passage by the legislature of the Amended Church Temporalities' Bill, the Executive Committee be authorized and requested to propose and present, at the proper time, a memorial to Parliament, setting forth the necessity and desirableness of having the proposed amendments to the Church Temporalities' Act embodied in a new statute, as proposed by the joint committee from the three dioceses of Huron, Ontario, and Toronto.
- 10. By J. George Hodgins: That the Report of the Vestry Manual Committee be adopted; and that a Committee be appointed to carry it into effect.
- 11. By J. George Hodgins: That the following proposed canons relating to the election and voting of Lay Delegates (as concurred in by the Vestry Manual Committee,) be adopted,—
- (1.) In any parish or cure where there are two congregations having churches, that one having the largest number of registered voters shall elect two lay delegates to the synod, and the other one; and where there are more than three, those having the smallest number of registered votes shall unite, for the election of one delegate, with the congregation of the church nearest to them; and in all cases the church to which the minister is specially licensed or appointed shall have the right to elect at least one delegate.
- (2) When only two lay delegates from a parish or cure are present at the meeting of the synod, the vote of the parish or cure shall devolve upon the senior delegate, being the one first elected, as declared in the certificate of the chairman of the Easter meeting; and when only one delegate is present, his vote shall be regarded as the vote of the parish or cure.
- (3.) The form of certificate authorized to be given to each delegate by the chairman of the Easter meeting shall be altered, in accordance with the foregoing canon, so as to read as follows:

This is to certify, that at a meeting held on the day of of this year, for the purpose of electing Lay Delegates to the Diocesan Synod for this parish [or cure], A. B., being a communicant of at least one year's standing, of the full age of twenty-one years, and who has communicated at least three times during the previous year, was duly elected first [second, or third,] delegate

to the synod of the diecese by the laymen who have a right to vote at such election by virtue of their being members of the United Church of England and Ireland, within this parish [mission, or cure].

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Chairman.

- 12. By J. George Hodgins: That hereafter the Minutes of Proceedings of this Diocesan Synod be uniformly printed, by tender, in the same style as those of the provincial and the other diocesan synods in Canada; and that a table of contents and index be inserted with each year's proceedings.
- 13. By J. George Hodgins: That a Committee, consisting of the archdeacon and rural deans be appointed to confer on the desirableness of suggesting to the bishop the expediency of providing for the "division of the Morning Service, by the use of the Morning Prayer, Litany, or Communion Service, separately," as authorized in the declaration of the bishops of British North America, at their Quebec conference in 1851; so that it shall not be obligatory upon the officiating minister (especially on Communion Sundays) to use more than two out of the three forms named at the morning service, except at his discretion.
- 14. By J. George Hodgins: As it is desirable that a central place for the assembling of Synod and the meetings of the Church Society be provided in a convenient part of the city, with suitable rooms for committees, and for the offices of the Synod and Church Society, and book and tract depot, be it resolved, that steps be taken, with the concurrence of the Church Society, for commencing the establishment of a fund for the purposes mentioned, in the following manner:
- 1st. The setting apart of an offertory collection, to be taken up once in the year, by direction of the bishop, in all the parishes and missions of the diocese, in aid of a fund to be called the "Synod and Church Society House Fund."
- 2nd. The yearly appropriation by the synod to this fund (after paying expenses,) of all balances in the hands of its treasurer, which may have been received as synod assessment from each parish or mission in the diocese.
- 3rd. The yearly application to the fund by the Church Society, of a sum at least equal to the prod appropriation.
- 4th. The application of any further sums specially granted to the fund, either by the Synod or Church Society, or of any donations, subscriptions, or other moneys received in aid of the fund.
- 5th. The moneys so received to be invested, from time to time, in debentures, or other securities, under the direction of a joint committee of the Synod and Church Society, until a sufficient sum be accumulated to purchase a site and procure the erection thereon of a suitable building for the Synod and Church Society House.

MEMBERS OF SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

THE LORD BISHOP.

THE HONORABLE AND RIGHT REVEREND JOHN STRACHAN, D.D., LL.D

CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES.

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Brampton	" R. Arnold	C. McCollum	2 25	2 25					
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N. B.—The foregoing List being made out according to last years' assessment, errors will be corrected on application to the Treasurer.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHURCH TEMPORALITIES' ACT.

