

Windsor - May 23<sup>d</sup> 1857

My dear Townley,

You are a shabby fellow; why did you not send an original article for the Ch: Fr: – I have altogether too much to do; and I am worried and harassed to death. For the last two weeks I have been endeavouring in vain to beg or borrow money to keep our Church going. The roof is now going on, but we must stop work next week if we cannot get money. We offer the best security and usurious interest, but cannot even raise £100 for 2 months. The banks will not discount – And I have several other things which have disconcerted me and cause me more grief than perhaps they are worth. One of them an affair of which I spoke to you when you were here. Two very

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nice girls, my favourite parishioners, and apparently much attached to me, took it into their heads to go to the Roman Catholic convent. They are 19 and 20 years old, and I thought it most dangerous, & interfered and succeeded in preventing it. But it has entirely estranged them from me, and whereas before I could do any thing with them & found great pleasure in constant intercourse with them, they will now scarcely speak to me. It has made me very low, as an evidence of how little hold we have upon the affections of our people.

I am afraid we have over estimated our strength in the Bishopricks question. Of those we reckoned upon we certainly lose Gurnse, Hodge & G. Elliot, which puts us in a minority. I hear that Flood was at Gurnse's and probably succeeded in securing him. I have had a letter from Bearn(?) about the Synod. He tells me that

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the Bishop's plan is, under Cameron's advice, to bring the Constitution prepared by the Executive Committee before the Synod for adoption: then to order a new election of lay delegates then to reassemble the whole Synod to ratify the Constitution, and after that to call the London diocese together for the election, at London. – It is an absurd plan as the delegates from distant places can neither afford time or money for so many journeys.

What do you think of the suggestions of the Committee? I shall move an amendment to the first rule on election of Bishops, which is most mischievous in principle, & neither clearly nor grammatically expressed. It would throw a dangerous power into the hands of a minority.

With regard to Ch: Fr: Will you, as you know the parties likely to respond, and I do not, write and get printed the proposed appeal,

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and send it to them? and that at once. The note for £20 is hastening to maturity, and I do not know how I am to meet it, and I suppose cannot get it renewed.- I will do the best I can about the bills, but anticipate little result. The appeal in last number has brought nothing beyond the one dollar!  
Discouraging!

Yours very truly,

Edward H. Dewar

I am afraid the next number will be a poor one, which is a pity, as I have heard from several quarters that we had much improved in interest lately. I have two articles one on "Spirit-rapping & Popery" and the other "Passages from the Diary of a Canadian Missionary", the first of a series, in which I propose to give partly real and partly imaginary sketches of parish doings.-