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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TUESDAY, 9TH JUNE, 1863.

The Synod assembled at the Cathedral of St. James for morning prayer, at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Beaven said the prayers, the lessons were read by the Rev. Mr. Holland, and the anti-communion service by the Rev. Dr. Shortt; the sermon before the Synod was preached by the Rev. G. Hill, M. A., Rector of Markham, after which the Holy Communion was administered. The offertory being devoted to the mission fund.

The Synod assembled at 2 o'clock for the despatch of business at St. George's school-house. The Hon. and Right Rev. the Lord Bishop in the chair.

The usual prayers were read by the clerical secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The clerical secretary called the roll of the clergy, when the following answered to their names.

Revs. F. L. Osler; S. Houston; J. H. McCollum; S. B. Ardagh; G. A. Bull; Dr. Beaven; H. D. Cooper; R. Arnold; R. H. Harris; W. Logan; T. W. Allen; E. R. Davies; C. L. F. Ingles; H. Brent; Ven. A. N. Bethune; Revs. A. J. Fidler; T. P. Hodge; J. Langtry; Dr. McNab; P. S. Warren; J. Flood; C. E. Thompson; H. C. Cooper; W. Disbrow; H. Holland; J. Chance; F. A. O'Meara; W. Ritchie; A. Palmer; J. Wilson; W. E. Cooper; Dr. Lundy; J. G. Geddes; J. Hebden; C. H. Drinkwater; J. G. D. MacKenzie; H. B. Osler; G. Nesbitt; F. Tremayne; A. Anderson; S. F. Ramsey; Dr. McMurray; C. Ruttan; J. Fletcher; A. Stewart; J. Creighton; G. Hallen; J. W. Beck; W. M. Ross; Dr. Shortt; J. VanLinge; W. Grant; J. L. Alexander; W. Belt; S. C. Haines; T. P. Robarts; J. Hilton; H. J. Grasset; E. Baldwin; Dr. Fuller; S. Givins; A. Williams; Dr. Scadding; W. S. Darling; G. T. Carruthers; A. Sanson; A. J. Broughall; J. H. Plowman; S. J. Boddy; S. S. Strong, D.D.; R. Shanklin; T. B. Reed, D.D.; J. Carry; G. W. Higginson; D. J. F. MacLeod; S. Briggs; W. A. Johnson; T. Green; J. Pentland; J. Davidson; B. C. Hill; R. Mitchell, LL.D.; G. Whittaker, M.A.; J. C. Irving, M.A.

The lay-secretary called the roll of lay-delegates, and the following answered to their names:

A. Miller; Sydney Smith; Capt. Stupart; C. Kersnell; J. Armstrong; Hon. J. Patton; D. McCarthy; W. Farmer; A. Hubbard; J. Gage; P. Paterson; C. W. Patterson; G. F. Frankland; D. Knox; G. Edwards; G. Green; W. Golding; R. C. McCollum; F. J. Joseph; T. C. Street; Dr. Mewburn; F. Farncomb; J. Bevis; R. T. Wilkinson; Hon. G. S. Boulton; G. W. Boswell; Asa A. Burnham; J. Armstrong; Thomas Lee; J. Mitchell; J. Magrath; W. R. Foster; J. Griffith; James Telfer; G. Moberly; F. Gore; R. S. Manning; C. G. Hanning; A. Dixon; Rev. V. Clement; R. Tully; Col. Strickland; W. H. Lapenotiere; J. A. Creighton; H. Noble; Thomas Beatty, M.D.; E. C. Fisher; H. Tims; R. Tieuchbourne; W. Anderson; W. Roe; W. Paxton; Geo. Thompson; J. O. Bouchier; J. F. Brown; G. Elliott; Col. Kingsmill; J. Horsman; Dr. Alexander; W. F. Pyne; J. M. Grover; C. Donaldson; W. F. Bigger; C. D. Yeoman; R. A. Harrison; H. B. Bull; A. Cameron; A. Stowe; F. W. Gates; F. A. Bull; W. Powis; Arthur Armstrong; J. Henderson, Jr.; S. Wood; J. Holgates; R. Cowan; F. Irwin; G. McManus; W. A. Gamble; W. H. Thorne; Capt. Baxter; J. Powell; C. A. F. Bull; S.

Vankoughnett; E. Webster; J. Langtry, Son.; J. Carter; Dr. Ogdon; J. Harwood; L. R. O'Brien; T. Elliott; C. Corbold; Edgar Hallen; W. Simpson; S. Frazer; J. Peters; D. Laddingham; S. Wood; C. Brent; T. N. Benson; A. T. Williams; James Howat, P. B. Clemont; Clarke Gamble; R. Jackson; P. Shephard; A. Weatherton; J. Ballinger; J. R. Benson; J. F. Saxon; W. P. Atkinson; R. L. Donison; R. Baldwin; G. Duggan; J. G. Hodgins; Hon. J. H. Cameron; Dr. Bovell; S. B. Harman; J. Henderson; T. J. Preston; Dr. Clarke; C. J. Campbell; J. W. Brent; R. Spratt; W. Gooderham; S. H. Blake; R. B. Donison; F. Cumberland; F. W. Coate; Hon. J. G. Spragge; J. Duggan; G. Monroe; T. Hodgins; T. Galt; E. H. Rutherford; A. Gaviller; T. C. Scholfield; G. Paxton; J. E. Lawrence; J. B. Newbury; G. Keefer; R. H. Ball; R. Musson; J. W. Chafee; J. Bland; D. Allan; H. R. O'Reilly; W. Dent; Capt. Foilde; D. P. Brown; L. D' Raymond; J. R. Armstrong; S. Scarlett; J. Conroy; J. Dennis; J. Hodders; J. F. Davies; G. H. Grierson; J. W. Gamble; W. Cooke; T. A. Asgor; J. G. Stephenson; A. P. Farrell; J. C. Cochrane; C. Knowlson; J. Watson; D. Lynn.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. Dr. McMURRAY having moved that the Rev. S. Givins, be the clerical secretary, it was moved in amendment by the Rev. S. GIVINS and seconded by Dr. FULLER, that the Rev. J. G. GRUBBS be clerical secretary.—Carried.

It was moved by the Hon. J. H. CAMERON, seconded by J. W. GAMBLE, that Dr. Bovell be lay-secretary.—Carried.

His Lordship the Bishop then delivered the following address :

ADDRESS.

