

TO THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF NOVASCOTIA.  
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WE, the Dean and undersigned Clergy of the Church of England, in the City of Halifax and its vicinity, gladly hail the return of your Lordship, and with undiminished affection bid you welcome to your Diocese and native land.

We have watched with much interest the great work in which you have been engaged, and are thankful for the unanimity which pervaded the counsels of our Bishops, and we earnestly pray to the Great and Good Shepherd "whose we are, and whom we serve," that the further effect of these deliberations may be to promote a more perfect unity in the Anglican Church throughout the world, and a fresh revival of true religion in that branch of it, over which the Holy Ghost has made you the overseer

William Bullock, D. D., Dean and Ecc. Comy.  
Geo. McCawley, D. D., Archdeacon and Canon.  
J. M. Hensley, D. D., Canon.  
Edwin Gilpin, D. D., Canon.  
John Abbott, Minor Canon.  
Wm. Ellis.  
John Ambrose, Rector of St. Margaret's B.  
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George E. Morris.  
James Breathing.  
W. Ferdinand Pryor, Rector of Dartmouth.  
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H. Burrows.

R E P L Y .

MY REV. BRETHREN,—

It is with a thankful heart for many mercies and for the protection graciously vouchsafed to me in my journeys by land and by water, that I receive your kind congratulations upon my return to this City.

Although my absence has been somewhat protracted, I hope that the arrangements made for the transaction of the business of the Diocese have sufficed to prevent any inconvenience to you in your several Cures, and I gladly avail myself of this opportunity to thank the Dean for the manner in which he has performed the duties of Commissary. The labour has not been light, for every Steamer from England brought him a long letter from me containing matter involving the expenditure of time and trouble, and again by every mail I received a letter from *him*.

I should have been much surprised if you had not been interested in the great meeting at Lambeth, of which I believe that the effects will be both beneficial and lasting. But as I shall soon have occasion to address you at length with reference to the proceedings of that Conference, I will not now speak of them.

I am thankful that no breach has been made in your ranks since we met together last August, and I pray that we may be enabled to work heartily together with one object in view, having always in remembrance how great a treasure is committed to our charge, and that we are to watch for souls as those who must give account.

H. NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX, June 10th, 1868.