The Synods of the Dioceses of Toronto, Huron and Ontario, having appointed committees to consider what amendments, were desirable to be made in the Church Temporalities' Act, these committees met at Toronto, on the 25th and 26th of April. The members of the respective committees present were—Ven. Archdeacon Patton, of the Diocese of Ontario, in the chair; Rev. J. W. Marsh, M. A., and Samuel 1 rice, Esq., (Clerical and Lay Secretaries of the Huron Synod) Rev. Dr. Sandys, Rev. John Gunne, A.B., of the Diocese of Huron; and Rev. Dr. Beaven, Rev. Dr. Read, Rev. H. C. Cooper, M.A., (Secretary of the Joint Committee) and J. George Hodgins, LL.B., of the Diocese of Toronto. After careful consideration, the Joint Committee unanimously agreed to propose to their respective Synods that the Temporalities' Act should be amended as below.

No provision, it will be seen, has been made in this amended draft of bill for the creation of Select Vestries, as in England and the United States, or for the formation of Provisional Vestries (by the subscribers to the building fund) of new churches (i.c. those in course of erection). It is however, we believe, intended to move for the appointment, at the approaching meetings of Synod, of a committee, consisting of two clergymen and two laymen from each Synod, to form a joint committee, and to be invested with full power to agree finally upon a revision of the amended bill, so that when submitted to the Legislature for its adoption, the bill will be in as complete a state as possible. Under these circumstances, it is hoped that the subject referred to, as well as any others omitted in the bill, will receive attention. Any proposed amendments to the bill might be laid before the respective Synods, and by them be referred to the joint committee for its consideration. One important alteration, it will be observed, has been made in the bill, which takes away the power of churchwardens to sell pews in churches hereafter. It might be well absolutely to forbid such sales, saving, of course, the rights of private paties, who have already bought pews to dispose of them again, with a view to their Litimate re-purchase by the churchwardens.

PROPOSED DRAFT OF AMENDED BILL.

Preamble.

Whereas it is desired, on behalf of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Upper Canada, as at present constituted, that further provision should be made by law for the internal management, by the members of the said Church, of the temporalities thereof, and also for allowing the endowment thereof by individuals or otherwise, as already provided in the Church Temporalities' Act, passed in the 4th and 5th years of the reign of her Majesty, and it is just and expedient that such further provision should be made, be it therefore enacted, by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, as follows:—

Church Temporalities' Act amended.

1. The various sections and clauses of the said recited Church Temporalities' Act shall be amended, so as to read as follows:—

Title to Site of Church and Burial-grounds-Proviso.

2. From and after the passing of this Act, the soil and freehold of all churches of the communion of the said United Church of England and Ireland, now erected or hereafter to be erected in Upper Canada, and of the church-yards and burying-grounds attached or belonging thereto respectively, shall be in the parson or other incumbent thereof, for the time being, but the possession thereof shall be in the incumbent for the time being and the churchwardens to be appointed as hereinafter mentioned, by whatever title the same may now be held, whether vested in trustees for the use of the church, or whether the legal estate remains in the crown, by reason of no patent having been issued, though set apart for the purpose of such church, church-yard or burying-ground: provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to affect the rights of any other church or body of Christians, to any landed property, or church now erected, but that the same shall remain as if this Act had not been passed.

Who shall be Members of Vestry.

3. All pew-holders in such churches, being members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and holding the said pews by virtue of an original purchase of them effected before the passing of this Act, or by lease, and all persons holding sittings therein by the same being let to them by the churchwardens, and who shall have certificates of the same, shall form a vestry, for the purposes in this Act mentioned and declared; provided always, that no person shall be allowed to vote at any vestry meeting who shall not have held a pew or sitting in the church thereof for six months previous to such meeting, or who shall not have paid all arrears of rent or dues on his pew or sitting.

Annual Election of Churchwardens.

4. A meeting of each vestry shall be holden on Monday or Tuesday in Easter week, in each and every year, after due notice thereof, given at any time during Divine Service on Easter Sunday, for the purpose of appointing churchwardens for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other business; and at such meeting one churchwarden shall be nominated by the incumbent of the rectory, parish, or mission to which the said church belongs, and the other shall be elected by a majority of those present, and entitled to vote at such vestry meeting, as aforesaid. In case of the incumbent declining or neglecting, at such vestry meeting, to nominate a churchwarden, then both of the churchwardens for the current year shall be elected by the members of the vestry present; and in case the members of such vestry shall neglect at such vestry meeting to elect a churchwarden, then both such churchwardens for the current year shall be nominated by the incumbent.

Qualification of Churchwardens.

5. No person shall be eligible to the office of churchwarden except a member of the United Church of England and Ireland, of the full age of twenty-one years, being also a member of such vestry, and who shall have been a communicant during the preceding year.

Filling up Vacancies in the Office of Churchwarden.