REVEREND BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND BRETHREN OF THE LAITY :—

During a portion of last summer I was engaged in making a series of confirmations throughout the Home District of the Diocese. They were commenced on the 30th of May, 1862, and after a few day's suspension during the sitting of the Synod they were resumed on its rising, and occupied the whole of the month of July. Sixty-four parishes were visited, and the result was the admission into the Church of God of 1,509 new members—males 627, and females 882. They appeared generally intelligent and well prepared, and deeply sensible of the great responsibility and sacred nature of the vows which they were about to assume. And accordingly, there being no let or hindrance, they were encouraged to come forward and devote themselves to the Most High God their Redeemer, who, as we most humbly believe, did there and then confirm to them the assurance that they are henceforth His adopted children and heirs of His kingdom. To the faithful pastors of our Church the ordinance of confirmation is replete with many blessings. No other affords him greater opportunities of usefulness, or yields a richer return to his labours; and to none does he revert with more grateful thankfulness in after times. It is the seed of a harvest which is continually springing up to cheer him on his onward course. His own experience daily confirms the wisdom of its appointment. And the arguments sometimes raised against it on its occasional abuse has no other weight with him than to quicken his diligence in improving what he has found by experience to be of inestimable value. Nor to the pastor only does every confirmation which takes place in his mission convey spiritual refreshment; it attracts and edifies the whole of his people; it carries back every mind to that solemn act of dedication in which he was presented by his parents a living sacrifice to God, and admitted within the pale of the Christian Church; it meets him at the threshold of the duties and trials of life with a direct personal and pathetic appeal, urging him to self examination, repentance, and prayer, reminding him of what is implied in his Christian profession and the many blessings which may have been evoked and unimproved, but at the same time assuring him of help and grace, if sincerely sought for, and proffering him a higher degree in the school of his divine Master. It is impossible for any faithful child of the Church to avoid recalling without deep emotion what was promised for him in baptism and ratified by his own mouth and consent before the Church. She took him up in her arms and spread her mantle over him with the blessings of peace, and gave him an heritage among those who are sanctified by Jesus Christ, that he might ever be bound to the practice of that godliness which has the promise of both worlds, and without which no man can enter the kingdom of heaven.

It has been well and truly said that confirmation is the point of union between the two sacraments—Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Born into new life by the one, we can only be sustained in life by the other. Receiving the breath of life by God's Holy Spirit in the one, we are now maintained in that spirit by the other, namely, by eating and drinking sacramentally the body and blood of Christ, which are then verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful.

On the 10th of September last, the Provincial Synod of the United Church of England and Ireland assembled under authority of the Metropolitan in the Cathedral school buildings, in Montreal, at three o'clock, p. m. His Lordship, the Metropolitan, opened the meeting with the appointed prayers, and then called upon Chancellor Strachan Bethune, Esq., to read the amended Letters Patent of Her Majesty, and the Great Seal, appointing the Lord Bishop of Montreal and his successors in that see Metropolitan of the Church of England, in Canada. Being now in the possession of all the powers which were asked for or required for the organization of the Synod, which had auspiciously commenced in 1861, the business was proceeded with in the greatest harmony. Several important questions were introduced, and, being patiently and ably discussed, were disposed of at the different sittings, and no business of importance was left unfinished. Hence we may congratulate ourselves on the happy termination of the second Provincial Synod—a Synod which will be henceforth distinguished from all others by the reception of the amended charter. The resolution that hereafter it is to meet triennially, was adopted, and a petition to the legislature passed respecting the attendance of witnesses at the Diocesan and Metropolitan Courts.

During the past year, it has pleased God to call three of our brethren to their rest: 1st, the Rev. Thomas Smith Kennedy, Incumbent of the Church of St. John, in this city. Mr. Kennedy was the son of the late Col. Kennedy, of Guernsey, an officer who served under Sir John Moore and the Duke of Wellington in their campaigns in the Peninsula. He came to Canada nearly thirty years ago, under the protection of the late Lord Selton, at that time Governor of the Province, who had been the companion in arms and intimate friend of his father. At first his intention was to engage in agricultural pursuits, but having received a good education, and being piously inclined, he was induced by the spiritual destitution of the country to offer himself as a candidate for the ministry. Having served for some time with much diligence and acceptance, in the capacity of a lay reader in the county of Durham, under the direction of the Venerable the Archdeacon of Toronto, he was ordained in November, 1839, and appointed to the rectory of Clarke and Darlington, the chief stations of his extensive sphere of labour as a catechist. His energy, zeal and address pointed him out as well fitted for the arduous office of secretary of the Church Society of this diocese, to which he was elected in 1862, and the devotion to his duties up to the period of his lamented death was truly marvellous. In addition to his other labours, which indeed prematurely exhausted an unusually vigorous constitution, he was instrumental in procuring the erection of the church of St. John the Evangelist, in this city, and gathering a large and attached congregation. The Rev. Mr. Kennedy was widely known throughout the province, and universally esteemed for his many excellent qualities, his unflinching energy, his kindness of heart, which instantaneously responded to every call of suffering or distress, and for the untiring zeal and ardor with which he threw himself into every call requiring his assistance. There are few benevolent institutions in the city in which he did not take a most efficient concern, and which will not have great cause to deplore his premature decease. We may mention the institution of the Deaf and Dumb, the Boys' and Orphans' Homes, &c. The clergy especially will miss in him a truly fraternal and sympathising friend.

We have also to mourn the premature removal of the Rev. Edward Dewar, Rector of Thornhill, in the flower of his age, a gentleman of a cultivated mind and a sound churchman. His father was an officer in the army, who seems to have enjoyed some rank, perhaps Captain, which we infer from the fact that he was stationed with a small detachment of his regiment at Windsor, opposite to Detroit, and at this place his son Edward was born. On the expiration of the usual term which the military usually serve in the colonies, the regiment returned to England, and with it Captain Dewar, accompanied by his son. From this time, and indeed from a great number of years, we heard nothing of the family nor of the subject of this notice; but in

1853, ten years ago, he emigrated to this Province in the character of a clergyman and presbyter of the Church of England, and being found of good standing and bearing ample testimonials, he was regularly admitted into the ministry, and soon after by a most singular coincidence he was appointed Rector of Windsor, the place of his birth. The Rev. M. Dewar received his early education at Hamburg, from whence he passed to Exeter College, Oxford, taking his degree of M. A. After spending some years in England, he returned to Germany and became Chaplain to the British residents at Hamburg, and while residing there he acquired that intimate knowledge of the German tongue which enabled him to write a treatise on the state of Protestantism on the continent of Europe, which appears to be a work of considerable value. While Rector of Windsor, he was instrumental in building a neat and commodious brick church, which remains as an ornament of the village and a witness of his energy and intelligence. During his brief residence at Windsor and Sandwich the mission prospered, and he lived in harmony with his people. Nevertheless, on the death of the late Rev. Dominic Blake, he applied to me for the Rectory of Thornhill, which he preferred from its vicinity to Toronto.

