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TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

His Excellency the Governor General has appointed Wednesday, the Eighteenth of October next, as a day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the late abundant Harvest, and it becomes my duty to recommend to the members of our Communion throughout this Diocese the solemn and religious observance of that day.

On such an occasion, when we shall have assembled to offer to the Lord our hearty thankfulness for recent mercies,—the more deeply felt on account of the depression experienced from the comparatively scanty harvests of the last few years,—it is dutiful and right that we should come before God with an offering of our substance as well as with the expression of our gratitude.

Our Missionary work is dear to every Churchman; and I am anxious, with you, that every opportunity should be embraced of adding to the means by which it may be sustained and extended in this Diocese. It has been stated to me by the Mission Board, that the funds for this object are in a very discouraging condition,—owing, no doubt, to the pecuniary depression that has prevailed throughout the Province; so much so, that great apprehension has existed that the Board should be compelled to reduce the amount already so scantily allotted to our Missionaries. I would therefore earnestly request that the Collections on the day of General Thanksgiving be made on behalf of the MISSION FUND of this Diocese; and now that, through God's mercy, a more bountiful harvest has been vouchsafed to us, and the prospects of the country have brightened so much, I trust that the response of your respective congregations to this appeal on behalf of our Missions, will be general, hearty and liberal.

I remain, Rev. and dear brethren,

Your faithful and affectionate Diocesan,

Toronto, September 30th, 1865.

J. TORONTO.

POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINATION.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold his next general Ordination at St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, on Wednesday, 1st Nov., The Festival of All Saints. Candidates are requested to send their names without delay to the Rev. H. J. Grasset, B.D., Examining Chaplain; and those who have been approved and accepted will present themselves for examination in the Lecture Room of St. James' Parochial School House, on Friday, the 27th October, at 9 o'clock, a.m., bringing with them the usual letters testimonial and the *Si Quis* properly attested.