6. If from any cause a vestry meeting shall not have been held on Monday or Tuesday in Easter week, the nomination and election of churchwardens as aforesaid may take place at any subsequent vestry meeting, to be called in manner hereinafter provided; and in case of the death, resignation in writing to the incumbent, declining to accept office, or change of residence to seven or more miles from the church of which he was chosen churchwarden, of either of the said churchwardens, a vestry meeting shall be thereupon called, for the nomination by the incumbent, or for the election by the said vestry, as the case may be, of a new churchwarden, in place of the one deceased, or who may have resigned, or declined to act, or removed, as aforesaid.

Churchwardens' Period of Office.

7. The Churchwardens shall hold their office for one year from the time of their appointment, and until the nomination or election of their successors, except in case of a nomination or election to fill up the vacancy occasioned by death, resignation, declining to act, or removal as aforesaid, and in such case the person so nominated or elected shall hold the said office until the next annual vestry meeting, and until the appointment of his successor.

Churchwardens to be a Corporation.

8. The Churchwardens, appointed as aforesaid, shall, during their term of office, be a corporation to represent the interests of such church, and of the members thereof, and shall and may sue and be sued, answer and be answered unto, in all manner of suits and actions whatsoever, and may prosecute indictments, presentments and other criminal proceedings, for and in respect of such churches and church-yards, and all matters and things appertaining thereto, and shall, in conjunction with the rector or incumbent, make and execute leases to pewholders at their charge, when by them requested; and such churchwardens shall grant certificates to those who shall have rented pews or sittings.

Vestries and Churchwardens of Free Churches.

9. The vestries of all churches, in which the pews and sittings are free, shall be formed according to the canons, rules or regulations of the Synods of the respective dioceses in which such churches may be situated; and the churchwardens of such churches, appointed according to such canons, rules or regulations, shall be a corporation as aforesaid, and shall be invested with all the powers and be subject to all the obligations now conferred and imposed upon churchwardens by this Act.

Churchwardens to Lease and Rent Pews and Sittings.

10. It shall be the duty of the churchwardens from time to time to lease and rent pews and sittings, upon such terms as may be settled and appointed at vestry meetings, to be holden for that purpose, as hereinafter provided; and such pews and sittings shall be subject to such annual rent or other dues as may from time to time be rated and assessed in respect thereof at such vestry meetings.

Former sale of Pews confirmed.

11. In case of the absolute purchase of a pew in any church, as aforesaid, before the passing of this Act, the same shall be construed as a freehold of

inheritance, not subject to forfeiture by change of residence, or by discontinuing to frequent the same, and the same may be bargained, sold and assigned to any purchaser thereoi, being a member of the United Church of England and Ireland; and such purchaser, provided the same shall have been duly assigned and conveyed to him, shall hold the same with the same rights, and subject to the same duties and charges, as the original purchaser thereof.

Pewholders secured in quiet possession.

12. Any pewholder, whether by virtue of an original purchase completed before the passing of this Act, or by lease, and any person renting a pew or sitting, shall, during their rightful possession of such pew or sitting, have a right of action against any person injuring the same, or disturbing him or his family in the possession thereof.

Churchwardens shall account to Vestry-Auditors Appointed.

13. All churchwardens, appointed as aforesaid, shall yearly and every year, at the annual vestry meeting, render in writing a just, true and perfect account, (fairly entered in a book or books, to be kept for that purpose, signed by the said churchwardens, which book or books, shall be the property of the vestry,) of all sums of money by them received, and of all sums rated or by the vestry and remaining unpaid, or otherwise not received, and also of all goods, chattels, and other property of such church or parish in their possession as such churchwardens, and of all moneys paid by such churchwardens so accounting, and of all other things concerning their said office; and said account, and book or books, shall be referred to two or more auditors, to be appointed at the annual vestry meeting; which auditors shall present their report at an adjourned meeting of the vestry, to be held fourteen days after the annual meeting. In case of the appointment of a new churchwarden or churchwardens, the churchwardens then retiring from office, shall pay and deliver over unto such succeeding churchwardens all sums of money, goods, chattels, and other things, which shall be in their possession; and the said book or books shall be carefully preserved by such churchwardens, and they shall and are hereby required to permit any member of such vestry, as aforesaid, to inspect the same at all reasonable times, paying twenty cents for such inspection. In case any retiring churchwarden or churchwardens shall make default in rendering to the Easter Vestry meeting a correct account as aforesaid, or in delivering over such money, goods or other things as aforesaid, it shall be in the power of the succeeding churchwardens, or any member of such vestry, to proceed summarily against him or them before a justice of the peace, who is hereby authorized and required, on proof of such default, to impose a fine or penalty of not less than ten dollars nor more than forty dollars each on such churchwarden or churchwardens, which fine or penalty, with costs, shall be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the retiring churchwarden or churchwardens making such default.

