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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 time has arrived when it becomes my duty to call your attention to the Resolution of the Synod of our Diocese, which provides that the offerings on Christmas Day in each year shall be given exclusively to the Clergy.

This was an act of thoughtful kindness which received the warm approval of our late venerated Diocesan; knowing, as he did, what a grateful boon these voluntary gifts, bestowed at so seasonable a time, proved in all cases to the Clergy who received them. We all lament the smallness of the recompence which, with few exceptions, our Clergy receive for their earnest and faithful services; and it was hoped that this annual contribution at the sacred season of the Nativity of our blessed Lord, would be found to supplement, to some extent, the insufficiency of their stinted incomes.

I may heartily recommend this duty, so cheerfully accepted by our Laity in Synod, to your generous consideration; and, inasmuch as God has dealt very graciously with us in the late abundant harvest, and the continued peace we have enjoyed, I trust that this year,—and year by year henceforward,—these offerings for the comfort of our Clergy, and as a testimony of your appreciation of their services, will be largely increased.

I am, dear brethren, sincerely and devotedly yours,

A. N. TORONTO.

TORONTO, November 30, 1867.

NOTE.—By resolution of Synod last June, it was provided that the whole expense of printing and forwarding the Pastoral Letter shall be borne by the Synod.

The Clergy will please inform Mr. Rowsell, without delay, how many copies of the Pastoral they will require for distribution.—ED. CHRONICLE.

Funeral of the Late Bishop Strachan.

The funeral of the late Bishop took place on Tuesday, November 5th. A general disposition was shown, both by public bodies and by the citizens at large, to give token of their deep respect for the memory of one whose name had been so long and so honourably associated with the history, not only of the City and the Diocese, but of the Province of Upper Canada. The same spirit was discovered by the Volunteer force; and the troops forming the Garrison received orders from the Lieutenant-Governor to line the streets on the occasion, while he himself acted as one