Mr. Dewar was a gentleman of considerable ability and learning, as all who noticed his proceedings in the Diocesan and Provincial Synods will readily admit. Moreover his book on German Protestantism and the present state of religion on the continent of Europe, and right of private judgment, is full of valuable information and written in a perspicuous and easy style. Above all, he was a sound and determined Christian and a faithful adherent of the Church of England, and while he warned all against the position of the continental countries, rationalism and infidelity, he advised us with much earnestness to submit our own wisdom and fancies to the teaching of our own pure branch of the Catholic Church, which he justly considered the sure guide of the faithful and the pillar and ground of the truth. Guided by her we can afford to look with indulgence on minor differences, and with full confidence that the truth as it is in Jesus will abide with us for ever. One passage from the Rev. Mr. Dewar's book pleased me so much that I take the liberty of quoting it: "What a cheering, what a heart-stirring picture does an English town or village exhibit on the Lord's day, especially to one who has been long an exile from his country. How does my soul long to be gladdened by such a spectacle, when every object which speaks of toil and labour is hidden from the sight, where every sound is hushed that speaks of the rude strife of business of the world, and the Sabbath bells are alone breaking the solemn silence, and young and old, and rich and poor are obeying the summons and appear to be saying to one another as they hasten on the way, 'I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord.'"

Within a few days intelligence of the loss of an old and esteemed friend and excellent clergyman has also been received, who, although called away at a ripe age, gave us hope, from his general good health and bodily vigor, that he would be spared to be useful amongst us for many more years. I allude to the late Rev. William Leeming, Rector of Chippawa, who came to this country as a missionary from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, in the year 1820, and was appointed at once to the parish of Chippawa, and continued there to the day of his death. He was therefore forty-three years in one parish, having never desired a change, and dying with the love and esteem of all around him.

Mr. Leeming was a man of singular guilelessness of spirit, conscientious in the discharge of his duties, of great benevolence of character, and of devoted love to Christ and his church. He will be much missed in his own neighborhood, and sincerely lamented by many, both of clergy and laity, who knew his worth and enjoyed his hospitality. He will live long in the affectionate memory of his people, and the church in Canada will feel that she has lost an exemplary and faithful son.

In regard to the state and progress of the church in this diocese during the past year, we have reason to be thankful to Almighty God for the measure of success which He hath been pleased to vouchsafe her. For notwithstanding the war and convulsion which surround her, she lives in peace and tranquillity, and in the free enjoyment of all the privileges which our holy religion can confer.

Happy would it be if our beloved mother church were placed in the same desirable position. But no sooner has she begun to recover from the infidel attack of the essays and reviews, which were rapidly sinking into contempt and oblivion, than a

heavier blow from a deluded son of her own, the Bishop of Natal, is aimed against her. After the discussions in the mother country on this unhappy subject, it is not necessary that it should be entered upon any minuteness now, and so I shall content myself with an extract from an admirable letter addressed by the Bishop of Oxford to his clergy, in reference to this painful heresy. His Lordship says, "It is a matter of deep thankfulness to me to believe that there is no leaven of this unbelief to be found amongst us, but my beloved brethren let us not rest content with mere immunity from error. Rather let the sight of a brother so misled humble and warn us. Let us all learn to esteem more highly God's blessed word, to guide our lives more closely by its teaching, to receive more reverently its truths, and to build our hopes more entirely on its promises. So shall this, as so many assaults of the enemy upon the faith have done, lead, through the unbounded mercy our God, to the exaltation of his truth and the advancement of His glory."

Moved by CLARKE GAMBLE, seconded by J. CARTER, that J. W. Brent be treasurer.—Carried.

Moved by C. J. CAMPBELL, seconded by R. B. HARRISON, that Messrs. W. M. Westmacott, and R. B. Denison, be the auditors for the ensuing year.—Carried.

The following committees were then appointed by the Bishop.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Ven. Arcdeacon of Toronto; Revs. James Beaven, D.D.; T. B. Fuller, D.C.L.; S. Givins, R. D.; S. Shortt, D.D.; W. McMurray, D. C.L.; F. L. Osler, M.A.; Geo. S. J. Hill, M.A.; A. Palmer, A.M.; W. S. Darling; H. J. Grassett; H. Brent, B.A.; Hon. J. H. Cameron; Hon. J. Patton; J. W. Gamble; Judge Boswell; S. B. Harman, B.C.L.; J. Duggan; James Bovell, M.D.; Hamilton O'Rielly; C. J. Campbell; J. W. Brent; Mr. Recorder Duggan; R. B. Denison.

#### COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT AND FINANCE.

Revs. Dr. O'Meara; F. L. Osler; D. Fuller; Clarke Gamble; the secretaries S. B. Harman, Esq.

#### COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT OF SEE RE-APPOINTED.

Revs. Dr. Fuller; Dr. McMurray; S. Givins; T. L. Osler, M.A.; Dr. Shortt; A. Palmer; Hon. J. H. Cameron; J. Patton; G. W. Allen; T. C. Street, M.P.P.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hodgins reported on Vestry Manual, and requested that the committee might be re-appointed, which was accordingly done.

The Rev. Dr. Read presented the report on Sunday schools.—*See Appendix.*

The Rev. Dr. Beaven presented the report of Musical Committee.

The presentation of the following reports was postponed till to-morrow, viz.:

Hon. J. H. Cameron's Report on Endowment of Sec.

Dr. Bovell, on Inebriate Asylum.

Rev. Dr. Fuller, on securing Church Property.

Rev. S. Givins, on Registration of Deeds.

J. W. Gamble, on providing substitutes for clerical and lay delegates to the Provincial Synod when unable to attend.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

1st.—Rev. Dr. Shortt gives notice that he will move, that the revival of the diaconate in its full efficiency, as a separate order, would be of great service to the church.

2nd.—Rev. Dr. Shortt gives notice that he will move, that, in the opinion of this Synod, the pledge of total abstinence from all that can intoxicate is not inconsistent with the requirements of the church.

3rd.—The Rev. J. Flood gives notice that he will move, that His Lordship the Bishop be requested to appoint a committee to enquire into the propriety and expediency of recommending the legislature to adopt some measures which may have a tendency to restrain Canadians from going to States to be married, inasmuch as many follow this practice who have reason to be ashamed to apply for the solemnization of matrimony where they are known; the committee to report at the next meeting of the Synod.

4th.—The Rev. Dr. Mitchell gives notice that he will move, that whereas divers abuses and scandals have arisen by reason of the power given to the Church in Canada, by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, of electing our Bishops and Rectors.

And whereas it is right and expedient that all causes of offence should be removed and the unseemly contest of christian clergymen canvassing like politicians, for any sacred office in the church, should be prevented in future.

