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CONFIRMATIONS.

The clergy interested are requested to take notice of the change of days in the list of Confirmations below. They are postponed one week in consequence of the probable extension of the Session of the Synod.

Newcastle	Sunday	June 27	11	A.M.
Bowmanyville	"	" 27	4	P.M.
Cartwright	Monday	" 28	4	P.M.
Eaniskillen	Tuesday	" 29	11	A.M.
Oshawa	Wednesday	" 30	11	A.M.
Whitby	"	" 30	4	P.M.
Columbus	Thursday	July 1	10½	A.M.
Port Perry	"	" 1	4	P.M.
Brock, East	Friday	" 2	4	P.M.
Brock, West	Saturday	" 3	11	A.M.
Uxbridge	Sunday	" 4	10½	A.M.
Duffin's Creek	"	" 4	4½	P.M.
Scarborough	Monday	" 5	11	A.M.
Lamoureux Church	"	" 5	4	P.M.
Markham Village	Tuesday	" 6	11	A.M.
Markham, St. Philip's	"	" 6	4	P.M.
Scarborough, St. Jude's	Wednesday	" 7	11	A.M.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

TO THE REVEREND JOHN FLETCHER, M.A.

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, OAKVILLE,
May 8th, 1869.

Reverend and Dear Sir,—On the occasion of your taking leave of our parish, the congregation of this church have felt it their privilege and duty to publicly acknowledge their esteem for the faithful, zealous and earnest discharge of the duties of a Christian minister which has characterized your six years' residence among us. On your part, no public service has been omitted, and no private duty left unperformed. Under all circumstances, favorable and unfavorable, you have alike labored most faithfully to pourtray the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, and most earnestly to persuade all persons to follow therein; and the unblemished example of your private life has been foremost in teaching us lessons of simplicity and Godly sincerity.

If, therefore, as we have in sincere kindness thought, our testimony to the faithful fulfilment of your high calling among us will afford you any consolation for the struggles of the past, or a brighter view of your labors in the future, it gives us the greatest pleasure thus to express it.

We beg, also, to accompany this address with a testimonial in the form of a service of plate.

It remains only to add that we shall regard your future life as that of one in whom we have a deep interest, whose thoughts have oft been deeply engrossed with anxious considerations for our eternal welfare.

In bidding you farewell, we take the opportunity of expressing, also, our great

respect and regard for Mrs. Fletcher and the other members of your family, with whom it has been our pleasant privilege to associate during your incumbency.

Signed, on behalf of the congregation of St. Jude's, Oakville.

JUSTUS W. WILLIAMS, }
ROBERT SMITH, } Churchwardens,
R. S. APPELDE,
E. J. OGDEN, .

Members of Committee appointed to draft address.

REPLY.

OAKVILLE, *May 8th*, 1869.

My Dear Brethren,—The universal kindness that I have received from the members of this congregation, the innumerable tokens of friendship and regard that they have bestowed upon me, the willing co-operation that has been extended to me in the furtherance of the work of the Church, and the cordial welcome with which my visits to your several homes have been greeted, have caused me to be warmly attached to the parish of Oakville, and nothing but a strong sense of duty would compel me to sever the ties that have so pleasantly bound us during the past six years; but in severing those ties I feel that though a trifling distance may separate us, and our connection as minister and people come to a termination, yet we each bear to the other such strong feelings of friendship and affection as separation shall be unable to overcome or lapse of time to quench, and that I go away from your midst bearing with me your cordial good wishes and affectionate regard, and experiencing towards you a strong feeling of love and esteem, arising from a grateful recollection of the many pleasant seasons that we have spent together, and the many high and holy privileges which, in this church, we have unitedly enjoyed during the happiest and most agreeable period of my ministerial life.

When a minister of Christ feels that a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto him, and that woe will be unto him if he does not preach the gospel, he cannot consider that he is entitled to commendation for attempting to fill his appointments; he is only doing his duty. I consequently cannot take any credit to myself for punctuality in attending to the services of the sanctuary, especially as in endeavouring to water you I have been myself abundantly watered, and have very frequently been comforted by the mutual faith which I perceived to exist in both minister and people. If in my public ministrations one penitent has had his thoughts directed to Jesus, if one tempted soul has been pointed to the method of deliverance, or if one wavering Christian has been confirmed in the faith which he was beginning to doubt, and if in my private visitations to the dying beds of your departed relations one sinking spirit has been upheld by the words of comfort that I have been enabled to speak to him, one doubting mind relieved, or one trustful Christian more fully established in the truth that he has received, I shall be more than abundantly repaid for any little fatigue I may have endured, or for any little trouble to which I may have been put in trying to attend upon my duties with punctuality.