Special Vestry Meetings may be called.

14. It shall be in the power of the Incumbent of any such rectory, parish, or mission as aforesaid, or of the churchwardens thereof, to call a vestry meeting whenever he or they shall think proper so to do; and it shall be his or their duty

so to do, upon application being made for that purpose in writing by at least six of the members of such "estry as aforesaid; and in case, upon such written application being made as aforesaid, such incumbent and churchwardens shall refuse or neglect to call such meeting, then one week after such demand made, it shall be in the power of any six of such members of the vestry to call the same by notice to be affixed on the outer church door or (church doors where more than one), at least one week previous to such intended meeting.

Chairman and Secretary of Vestry Meeting.

15. At all vestry meetings the rector or incumbent of the church shall preside as chairman when present, and in his absence the curate or assistant minister, or in the absence of both the incumbent and the curate or assistant minister, such person as the majority present at such meeting shall name; and the vestry clerk, when there is one, and present, or in case there be no vestry clerk or he be absent, then such person as the chairman shall name, shall be secretary of such vestry meeting, and the proceedings of such vestry meeting shall be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, and preserved in the custody of the churchwardens.

Vestry to Regulate Rent-charge and Pew-rents.

16. The rent-charge to be paid upon pews holden in freehold, which shall have been acquired before the passing of this Act, and the rent to be paid for pews and sittings in pews leased or rented, shall be regulated from time to time by the majority of members present at any lawful vestry meeting as aforesaid, and no alteration shall be made therein except at the usual annual Easter vestry meeting, (of which intended alteration notice shall have been publicly given, when calling such vestry meeting); or such alteration may be made at a special vestry meeting called for such purpose, and so expressed in the notice calling the same; and further, the charges to be made for leases, shall in like manner be regulated at such vestry meeting as aforesaid.

Appointment of Subordinates by Incumbent and Churchwardens.

17. The clerk of the church, the organist, the vestry clerk, the sexton, and other subordinate servants of the church, shall be nominated and appointed by the incumbent and the churchwardens for the time being, and their salary and wages shall be brought into the general account, to be rendered as aforesaid by such churchwardens.

Certain Fees to be regulated by Synod and Vestry.

18. The fees for the registration of baptisms, and fees on marriages, burials and other services of the church, shall be regulated by the respective diocesan synods; and the charges payable for burial plots, and on breaking the ground in cemeteries or church-yards, for the purpose of burying the dead, and all matters of like nature therewith connected, shall be regulated by the vestry of each church.

Vestry may make necessary By-laws.

19. It shall be in the power of the members of such vestries, at such vestry meetings as aforesaid, to make by-laws for the regulation of their proceedings, and for the management of the temporalities of the church, parish or mission, to which they belong, provided the same are not repugnant to this Act, nor contrary

to the Canons of the said United Church of England and Ireland, or of the Synod of the Diocese, in which said church, parish or mission is situated.

Certain endowments and trusts authorized.

20. Any deed or conveyance of land, or of personalty, that may be made to any bishop of the said church, in Upper Canada, and to his successors, for the endowment of his sec, or for the general uses of the said church, as such bishop may appoint, or otherwise, or for the use of any particular church then erected, or thereafter to be erected, or for the endowment of a parsonage, rectory, living, parish or mission, or for other uses or purposes appurtenant to such church in general, or to any particular church, parish or mission, to be named in such deed. and any such deed or conveyance, to any parson, or rector, or other incumbent, and his successors, for the endowment of such parsonage, rectory, living, parish or mission, or for other uses or purposes appurtenant thereto, shall be valid and effectual to the uses and purposes in such deed or conveyance to be mentioned and set forth, the acts of parliament, commonly called the Statutes of Mortmain, or other acts, laws, or usages, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; provided always, that in order to the validity of such deeds and conveyances, the same shall be made and executed six months at least before the death of the person conveying the same, and shall be registered not later than six months after his decease.

Erection and Endowment of Churches-Lay Presentation.

