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REV. AND DEAR BRETHERN :

On Friday next it is my intention, accompanied by Mrs. Fulford, to leave this city on my way to England, taking our passage from Quebec to Liverpool, in the *Hibernian*. During my absence I shall once more avail myself of the services of the Venerable the Dean of Montreal, who has kindly consented to act as my Commissary ; and the Lord Bishop of Quebec has promised his assistance should any occasion arise requiring special Episcopal ministrations.

The present aspect of public affairs generally, and the good feeling subsisting amongst the Clergy, lead me to hope that no difficulties will arise to cause trouble while I am away ; and there are many subjects of grave importance, whether to the Church generally, or to the Colonial branches in particular, now under discussion in England, in which we must all be deeply interested, and in some of which I may be able to take a part. In this and other ways I feel that I may still be serving the Church, while temporarily absent from my own Diocese ; and it will also be a great satisfaction, both to myself and Mrs. Fulford, to see once more in this world many of our oldest friends and nearest relatives ; while, if it please God to spare

our lives, we may look forward, with renewed strength and improved health, to resuming our place and duties amongst you on our return. In the meantime I earnestly commend you and your work, and your families, to the mercy and grace of God, for Jesus Christ's sake. Remember how largely the welfare of the Church and the salvation of souls depend, under God, on the faithful and consistent discharge of your duties, as ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

The Deputations, in connection with the Diocesan Church Society in the several Rural-Deaneries, and which were so successful in the early part of this year, will no doubt be carefully arranged for the ensuing one ; and I hope that due exertions will everywhere be made to increase the funds of the Society, so as to enable it to meet the larger demands made upon it, and supply the increasing deficiency caused by the annual diminution in the grant from the S. P. G.

Considering the general prosperity of the country during the past year, and the fair prospects for the coming harvest, we may reasonably expect from the members of the Church, some willing Thank-offerings to God for His mercy and goodness. And we are also bound to give special thanks