I thankfully accept the beautiful present you have bestowed upon me; it will in future years (if I am spared to see them) be a lasting memento of the happiness I have enjoyed while laboring amongst you, and remind me of friendships begun on earth which shall be consummated in heaven in the presence of our common Father.

It is a gratification to me to learn from your address what I have long known from observation, that Mrs. Fletcher and the other members of my family have won the esteem and affection of my flock. They share with me the pains of separation from a people from whom they have uniformly received marks of kindness. They carry away with them a grateful recollection of the friendship and regard that were extended to them, and they will long remember with pleasure the many pleasant seasons of social and Christian intercourse that they have enjoyed while residing among you.

Before concluding I have, in Mrs. Fletcher's name, to thank the ladies of the congregation for the constant proof which they have given of their desire to render her sojourn amongst them pleasant and agreeable, and especially those ladies who,

within the last few days, have added to their previous tokens of love by presenting her with the handsome china tea service which she has just received.

And now, brethren, I commend you to that God who alone can give a blessing to the labors of his ministering servants, and I pray that my feeble efforts to promote His glory and your spiritual good may not return to him void, but that they may accomplish that wherunto they were designed, and that at last we shall together meet before the throne, and through eternity, without risk of separation, worship Him who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify us unto Himself as a peculiar people zealous of good works.

I am, my dear brethren,

Your sincere friend and brother in Christ,

JOHN FLETCHER.

The Churchwardens and Members
Of St. Jude's Church, Oakville.

On Sunday, May 9th, the teachers of St. Jude's Church Sunday School presented Mr. Fletcher with Couycbear's Life and Epistles of St. Paul and Leathes' Boyle Lectures for 1868, as a parting token of love and esteem.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Right Reverend the LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO, having signified his intention to assemble the Synod of his Diocese on Tuesday, the 15th day of June the Executive Committee hereby notify the Clergy and Lay Delegates of the Synod of the said Diocese that they are summoned to meet at the City of Toronto, on Tuesday, the 15th of June.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS,

Arranged by the Executive Committee, and approved of by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

Divine Service in St. James's Cathedral at 10 A. M., when the Holy Communion will be celebrated. The offertory will be devoted to the Mission Fund. The Synod will meet for dispatch of business in St. George's School House at 2, P.M. On each subsequent day of the session there will be Divine Service in St. George's Church at 9:30 A. M.; the Synod will meet for business immediately after, adjourn at 1 P. M., re-assemble at 2 P. M., and adjourn at 6 o'clock, unless otherwise ordered. Should an evening session be desired, notice must be given not later than 5 P. M. The Synod will adjourn on Saturday, June 19, at one o'clock P.M., (if it should not then have concluded its business) and re-assemble on Monday, June 21, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS ON ASSEMBLING ON TUESDAY:

1. Prayer appointed for the purpose.
2. Clerical Secretary shall then call over the roll of the Clergy.
3. Appointment of Committee to examine the certificates of Lay Representatives.
4. Lay Secretary shall then call over the names of the several Parishes and their Representatives.
5. Election of Clerical Secretary by the Clergy.
6. Election of Lay Secretary by the Laity.
7. 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

4. Reports of Committees, &c.

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| a. | Report of Treasurer and Auditors. |
| b. | Report of Committee on Assessment and Finance. |
| c. | “ “ Providing rooms for Synod. |
| d. | “ “ Relief of Superannuated Clergymen. |
| e. | “ “ Church Music. |
| f. | “ “ Parochial and Diocesan Statistics. |
| g. | “ “ Sunday Schools. |
| h. | “ “ Indian Missions. |

5. Giving notices of motion.

6. Election of Delegates to Provincial Synod, including appointment of scrutineers. (Second day.)

TAKING UP UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS.

1. THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON FULLER.—That, as the Chairman of a Committee appointed by the Lord Bishop to frame new regulations for the administration of the various trusts and funds of the late Church Society by the Synod of the Diocese under its recent act of incorporation, he will move for the adoption of the rules and regulations adopted for that purpose by said committee.

