

our affections and our faith, yet we have submitted—in the full and unerring assurance that your Lordship under the guidance of the Holy See would at length arrive to our consolation and relief. This hope, My Lord, animated us thro' many a scene of agitated and anxious feeling and we yet cherish the sanguine trust that peace and ultimate harmony will crown the sacred intendment of your Lordships mission.

While thus my Lord we have dwelt with some emphasis upon the scenes above mentioned—we assure your Lordship that it is with intense painfulness we have felt the propriety of such recurrence as we fondly hoped that with the sufferings they occasioned the memory of them might have passed, and we need not assure your Lordship of the exultation with which we turn to those results, which, wherever your Lordship's unimpeded zeal was permitted to exercise itself, have so auspiciously manifested themselves for our benefit and improvement. Brief as the interval has been since the disembarkation of your Lordship as a stranger on these shores, we have found your zealous and undiscouraged offices devoted to the enlargement of the accommodations—necessary for a more adequate solemnization of our sacred services in the Cathedral, to the purchase and erection of two additional churches where the wants and necessities of the poorer portion of our community have been fully consulted and to the preparation and establishment of a spacious Cemetery which on two public occasions has exhibited scenes of unanimous zeal and devotedness on the part of the Catholic People without precedent or example.—These facts my Lord furnish of themselves a sufficient refutation of the strictures which attract our present notice and would from their proper appreciation by a generous community dispense with the necessity of this address if we did not my Lord exult in the occasion—thus offered of testifying through a channel as public as that which gave publicity to the imputations, the deep fervid and undecaying attachment with which your Lordship is so generally regarded.

MICHAEL TOBIN, Chairman.  
L. O'Connor Doyle, Secretary.

A deputation of gentlemen waited on his Lordship on Sunday morning last and presented the Address—immediately after Dr. Walsh read the following reply.

MY DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

The memorable events of the last few days have placed me in one of the most trying and difficult positions of my whole life.

A virulent and calumnious attack, followed by a prompt, generous, and indignant vindication, has filled my mind with alternate feelings of grief and pleasure.

I beheld with unutterable anguish one of the highest Dignitaries in our Holy Church, even in my own unworthy person, wantonly traduced before the people of the entire Province.

I saw the victim of a ruthless persecution, described himself as an unmerciful tyrant, and the punishment which ought to fall upon the real disturbers of our harmony, visited on a sincere and constant lover of peace.

Most bitter of all, I beheld the deep wounds over which religion has mourned in this portion of the Church, torn open afresh and exposed to the public gaze, the accumulated scandals of many years, presented to us in all their revolting hideousness, and the seeds of future dissensions scattered by the enemy of peace, amongst those who should love one another.

After twelve months of unexampled suffering, and as you are aware, of no ordinary patience, I am forced to break that silence which I have hitherto maintained.

'A good name is better than great riches,' (Prov. xxii. 1.) and reputation should be dearer than life. My character is no longer in my own power—it belongs to the Church and to you. I am therefore compelled to speak, though I should prefer to be silent, whilst I pray God to forgive those who have forced upon me this painful necessity. We are not to be surprised, my Beloved Brethren, at the appearance of scandals in our Holy Church. The perverse use of human liberty will always oppose the wisest intentions