21. In the event of any person or persons, body or bodies politic or corporate, desiring to erect and found a church or churches, and to endow the same with a sufficiency for the maintenance of such church and of divine service therein, according to the rites of the said Church of England and Ireland, it shall and may be lawful for him or them to do so, upon procuring the license of the bishop, under his hand and seal, for that purpose; and thereupon, after the erection of a suitable church, and the appropriation by the founder thereof of such church so erected, and of lands and hereditaments, or other property, adequate to the maintenance thereof and of an incumbent, and adequate to the usual and ordinary charges attendant upon such church, such provision being made to the satisfaction of the bishop, such founder, his heir and assigns, being members of the said Church of England, or such body politic or corporate, as the case may be, shall have the right of presentation to such church, as an advowson in fee presentative, according to the rules and canons of the said United Church of England and Ireland, or of the canons of the Synod of the diocese in which such endowment may have been made.

Synods may fix Synod Dues payable by Parishes.

22. The synod of each diocese in Upper Canada, as aforesaid, shall have authority to fix the Synod dues or apportionment which shall be paid by each parish or mission, within such diocese, towards defraying the expenses of such synod.

No Spiritual Jurisdiction or Rights conferred by this Act.

23. Nothing in this act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, in any manner, to confer any spiritual jurisdiction or ecclesiastical rights whatsoever upon any Bishop or Bishops, or other ecclesiastical person, of the said church, in Upper Canada.

TWO IMPORTANT NOTICES.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS OF THE DIOCESE.—Those of the clergy of the Diocese (who have not already done so) are particularly requested to forward to Mr. Hodgins, Toronto, at their earliest convenience, the statistics of their Sunday Schools for 1864, so that the committee may be enabled to present a full and satisfactory report on the subject to the Synod at its approaching meeting, on the 14th prox.

Proposed Charge.—Among the notices of motion given at the last meeting of the Church Society, was the following:—"The Rev. H. Holland gives notice, that at the Annual Meeting of the Church Society, he will move the adoption of a By-law conferring upon the Bishop of the Diocese for the time being, the right to exercise the patronage of the Rectories, now vested in the Society."

Systematic Beneficence.—A clergyman of this city, who has endeavoured to inculcate the duty of "Systematic Beneficence," not only on his own people, but also by publishing a tract on the subject, received some weeks ago the following note, without name, which appears to be the production of a young person:

"Dear sir.—Please devote the enclosed five dollars to the Church Society of the Toronto Diocese. This is the result of your advice as to Systematic Beneficence. I commenced to save twenty-five cents per week. The enclosed is the result so far. The pleasure that I feel in doing it fully repays me. I will send you some more as soon as it amounts to five dollars."

Tower of Sr. James', Toronto.—The works on the Tower of the Cathedral of this City are in active progress. It is intended to carry up this portion of the edifice from the apex of the roof to the commencement of the spire, thirty-five feet. A peal of nine bells, already procured and paid for, will be immediately placed in the noble belfry which is being provided for them.

PRESENTATION.—We have much pleasure in stating that the ladies of St. George's Church, Oshawa, appreciating the services of the Rev. Mr. Harrison, while labouring as lay reader during the past autumn and winter, in that parish, fulfilling the unexpired term of the Rev. Mr. Holeman's engagement, (he having been compelled by ill health to retire,) have presented him with a very appropriate mark of their esteem and regard.

Having been admitted to holy orders at the late ordination, Mr. Harrison was invited to visit the parish recently, when Mrs. T. B. Fairbanks, on behalf of herself and the ladies of the congregation, presented the Rev. gentleman with a beautiful Silver Pocket Communion Set complete, in a neat case, with a silver plate, whereon is the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. Richard Harrison, by the ladies of St. George's Church, Oshawa, 1865." We trust that this promising young clergyman may find it useful in his visits to the sick and dying as a son of consolation.—Ed. Chron.

CONFIRMATION.—The Bishop of Toronto left the City on Saturday, the 20th ult., on a tour of Confirmation in the northern portions of the Diocese. His lord-ship was accompanied by his chaplain, the Rev. Saltern Givins.

BAY STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL.—The spire of the Congregational Chapel on Bay Street, blown down in the gale of the 12th of April last, has been replaced by four pinnacles with good finials. This is a great improvement on the previous cumbersome structure. The tower has now quite an Anglican effect.

ROMISH CATHEDRAL IN TORONTO.—A newly procured deep-toned bell in the Romish Cathedral, on Church Street, has begun of late to announce rather noisily to the general public, at innumerable intervals "from early dawn to dewy eve," the down-sittings and uprisings of the ecclesiastics, nuns, students, and school children, in and about that edifice. In the rear of this building has been recently erected a sacristy of an architectural style superior to that of the rest of the structure.

DIED.

LUNDY.—At the Rectory, Grimsby, St. Andrew's, on the fourth Sunday after Easter, Eva, youngest daughter of the Rev. F. J. Lundy, D.C.L., Rectorof Grimsby.

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