2. MR. A. H. CAMPBELL.—That in future, in the election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod, the vote shall be taken by Parishes, and that the law be altered so as to effect this.

3. REV. J. CARRY, seconded by DR. BOVELL.—Whereas there are certain Clergymen in this Diocese bearing the title of Archdeacons and Rural Deans, who were recognized by the last Synod; whereas the Synod Incorporation Act in its first section provides that the Synod may frame constitutions and make regulations for the appointment, deposition, deprivation or removal of any person bearing office therein, of what order or degree; and whereas, the Synod has not yet done this, and consequently the said officials are without any real authority; Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare for the consideration of the Synod, in accordance with the terms of the afore cited Act, a scheme for the appointment and removal of the said officers, and also a statement of the duties which they will be expected to perform; and this the Synod resolves without committing itself to the principle of the perpetuity of said offices.

4. REV. H. HOLLAND.—To amend the Constitution of the Synod, title 1, sections 2 and 5, either by adding in section 2, after the words “of the full age of twenty-one years,” the words “and who shall have communicated at least three times during the previous year.” or by omitting those words from section 5. Also, to add to the last clause of section 5 the words, “No certificates shall be given by the Chairman of any meeting otherwise than in the forms above prescribed.

5. REV. DR. LETT.—That the Finance Committee be requested to prepare an analysis in detail of the General Purpose Fund, the Widows and Orphans' Fund, the Mission Fund, the Students' Fund, and the various Trust Funds, shewing what money balance is *bona fide* to the credit of each fund, what investments have been made on behalf of each fund, whether such investments are good, whether they bear interest, and, if not, when they ceased to pay interest, and what sum is overdue on each separate investment, and to submit such suggestions as to them may seem desirable for the simplification and efficient working of each fund; and that whenever the Finance Committee are prepared with such report that it be received at the present session, and, if necessary, discussed whenever there is no subject before the Synod. That the financial statement for the past year be submitted to said Committee, to whom is hereby granted authority to make such alterations therein as are suggested by the previous part of the resolution.

6. **THE PROVOST OF TRINITY COLLEGE.**—That the Lord Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint, as a Committee of Synod to report during the present session, a special Committee of the late Church Society, which had been instructed to prepare an amended by-law for the administration of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, based on the recommendations made in a report of the said Committee received by the Church Society.

7. **THE VENERABLE THE ARCHDEACON OF TORONTO.**—The adoption of the following as a canon: That from and after the ——— day of ———, it shall be requisite that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese shall intimate his approval in writing of any site selected for the erection of a church in a new parish or mission, or for the erection of a church in lieu of one removed or destroyed, except the same be built on the site on which the former church stood; and that no such erection be proceeded with until the Bishop's written approval of the site shall have been obtained.

8. **MR. HARMAN.**—That, with a view to increase the interest of the public in the work of the Church, it is expedient to hold future meetings of the Synod at such other places besides Toronto as to his Lordship the Bishop may seem most desirable, with a view to carry out the spirit of this resolution.

9. **REV. DR. LETT.**—The adoption of a By-law on contested seats in Synod.

That the Lord Bishop be requested to appoint a Committee to codify and revise the By-laws of the Synod and of the late Church Society.

- a. That in the opinion of the Synod the present Diocese of Toronto is too extensive for the supervision of one Bishop.
- b. That, with a view to subdivision, it is desirable that the Diocese of Toronto should comprise the several Counties named in schedule A, hereunto annexed.
- c. That the remaining portion of the Diocese be divided into three Districts, Northern, Western, and Eastern, comprising respectively the Counties and territories named in schedule B.
- d. That as soon as an Episcopal Endowment Fund producing an annual income of \$———, (and a suitable house) shall have been provided for each such district, it shall be declared a Diocese by an instrument under the hand and seal of the Lord Bishop of Toronto; and that then his Lordship be requested to hold an election for a Bishop of the same Diocese, according to the custom heretofore observed and followed.
- e. That the members of this Synod, Clerical and Lay, resident within each such district are hereby declared to be a Standing Committee, to be designated "The Episcopal Endowment Committee of the ——— District," His Lordship appointing the Chairman, who shall also be convener; and that such Committee shall have power and authority by themselves, sub-committees or agents, to solicit and collect money, securities for money, and deeds of land for the endowment of each proposed See; and that all money so collected be from time to time paid in to the Secretary of the Synod, to be invested in Provincial or Dominion securities, as soon as may be, to be held in trust by this Synod for the endowment of said district; and that the said Committee do present to this Synod, at each annual meeting thereof, a report in detail of their proceedings, how much has been collected, how much has been promised, and generally what are the prospects of realizing the object in view.
- f. That should it at any time become desirable to subdivide any of the contemplated new Dioceses into two or more parts, and such division shall be sanctioned by the Synod of such Diocese so to be divided, each part, so set