Be it resolved and enacted by this Synod, that any clergymen, who, himself or by any friend, or in anyway whatsoever, shall canvass for votes, or offer bribes for votes to put him into the sacred office of a Bishop or Rector, shall by so doing forfeit all claim to such office, and become disqualified for election, or if elected his election shall, on proper proof being given, become null and void, and a new election shall forthwith be proceeded with for the electing of a good and worthy man to fill the said office of Bishop or Rector as the case may be.

5th.—Mr. J. Geo. Hodgins gives notice that he will move, that the latter part of Section 2, Art. I. of the constitution of the Synod, be altered so as to read as follows:—; and all Lay members of the United Church of England and Ireland, within the cure, of twenty-one years of age and upwards shall have the right of voting at the election, and in case an objection be made to the right of any person to vote at said election, the chairman or presiding officer at the meeting, shall, at the request of any two electors present, require the person whose right of voting is objected to, to make the following declarations, viz.:—

“I do declare and affirm that I am, *bona fide*, a member of the United Church of England and Ireland in this parish, (mission or cure as the case may be,) and that I belong to no other religious denomination.”

And the person making such declaration shall be permitted to vote; but if any person refuses to make such declaration his vote shall, at the discretion of the chairman of the meeting, be rejected.

2nd.—That the form of certificate authorised to be given by the chairman of the meeting of the election of each lay delegate to the Synod, to be altered so as to read as follows: viz.—

This is to certify, that at a meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ of this year, for the purpose of electing \_\_\_\_\_ representatives in Synod, for this cure or parish, being that of \_\_\_\_\_ 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 diocesan Synod, by the laymen who have a right to vote at such election by virtue of their being members of this United Church of England and Ireland, within this cure.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1863.

Chairman.

3rd.—When only two delegates from a parish are present at the Synod, the vote of the parish shall devolve upon the delegate first elected, as declared in the certificate of the chairman of the parish meeting; when only one delegate is present his vote shall be regarded as the vote of the parish or cure.

4th.—That the foregoing resolutions be referred to the committee on vestry manual.

5th.—That it be an instruction or request to the proper officer in charge of such matters to prefix to the printed daily notices of motion a summary statement of the whole of the unfinished business before the Synod in the order in which it is disposed to take it up.

6th.—That the report of the committee on vestry manual be adopted.

7th.—Mr. HARMAN gives notice that he will move for a committee to consider and report at the next meeting of the Synod on a methodical and complete system of registration, with regard to all church property and all deeds and documents relating thereto.

8th.—Hon. J. H. CAMERON gives notice that he will move that it is desirable that the deliberations of the Synod shall be carried on continuously, and shall not at any time be adjourned for the purpose of proceeding with the annual meeting of the Church Society.

9th.—Rev. A. PALMER gives notice that he will move, that whereas the constitution gives the Bishop power to fix the time for the meetings of the Synod, and whereas his Lordship may be desirous of ascertaining the sense of the Synod in regard to the frequency of its meetings, the Synod respectfully expresses its opinion that it would suffice for ordinary purposes if the Synod were convened every second year.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS.

The Bishop appointed Rev. Dr. O'Moara, Messrs. Carter and Cumberland, as scrutineers to examine certificates of lay delegates to the Synod.

The Rev. Mr. HOLLAND moved, seconded by Rev. S. GIVINS,

That a committee be appointed to consider and report upon the following canon:

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the incumbency of a parish or mission in which the stipend of the clergyman is not derived wholly from local sources, it shall be the duty of the Rural Dean, or some other clergyman deputed by the Bishop, together with two lay members of the Synod appointed by the Bishop to visit the said parish or mission, or confer with the several congregations thereof for the purpose of ascertaining its resources and liabilities; and thereupon to report to the Bishop in writing the amount which the said parish or mission may be fairly expected in proportion to its ability (as compared with that of other parishes in the diocese) to contribute annually towards its clergyman's stipend: but when the vacancy occurs in the parish in which the clergyman's stipend is provided wholly from local sums, but not wholly from endowments, then the churchwardens shall signify to the Bishop in writing the amount which the said parish proposes to contribute annually towards the aforesaid object; and no appointment shall be made in either case until a reasonable guarantee shall have been afforded to the Bishop that the amount so determined will be annually contributed for the purpose aforesaid.

Should any alterations subsequently take place in the circumstances of the parish or mission, by reason of which it is deemed expedient or proper, that the amount so determined should be increased or diminished, on a representation of the facts to the Bishop, by petition, either of the incumbent or parishioners, the former assessment shall be revised by a clergyman and two laymen appointed as before, and if deemed necessary by them a new assessment shall be made.

All reasonable expenses actually incurred by the assessors so appointed on visiting the parish as aforesaid shall be defrayed by the churchwardens out of the general funds of the parish. No appointment shall be made to a vacant parish or mission, until all arrears of salary so guaranteed to the out-going clergyman shall have been paid, or a satisfactory provision for the payment thereof shall have been made.—Carried.

The following committee was appointed by the Bishop:

Ven. Archdeacon of Toronto, Provost of Trinity College, Rev. Mr. Palmer, Rev. Mr. Darling, Rev. Mr. Ardagh, Hon. J. H. Cameron, F. Cumberland, Esq., J. W. Gamble, Esq., Capt. Stupart, R. N., Col. Kingsmill, Samuel Blake, Esq.

#### SECOND DAY.

#### MINUTES OF SYNOD.

THURSDAY, 11th June, 1868.

#### MORNING SESSION.

After prayer in St. George's church, the Synod assembled at 10 a.m., the Lord Bishop in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

#### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS.

1st. Moved by Rev. S. GIVINS, seconded by Rev. H. BRENT, that the report on the registration of deeds be received and printed for the information of the Synod.—Carried.—See *Appendix*.

2nd. J. W. Gamble, Esq., presented the annual report of the Clergy Commutation Trust Committee.

3rd. Dr. BOVELL presented a report on an asylum for inebriates, and moved, seconded by Rev. A. PALMER, that the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

4th. The Rev. Dr. FULLER presented a report on securing of church property, upon which he moved, seconded by ARTHUR ARMSTRONG, Esq., that the report as just amended be adopted.—Carried.

5th. J. W. GAMBLE, Esq., moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. FULLER, that the Report from the executive committee referring to substitutes for delegates to the Provincial Synod be adopted.—Carried.

6th. Rev. Dr. READ moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. O'MEARA, that the report from the committee on Sunday schools be adopted.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

1.—Mr. J. G. HOWDINS gives notice that he will move, that the blank forms of report on Sunday schools be printed on a separate form, and forwarded to the clergy of each parish to be filled up and returned.

2.—Rev. Mr. Palmer gives notice that he will move, that no action be taken by the committee on Sunday schools until the same has been authorised by a distinct resolution of this Synod.

