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TO THE CHURCHWARDENS AND PARISHIONERS OF THE SEVERAL
PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

The time has again come about at which, for some years past, I have had the pleasure of addressing you on a subject closely connected with the comfort and welfare of our Clergy. I allude to the offerings which, on Christmas Day, have annually been given for their benefit.

I rejoice much that the result of these has generally been so successful; and you will rejoice with me in feeling that, at a very little cost to yourselves, so much satisfaction and benefit has accrued to those whose lives are spent in ministering amongst you for your souls' welfare.

You are aware that, with few exceptions, the stipends of our Clergy are very small; so that this accession to their straitened means is a great boon to many. And at no period of the year could it be made more seasonably than at the time when the Christian world is celebrating the nativity of Him who was made man for our redemption. It comes, too, at a season of the year when wants are most pressing, and privations hardest to be endured.

Remember, I pray you, God's many blessings to yourselves during the past year; and feel that, in aiding those by your thankful offerings who are his servants and labourers, you are fulfilling a duty which He never fails to requite.

Hoping that, as in years past, you will kindly and generously remember our dear brethren of the Clergy on the coming Christmas day,

I remain, your affectionate Diocesan,

JOHN TORONTO.

Toronto, Nov. 30, 1866.

NOTICES.

CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE,

Toronto, 1st Dec., 1866.

This office will be open for the transaction of business daily, from 10, A.M., to 4, P.M. (Sundays, New Year's Day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter Monday, the Birth Day of the Sovereign, Christmas Day, and any day appointed by general proclamation for a general Fast or Thanksgiving, excepted).

On Saturdays the office will be closed at 3 p.m.

The Church Society's Report for the year ending the 30th April, 1866, will be ready for distribution in a few days. The Clergy will please inform the Secretary how many copies they will require.

OCTOBER COLLECTION.—*Widows and Orphans' Fund.*

Returns have been received from sixty-nine Parishes. There remain about *thirty-eight* to be heard from. Those Clergymen who have not yet taken up this collection are respectfully requested to do so without further delay, and to remit the proceeds to the undersigned by bank draft or post office order, or in bank bills: all sums under one dollar, in five-cent postage stamps.

WM. P. ATKINSON,

Secretary.