off and intended to be divided, shall be entitled to such part of the Episcopal Endowment Fund as was raised within its own bounds.

- g. That nothing whatever in the foregoing resolutions shall curtail or abridge the authority of the Incumbent of the present Diocese of Toronto, Ordinary or Episcopal, in and over the said Diocese, or over any part thereof, until each such district named in schedule B be fully organized by the election and consecration of the Bishop thereof; but that then the authority of the Bishop of Toronto over said newly constituted Diocese shall cease and determine.
- h. That a communication be respectfully addressed by this Synod to the Lord Bishop of Huron, and to his Synod, to ascertain their views respecting the separation of the County of Grey from the Diocese of Huron and adding the said County to the proposed Northern Diocese.
- i. That a petition be presented to both Houses of the Provincial Synod, praying them to enact a canon authorizing the Metropolitan to proceed to the consecration of such presbyters as shall be certified to him as having been canonically elected to the respective Sees referred to in the foregoing resolutions.

SCHEDULE A.

Diocese of Toronto to be composed of the Counties of York, Peel, Halton, Ontario, Wellington.

SCHEDULE B.

The Northern District to be composed of the County of Simcoe, the Algoma District, and along the northern shores of the Georgian Bay and Lake Huron to the bounds of Rupert's Land, until a Missionary Bishop be appointed.

The Western District to be composed of the Counties of Welland, Lincoln, Haldimand, Wentworth.

The Eastern District to be composed of the Counties of Peterborough, Northumberland, Durham, Victoria.

10. MR. GRIERSON.—1. That a committee be appointed to inquire and report as to the status of the Clergy. 2. That the same committee, or another, enquire and report as to the extent of authority, whether derived from statutory or common law, which the Lord Bishop has in appointing and removing Incumbents. 3. What rights have congregations in the same. 4. Also, what power has the Synod to legislate in the premises.

11. REV. S. GIVINS.—Proposal of a method of life insurance for the Clergy, based on the article which appeared in the number of the *Church Chronicle* for March last.

12. THE PROVOST OF TRINITY COLLEGE.—That clause 8 of the By-law of the Church Society, confirmed by the Synod in 1864, respecting the appropriation of the surplus of the Commutation Fund, be amended by substituting after the words "an endowed living yielding," the words "eight hundred dollars;" for the words "four hundred dollars"; and after the words "from pew rents or otherwise," the words "sixteen hundred dollars" for the words "eight hundred dollars."

13. REV. E. BALDWIN.—That in the dispute between the Diocese of Ontario and the Diocese of Toronto, respecting certain securities handed over to the former Diocese on the division of the Commutation Trust Fund between the two Dioceses, the matter be not settled by law, to which recourse has already been had by the Diocese of Ontario, but that that Diocese be invited to arrange all existing difficulties in the premises by friendly arbitration.

SYNOD FEES, Received from 1st to 31st May.

• Hamilton, Church Ascension..	7 50	• York, Grand River.....	2 25
• Milton and Hornby.....	3 00	• Chester.....	1 25
• Manitoulin Island.....	2 00	• Toronto, St. Peter's Church....	2 00
• Guelph and Puslinch.....	10 00	• Clarke.....	3 75
• Minden.....	2 00	• Toronto, Holy Trinity Church..	7 50
• Uxbridge.....	2 00	• Penetanguishene.....	2 25
• Darlington.....	6 00	• North Essa.....	2 00
• St. Catharines.....	11 25	• Streetsville.....	2 00
• Ancaster and Dundas.....	7 50	• Brock.....	2 00
• Wellington Square and Nelson..	3 00	• Gore's Landing.....	2 00
• Dysart.....	2 00	• Saltfleet under the Mountain...	2 00

J. W. BRENT, *Treasurer.*

BOOK AND TRACT COMMITTEE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Book and Tract Committee was held on Monday, 10th May, 1869.