3.—Mr. Cumberland gives notice that he will move, that it be an instruction to the committee on Sunday schools to add the following to the list of instructions to be submitted to parishes:

1.—The church population of the parishes.

2.—The average attendance at the church.

3.—The average attendance at the holy communion.

4.—Rev. H. Holland gives notice that he will move, that the thanks of the Synod be due, and are hereby tendered to the Rev. Dr. Beaven, J. Carter, Esq., the members of the united choirs, and the members of the Toronto Choral Society, for the efficient manner in which the opening services of the Synod were conducted; and it is the earnest hope of this Synod that the services held in connection with its future meetings may be marked by similar beautiful and spirit-moving celebrations of the Divine services of the church.

5.—Dr. BOVELL gives notice, that this Synod desires to express its grateful thanks to his Lordship the Bishop, for the protest which he was pleased to make in his address, against the pernicious writings of the Bishop of Natal; and also express the hope that the church in this diocese will both in private as well as in public prayer give increased devotion and thoughtfulness to that supplication in our litany wherein we beseech to be defended from "all false doctrine, heresy and schism."

6.—J. W. Gamble, Esq., gives notice that at the proper time he will move that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Rev. Mr. Hill, for the excellent sermon delivered by him at the meeting of the Synod in St. James' Cathedral, on Tuesday morning last.

7.—Moved by Rev. H. HOLLAND, seconded by Rev. A. PALMER, that the scrutineers for the clergy be Rev. T. P. Hodgo, Rev. T. T. Roberts and G. Hodgins, Esq.

8.—Moved by Dr. BOVELL, seconded by C. J. CAMPBELL, Esq., that J. W. Gamble, Esq., Dr. Clarke and Rev. Dr. O'Meara be the scrutineers for the lay vote.

9.—The Rev. Dr. Read gives notice that he will move that in order to give time during the session of Synod to the several committees to perform the work entrusted to them, for the future the hour of meeting for business, excepting for the first day of the session, be 2 p.m., and that his Lordship the Bishop be requested to leave the chair each day at 6 o'clock, p.m., for one hour.—Withdrawn.

10.—Rev. T. T. Roberts gives notice that he will move that in future all reports of committee be printed and circulated among the members of Synod, before they are brought up for final adoption.

11.—S. B. Harman, Esq., gives notice that he will move, that the committee appointed at the last Synod to consider the best constitution of the court for the trial of offenders under the discipline act, be re-appointed.

12.—Rev. Mr. LANGTRY presented a report on congregational singing, and moved its adoption; Dr. BOVELL seconded the motion.

13.—Rev. Mr. SHANKLIN moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. BRENT, in amendment, that this committee on congregational singing be incorporated with the musical committee of the Synod.—Carried.

14.—Moved by Rev. Dr. FULLER, seconded by Dr. BOVELL, that a committee be appointed to draw up recommendations for congregations about to erect churches or parsonages, and to embody such recommendations in a report to be submitted to the Synod. F. Cumberland, Esq., Rev. Dr. Fuller, and Rev. Dr. Beaven, were appointed.

## REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS

Appointed to examine certificates of lay-delegates to Toronto Synod, presented by F. Cumberland, Esq.

The scrutineers appointed to examine the certificates of lay-delegates to Synod, beg leave to report the accompanying list duly marked. They further report that for the parish of Duoro, the Rev. V. Clementi has been elected a lay delegate.

And finally they submit for consideration whether the certificate given by the Rev. John Hilton in favour of R. L. Donison as lay-delegate for St. Annes', Lippincott, be regular and acceptable.

They would have reported similarly with reference to the Cemetery Chapel, Toronto, but that they understand the Lord Bishop has issued authority in that case,

FRED. CUMBERLAND.  
JOHN CARTER.

June 11th, 1863.

The chairman on question by Rev. Mr. Palmer, ruled that the Rev. Mr. Clement being in holy orders could not occupy his seat as a lay-delegate to this Synod.

15.—Moved by Rev. S. GIVINS, seconded by Rev. Dr. SHORT, that the proposition to provide a house for the accommodation of the Synod and Church Society, be referred to the Land and Investment Committee for its consideration, and report to this Church Society for its action in the matter, and that His Lordship be asked to appoint a committee of this Synod to confer with the Church Society on the matter.

16.—Rev. S. GIVINS moved, seconded by Rev. H. HOLLAND, that in futuro an annual report, duly authenticated, be made to the Synod on account of churches, parsonages and endowments in course of erection or formation in the parishes or missions of the diocese.—Carried.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, 11th June, 1863.

Synod re-assembled after adjournment at 2. p. m.

Rev. Mr. Hodgo presented report of scrutineers of votes for clerical delegates to provincial Synod, as follows:

## CLERICAL DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

Ven. Archdeacon of Toronto, Rev. J. G. Geddes, Rev. S. Givins, Rev. A. Palmer, Rev. Dr. Beaven, Rev. Dr. Fuller, Rev. Dr. Short, Rev. the Provost, Rev. W. S. Darling, Rev. Dr. McMurray, Rev. H. Brent, Rev. H. Holland.

J. W. Gamble presented report of scrutineers for lay delegates.

## LAY DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

The Hon. J. H. Cameron, Hon. James Patton, Hon. G. S. Boulton, Dr. Bovell, S. B. Harman, Esq., T. C. Street, Esq., C. J. Campbell, Esq., J. W. Gamble, Esq., R. B. Denison, Esq., F. C. Cumberland, Esq., Arch'd. Cameron, Esq., Clarke Gamble, Esq.

Moved by Rev. Dr. SHORT, seconded by Rev. H. BRENT, M.A., that the revival of the diaconate, in its full efficiency, as a separate and permanent order, would be of great service to the church.

Rev. Provost WHITAKER moved an amendment, seconded by Rev. Dr. O'NEARA, that it is expedient, in the opinion of this Synod, that, if not inconsistent with the rules of our church, deacons should remain for a longer period than is now customary in that order, with a view to its being made a *bona fide* probation and preparation for the priesthood; and that during their diaconate they should be restricted, so far as may be practicable, to those duties which have been recognised both by the primitive church and by our own as their proper functions.

[It was here agreed that the evening session should be held at half-past seven.]

The vote being taken upon the Provost's amendment, it was negatived. The original motion was carried by a vote, 58 yeas, 43 nays.

The Synod adjourned till half-past seven, p. m.

## EVENING SESSION.

Synod re-assembled at half-past seven, p. m.

1.—Mr. HODGINS moved, seconded by Dr. BOVELL, the adoption of report on Vestry Manual, and reference of proposed alterations to the committee.

