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TO THE LAY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND IN THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

The Church in this Diocese, by a Resolution of its Synod, has established it as a standing arrangement that the Offerings on Christmas-day in our several congregations should annually be given exclusively to the Clergy.

I have merely to remind you of this; and to request that, on the ensuing Christmas-day, these Offerings may be so appropriated.

Permit me to add the expression of my hope that, on each succeeding year, as our numbers increase and their wealth is augmented, these benefactions will be larger. While, in the households of those who receive them, they will contribute much to their simple comforts, they will help to bind in warmer affection the Pastor who ministers, and the Flock that receives, the privileges and consolations of the Gospel of Christ.

I remain, dear brethren, Very faithfully yours,

A. N. TORONTO.

TORONTO, Nov. 30, 1868.

The Clergy will please inform Mr. Rowsell without delay how many copies of the above Pastoral they will require for distribution. The expense is provided for by the Synod.—Ed. Ch. Chron.

PRAYER FOR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

To the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto :

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,

At a late meeting of the Bishops of this ecclesiastical Province, the adoption of a Prayer for the Lieutenant Governor was duly considered.

In their judgment, the name of the Lieutenant Governor cannot be in acceded into the longer Prayer for the Governor General; as here his appointment by the Queen is specially referred to.

When this Prayer is used, the shorter one may follow; omitting the words, "The Governor General appointed," &c., and inserting, in their stead, the words, "The Lieutenant Governor of this Province."