Present—Rev. Dr. Beaven and The Provost of Trinity College.

1 The Rev. R. S. Forneri, of Uxbridge, applied for a grant of 8vo Service Books, and a Book of Offices, similar to that which Greenbank received.

Granted, as soon as the new stock arrives.

2. The Rev. W. T. Smithett, Hastings, having five different stations to serve, applied for two 8vo Prayer Books for the desk, and either the loan or gift of 100 cheap Prayer Books.

Granted, the two 8vo Prayer Books, and 100 cheap Prayer Books for sale, the proceeds to be accounted for to the Committee.

3. The Rev. I. Middleton, Streetsville, applied for Prayer Books and Hymn Books for his new station at Churchville (congregation 60 to 85).

Granted, 25 Prayer Books to lend and 50 for sale, the proceeds to be accounted for.

NOTICE.

Parties making application for grants to Sunday-schools are requested to state the number of children in the school, and the kind of books required, with an estimate of the number required of Prayer Books, Testaments, Catechisms, Hymn Books, or other books used in teaching.

Those making application for Service Books for churches, are requested to state the number of the congregation, and the date of the erection of the church. If it is not a church but only a station, that likewise should be stated.

Parties to whom books have been granted by the Book and Tract Committee can obtain the same on application to Mr. Rowsell.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOOK AND TRACT COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, the 7th instant, at 4 P.M.

Toronto, 1st June, 1869.

HOME DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

Collections and subscriptions received from 1st to 31st May inclusive.

Rev. J. D. Cayley, for Parochial collections at All Saints', Whitley.....	\$92 00
Rev. J. B. Worrell, for Parochial collections at Columbus.....	24 00
Rev. W. Grant, for Parochial collections at Tullamore (additional).....	9 00

HENRY ROWSELL, *Treasurer of the H. D. Branch of the Church Society.*

COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM
1st TO 31st MAY, 1869, INCLUSIVE.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.		MISSION FUND.	
Oakridges	1 63	Grantham (January collection) ..	0 50
Oshawa	4 40	INDIAN MISSION FUND.	
Lloydtown	2 56	Toronto, St. Paul's Sunday	
Bolton	1 44	School, card and box collec-	
Whitby, All Saints' (1868) ..	2 00	tions from 1st Nov., 1868, to	
" " (1869)	5 00	1st May, 1869	22 15
Niagara	4 50	GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.	
Alma	0 85	Rev. Geo. Nesbitt, annual subn. .	5 00
Rothsay	0 70	" H. C. Cooper, " ..	5 00
Huston	0 45	" J. VanLinge, " ..	5 00
Etobicoke, St. George's	2 00	" G. C. Mackenzie, " ..	5 00
" Christ's Church	1 00	BOOK AND TRACT FUND.	
Chippawa	3 50	Rev. R. Harrison, annual subn. .	2 50
Clifton	1 50	PAROCHIAL COLLECTIONS.	
Saltfleet	1 00	Thornhill and Richmondhill ..	135 01
Binbrook	0 75	Guelph (additional)	2 50
Cnistor	1 25	Toronto, St. Stephen's, (addi-	
Cookstown	2 00	tional): —	
West Essa	0 50	Anonymous donation to Mis-	
" Schoolhouses	0 60	sion Fund.	\$4 00
Perrytown	1 00	Do. W. and O. Fund. .	4 00
Ancaster	3 00	Do. Divinity Students'	
Dundas	3 00	Fund.	2 00
York Mills	1 78	—————	10 00
Cayuga	2 50	Peterborough	107 72
York	2 25	Medonte and Oro, on account ..	22 36
Caledonia	2 00	Henry Rowsell, Esq., Treasurer,	
Craighurst	1 40	Home District (additional) ..	124 00
Medonte	1 15	Keswick	\$7 50
Oro	0 38	Bell Ewart	5 05
Vespra	0 55	—————	12 55
Barrie	8 77	Fergus Guarantee, for quarter	
Grantham	0 50	ending 1st April	100 00
Albion, St. James's	2 46		
" St. John's	1 15		
Mono, St. Paul's	1 63		
Keswick	1 25		