2.—Moved by Dr. BOVELL, (in the absence of Dr. BEAVEN,) seconded by Col. KINGSMILL, to add to the rules on committees the following articles :

1.—That it is the duty of the mover of a committee to convene the first meeting; and that if he should omit to do so for the space of three months, it may be done by any other member of the committee.

2.—That the mover is the chairman of the committee until another chairman is appointed by the Bishop or chosen by the committee.—Carried.

3.—Mr. HARMAN (in the absence of Rev. S. Givins) moved, seconded by Dr. BOVELL, that a committee be appointed to consider and report upon registration of deeds, and that the following gentlemen do constitute said committee:—S. B. Harman, Esq., R. A. Harrison, Esq., and Rev. A. Palmer.

4.—Moved by Rev. A. PALMER, (on behalf of Hon. J. H. Cameron,) seconded by Mr. ARMSTRONG, that it is desirable that the deliberations of the Synod shall be carried on continuously, and shall not be adjourned for the purpose of proceeding with the annual meeting of the Church Society.—Carried.

5.—Moved by Rev. Mr. ARDAGH, seconded by Mr. HARRISON, that the establishment of separate schools is inexpedient and a violation of the principle on which the common school system of Upper Canada is founded.

Mr. HARMAN moved an amendment, seconded by R. B. DENISON, that whereas the committee appointed at the last Synod have not reported it is inexpedient to move on this occasion in the matter, but that the committee be re-appointed with instructions to report at next Synod.

Moved by Mr. HARMAN, seconded by J. W. GAMBLE, that the debate be adjourned till to-morrow morning, to be resumed at opening of Synod.—Carried.

The Synod adjourned to 10, a. m.

## THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, 12TH JUNE, 1863.

## ADJOURNED MEETING.

Assembled at 10 a. m.

Rev. Mr. Ardagh was allowed to change his resolution to read as follows: that the establishment of separate schools is unjust and inexpedient.

1.—Rev. Mr. HOLLAND moved, seconded by Rev. J. G. GEDDES, (amendment to Mr. Harman's amendment,) that the changes which have been introduced into the common school system of this province, are entirely at variance with the fundamental principle of that system, as understood and accepted by the people of Upper Canada, that instead of a purely secular system of education, under which all classes should be included, undue preference and special privileges have been conferred upon a distinct class of citizens; separate schools in which religious instruction is given, being recognised as part of the government system; against this unjust preference, this Synod enters its solemn protest, and demands as an act of common justice that the privileges accorded to the Roman Catholic Church be freely granted to others, or that those now accorded to the Roman Catholic Church be withdrawn.—Carried.

The following motions, notices of which had been given, were brought up, viz:—

2.—Mr. Harman's motion of court of trial and church discipline, seconded by Dr. BOVELL.—Carried.

3.—Mr. Hodgins on blank forms.—Carried.

4.—Mr. Cumberland, returns of Sunday schools.—Carried.

5.—Dr. Bovell, committee of Inebriate Asylum.—Carried.

6.—Dr. Bovell, Colenso's Heresy.—Carried.

7.—J. W. Gamble, thanks for sermon. Carried.

8.—J. W. Gamble, resolution requiring the Mission Board to report to the Synod at its annual meeting.—Carried.

Rev. Dr. SHORT presents report on endowment of see, and moved, seconded by Dr. BOVELL, on behalf of Rev. Dr. Fuller, the adoption of report.—Carried.

Rev. Dr. BEAVEN moved, seconded by Mr. CARTER, the adoption of report of musical committee.—Carried.

Moved by Rev. S. B. ARDAGH, M.A., seconded by Rev. J. G. GEDDES, M.A., that the thanks of the Synod be given to the directors of the railways for the accommodation afforded by them to delegates attending the Synod.—Carried.

Moved by Rev. J. HOLLAND, seconded by J. W. GAMBLE, that the thanks of this Synod be given to the choirs for their services.

Moved by Mr. HARMAN, seconded by Rev. Dr. SHORTT, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the ladies of Toronto for their liberality in providing refreshment at the Orphan's Home for the members of the Synod.—Carried.

The business having been concluded, the Bishop pronounced the benediction, and the proceedings terminated.

## APPENDIX.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A VESTRY MANUAL.

The committee to which was referred the resolutions in regard to a vestry manual, the qualifications of churchwardens, etc., beg leave to report a rough draft of the proposed manual, embodying some of the alterations which were suggested to the Synod last year. As some of the powers and duties of vestries and churchwardens (as embraced in canons and resolutions of the Synod,) were found to be indefinite, and as it is proposed to make further alterations at this Synod, in the canons on the subject, the committee would content itself by reporting progress and recommending that the committee be re-appointed so as to complete the task assigned to it last year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HODGINS,

On behalf of the Committee.

Toronto, 6th June, 1863.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee appointed at the last Synod to report annually on the condition and progress of Sunday schools throughout the diocese, beg respectfully to submit their first annual report.

#### ACTION OF BISHOPS AND SYNOD IN REGARD TO SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee find that owing to various causes the Synod as a body has not been able hitherto to devote as much attention to the subject of Sunday schools as could have been wished, nevertheless, it has not escaped the attention of the Bishop or of the Synod as will appear from the following extracts:

"In the minutes of a conference of the British North American Bishops, held at Quebec, in September, 1851, the committee find the following declaration of the Bishops on this subject:

"We desire to express our sense of the importance, in the existing state of the church, of Sunday Schools, especially in large towns, and we thankfully acknowledge the benefits which have resulted from the labours of pious teachers both to themselves and to their scholars under proper superintendence and direction. In every possible case the Sunday school should be under the personal direction of the minister of the parish or district; or otherwise the minister should appoint the teachers, chose the books and regulate the course of instruction, that there be no contradiction between the teaching of the school and the church. All Sunday scholars should be instructed in the church catechism and regularly taken to church.

We would carefully guard against the assumption that instruction in the Sunday school, even by the minister of the parish, may be allowed to supersede the directions of the Rubrics and Canons on the duty of catechising in church, for we distinctly recognise and assume as well the great importance, as the sacred obligation of those directions."

In a report on lay co-operation laid before the Synod in 1861, the following paragraphs bearing on the subject occur:

"Every clergyman should endeavour through God's assistance, to raise up about

him a goodly band of the faithful, pledged to each other, and more than pledged to their common master, to do all they can to promote His kingdom upon earth. He might select from this band the superintendent of his Sunday school, to aid him in carrying out the faithful instruction of the lambs of Christ's flock, in providing teachers and books for the Sunday schools, and to keep him acquainted with the individual cases in the school needing counsel, warnings and encouragement.

"A very important portion of every congregation consists of young men who have been confirmed but not yet settled in the world \* \* \* the care bestowed on this class, would secure for the Sunday school an abundance of male teachers, the want of whom is generally felt."

The committee on "Parochial Statistical Reports," in its report laid before the Synod the same year, also recommend that a report embracing among other things information on Sunday schools be annually furnished to the clerical secretary of the Synod as follows:

8. The number of children on the Sunday school books and the average attendance.

9. The number of teachers divided into males and females.

10. The number in attendance in the Bible class.

The Synod at its last session also bestowed some attention to the subject, and passed the following resolutions for the appointment and guidance of this committee:

1st. That with a view to provide as far as possible for united action in the diocese in promoting the greater efficiency in Sunday schools, a committee be formed for this purpose, whose duty it shall be to present a report annually to this Synod on the condition and progress of Sunday schools throughout the diocese, and to make such suggestions for their improvement as they shall judge expedient.

2nd. That the committee consider what steps can be taken to secure the publication of books suited for libraries and instruction in Sunday schools.

#### IMPORTANCE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Deeply impressed with the great value of Sunday schools and the immense practical benefits to be derived from them as a means of imparting sound scriptural knowledge to the young, the committee cannot too forcibly impress their sense of the duty incumbent on the clerical members of the Synod to give the utmost prominence to the work of Sunday schools in their several parishes or charges. As nurseries of the church, and as means under the influence of God's Holy Spirit of impressing lasting religious convictions on the mind, they have long since established their claims upon the active support and sympathy of the devoted minister and christian parent. The difficulty, nevertheless, of keeping up that active sympathy between the school itself and the congregation, has often been a matter of regret and disappointment to many of the clergy. The committee cannot therefore too strongly urge the importance of each minister endeavouring by a decided personal interest in the school, and by frequently bringing the subject before his congregation both individually and collectively, to keep alive that interest in the work which is essential under God's blessing to its due success.

The committee feel the necessity of calling the attention of the laity of every congregation of the diocese to this great work, as one in which they are especially called to take a part, and to promote with their means, their sympathy and active co-operation; and of requesting their serious consideration of the high privilege and opportunity of cultivating the spirit of christian charity which the discharge of this duty affords them.

As an evidence of what has been done in this direction, the committee append to this report the printed copy of "a plea for Sunday schools," which was largely circulated in the parish of St. James', Toronto, during the latter part of 1861, and which they have reason to believe has been productive of much good. In addition to the benefits of Sunday schools, the committee would further point to the advantages of Bible classes held during the week under the direction of the clergyman, and to which the congregation generally should be invited as tending to promote a knowledge of Scriptural truth, and to increase reflection upon serious things; such classes would prove particularly advantageous to Sunday schools, teachers and young persons who have been confirmed and left the Sunday school, and are in danger of neglecting the continuance of religious improvement, and at the same time could not be wanting in deep interest to any christian mind.

## FORM OF ANNUAL REPORT.

With a view to give effect to that part of the resolution of the Synod which relates to collecting statistics of the state and progress of the Sunday schools throughout the diocese, the committee would recommend that a printed form of blank report to be filled up and returned, be forwarded to each Rector, Incumbent and Missionary in the diocese, as follows :

Annual report to the committee of the Diocesan Synod of the state of the Sunday school in the parish of \_\_\_\_\_ for the year 1861.

Number of pupils, \_\_\_\_\_ of boys, \_\_\_\_\_ of girls.

Average attendance, \_\_\_\_\_ of boys, \_\_\_\_\_ of girls.

Number of pupils confirmed during past year, \_\_\_\_\_ of boys, \_\_\_\_\_ of girls.

Number of teachers, \_\_\_\_\_ of males, \_\_\_\_\_ of females.

Number of school classes, \_\_\_\_\_ of boys, \_\_\_\_\_ of girls, mixed.

What instruction books used ?

Number of volumes in library.

Number of library books taken out during the year.

What description of prizes given, (if any,) and for what object ?

How are library and other expenses of school defrayed ?

What amount has been collected for Sunday schools ?

Are any missionary collections taken in Sunday school ?

What form of school register is used ?

What steps are taken (if any) to bring the subject of Sunday schools before the congregation ?

What is the general condition of the school ?

Any other information of interest to be added.

Are there any Bible classes held on week days ?

What is the attendance of such classes ?

A. B.

*Clergyman.*

B. C.

*Superintendent.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

Of the importance and influence of good libraries in Sunday schools, the committee cannot speak too highly or urge their introduction too strongly ; they at once are a means of interesting the children in the Sunday school, and of supplementing and lightening the labours of the pastor and teacher, often proving a benefit and interest to the parents and friends as well as to the children.

In regard to the selection of books for Sunday school libraries, the committee feel that very great benefit would arise from having selections carefully made, adapted to the circumstances of our own country and published in the province ; this object should be kept in view, yet they fear there are serious difficulties in the way of immediately accomplishing it, and therefore must at present be content with recommending the obtaining libraries from the best available sources.

## BOOKS OF INSTRUCTION.

The committee feel that suitable books of instruction are essential to the success of this important institution, and think that here something can be done to meet a want that those engaged in Sunday school teaching in this country feel, by preparing new books for the purpose, or by adapting to our use books published elsewhere. As a means of promoting a more thorough course of instruction as well as giving a more extensive range to the subject of Sunday school teaching, the committee propose the preparation of a schedule of biblical lessons and texts for use in Sunday schools similar to the one used by some of the clergy in Montreal, a copy of which is appended to this report.

## LAY-SUPERINTENDENTS.

In regard to the management of Sunday schools, the committee are of opinion that each school should be in charge of a lay-superintendent, with a sufficient number of devoted and pious teachers to help him. It is very desirable, when possible, that the clergyman should have a general and ever vigilant oversight of the school, but the details of management, the order and discipline of the schools rest with the lay-superintendent, who should be appointed by, and responsible to, the clergyman, thus lay-agency would be worked, and lay-co-operation secured.

In conclusion, the committee would suggest in addition to the ordinary routine of the school, that the clergyman should set apart specific periods for catechetical instruction given by himself in the school, and at stated periods to preach a sermon specially addressed to the Sunday school scholars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. BOLTON READ,  
*Chairman.*

#### MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT.

The musical committee beg leave to report that in pursuance of their report adopted at the last meeting of the Synod, they have endeavoured to form an appendix to the chant and tune-book, of such additional tunes as are required for the measures, many hymns which have become popular, or have themselves found wide acceptance, being at the same time suited to the use of congregations and sufficiently ecclesiastical in their character, but not having as yet being able to persuade the publisher to undertake the publication without the guarantee from loss, they await the formation of a subscription list before they can make their labours effectual. The cost of the publication of each copy would be about seven cents, and they have already had one offer of a contribution of \$20, and if the members of the Synod would generally subscribe small sums, to be repaid in copies of the appendix, or of the whole book with that addition, they have no doubt of bringing it out in the course of a few months.

They have likewise had in consideration, the publication of the Canticles printed in a separate shape and in larger type. That could be printed and covered for \$12, and sold at about 3 cents per copy, but having no funds at their disposal they have not entered on it.

The committee have been gratified to observe that a first attempt has been made to adopt a practice which is widely extended in England, viz.: that of gatherings of choirs in the Cathedral church, for a joint celebration of divine service. They trust that this is but the precursor of making similar gatherings, embracing every year a wider circle of choirs.

They are likewise glad to observe that a recommendation which they made in a former report, for the formation of choral associations has been adopted in the City of Toronto, and that that association contributed a share towards the union of choirs to which they have already adverted, besides having a distinct celebration of its own on Ascension Day. They trust that this association may increase and prosper, and be the exciting cause of many similar associations within town and country.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES BEAVEN,  
*Chairman.*

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

The Committee on Congregational Singing beg leave to report,

That immediately after the meeting of Synod last year, they addressed a circular to all the clergy of the diocese, stating that a gentleman, whose success as a teacher of congregational singing had been abundantly proved, had offered to undertake the instruction of such congregations as might require his services on the following terms, viz.:—that travelling expenses and board for himself and wife should be guaranteed, and that he should receive the proceeds of a collection to be taken up each evening of practice.

To this circular only one clergyman replied, who expressed an anxious desire to enter into the proposals of the committee, and gave every encouragement to hope for success in his parish.

Your committee waited till the early part of November, when another circular was addressed to the clergy urging an early reply. To this also but one answer was received, from Rev. Dr. Atkinson, stating that his parish was already supplied with an efficient teacher, and that he could not therefore enter into the scheme of the committee.

Feeling as they do that congregational singing is one of the great wants of the Canadian Church, your committee are unable to account for this apparent indifference on the part of the clergy, and would be glad if some of those present would explain why the proposal of the committee could not be carried out in their parishes.

Your committee are not in a position to say whether the same proposals could be made now, but feeling the paramount importance of the matter, and expecting such explanations as will lead to some practical result, they beg to recommend the re-appointment of the committee with power to add to their numbers.  
All which is respectfully submitted.

J. LANGTRY, M.A.,  
Chairman.

REPORT OF REGISTRATION OF DEEDS.

The Committee on Registration of Deeds, &c., &c., beg to report, that early last year this subject was brought before the Church Society and a resolution adopted, instructing the late Secretary and Registrar to take the necessary steps for opening a registry as speedily as possible, and in order thereto, he was directed to communicate with the Archdeacon and Rural Deans to ascertain what lands in their respective deaneries had been conveyed or promised to the church, and whether the conveyances had been duly executed and registered, and if not, to see it attended to, and to forward them to the Church Society's office to be recorded in abstract and deposited in the society's safe for preservation.

But owing to the protracted illness and subsequent death of the late secretary, your committee regret to state that nothing was done. They recommended, however, that this important subject be not lost sight of, but that the Lord Bishop be requested to give directions that the registry be opened as soon as convenient, and that in addition to the record in abstract of all deeds and other instruments relating to the property of the church, and all boundaries and subdivisions of parishes settled by mutual consent of the neighbouring clergy, or by commission in accordance with the provisions of the canon in that behalf, be registered therein; and further, your committee would recommend, that as it is desirable to provide a more permanent record of the baptisms, marriages and burials, performed by the clergy, his Lordship be requested to direct that every clergyman having cure of souls in this diocese, shall within one month after Easter in each year, forward to the secretary of the Church Society, a quarterly return of all such official acts duly certified according to a form supplied for the purpose to be filed in the Registrar's office, and that the fees to be charged by the Registrar be as follows, viz. for registration of deed, description of parish boundaries, or other instrument, the sum of 60 cents, and for a baptism, marriage or burial, the sum of 25 cents, reserving to the incumbents of the several parishes the usual fee for certificates in all cases.

SALTERN GIVINS,  
Chairman.

CLERGY TRUST FUND.

The Clergy Trust Committee beg leave to submit to the Church Society their annual report on the investment of the Commutation Trust Fund.

The investments and cash at the credit of the fund stand as follows:

Debentures at 9 per cent. ....	£1250	0	0
Do. at 8 " .....	10250	0	0
Do. at 6 " .....	149900	2	7
Mortgages at 10 " .....	3000	0	0
Do. at 8 " .....	3408	1	6
Do. at 7 " .....	32284	13	7
Do. at 6 " .....	16151	17	6
Cash in Bank.....	783	10	6

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Since the last annual meeting an arrangement has been effected with a committee appointed by the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario for the division of this fund, and by that arrangement, when the necessary documents are executed, there will be transferred to the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario the sum of £74,143 15s. 1d. in debentures and mortgages, leaving the sum of £143,881 10s. 7d. as the amount of the fund remaining invested for this diocese. It is expected that this arrangement will be completed after the meeting of the Synod of Ontario, at the end of this month, and that the July payments will be the last payments to be made by your committee to the clergy of that diocese.

After this division was agreed to there remained to be charged against the fund in this diocese the annual stipends of 58 clergymen, £8818 17s. 6d., and other charges for salaries of Secretary, &c., amounting to £100, while the interest of the fund, if all collected, would amount to £8,932 14s. 9d., leaving a small surplus beyond the actual charges on the fund.

The interest on the debentures of the City of Hamilton, amounting now to the large sum of £3,017 14s. still remains unpaid, and no arrangement has as yet been made with that corporation for its settlement, although your committee have obtained judgment for a large part of it, and placed executions in the hands of the sheriff, and have offered every reasonable facility for the satisfaction of the claim. A large portion of the interest of this corporation, as well as the interest of part of the debt of the corporation of St. Thomas', must necessarily be carried to capital account, until the interest of those corporations is adjusted, or the Trust Committee have necessarily been obliged to deduct from the capital account, until this interest is paid or satisfactorily arranged.

J. W. GAMBLE,  
*Chairman.*

J. HILLYARD CAMERON,  
C. J. CAMPBELL,

*Managers.*

Toronto, 9th June, 1863.

(To be continued in our next.)

REMITTANCES RECEIVED FROM THE 1st SEPTEMBER TO THE 28th  
SEPTEMBER, 1863, INCLUSIVE.

MISSION FUND.			
Georgetown .....	2 27	Cartwright.....	2 00
Norval .....	60	Newcastle .....	8 00
Stewardtown.....	1 04	Springfield..	11 50
Elora, St. John's.....	50	Sydenham.....	2 86
Fergus, St. James'.....	2 34	Cemetery Chapel.....	9 49
Enniskillen.....	1 00	St. John's Church, Ancaster.....	17 00
		St. James' Church, Dundas. ....	6 50

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