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### UPPER CANADA.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

On Friday last the Diocesan Synod met in the School room attached to the Church of St. George to consider an address (which had been drawn up by a Committee,) to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Synod was adjourned to 10 o'clock on Saturday morning. On both occasions morning prayer was offered in the Church. Besides a large body of clerical and lay Synodsmen, there were present the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land, (who spoke very feelingly in reply to the welcome given him by the Synod,) the Rev. G. Gubbins, from Ireland, and the Rev. Drs. Shelton and Vansittart, from the Diocese of New York. The following is the address and reply:

"May it Please your Royal Highness, — We, the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese of Toronto, in Synod assembled, beg permission to offer to Your Royal Highness a cordial welcome on your arrival amongst us. The position in which the United Church of England and Ireland has lately been placed in this country (as being self-governed and dependant for support on the dutiful liberality of her children) does but serve to enhance our appreciation of the inestimable benefits which we enjoy as subjects of the British Empire, and as an integral part of that Reformed Communion which, under the good providence of Almighty God, is becoming, in every portion of the globe, the instrument of invaluable blessings to mankind. We strongly feel that since the ties which have connected us with the Civil Government of this Colony have been severed, and the Church thereby rendered independent of the State, this independence in respect of material interests must be compensated by a closer and more conscious sympathy with the land of our origin, and with the glory of that land, our Spiritual Mother. Nor can we ever forget that as the Church of Christ, in all ages and in all climes, has taught her children not only to fear God but to honour the King, so has our Church been pre-eminently distinguished by Christian constancy, and by a high-souled loyalty which religion only can inspire. It is our fervent prayer to Almighty God that these virtues may ever live and flourish amongst us, and that as faithful servants of the King of kings, we may ever seek the honour of our earthly rulers, and the welfare of the people at large, by presenting, in our several stations, an example of dutiful allegiance to our Sovereign, and a grateful recognition of the signal virtues by which our beloved Queen has purchased for herself, among all nations of the earth, an imperishable name.

"JOHN TORONTO.

(Attested,) "STEPHEN LETT, LL.D., Trin. Coll., Dublin,  
Clerical Secretary.

"JAMES BOVELL, M.D., Trin. Coll., Toronto,  
Lay Secretary."

To this address, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was most graciously pleased to make the following reply:

"Gentlemen, — I am grateful for the assurances of your loyalty to the Queen, and for the welcome to myself, conveyed in your address. I am a member of the Church of England, and, as such, I rejoice to meet in this distant land, and in so important a diocese, the representatives of that body in whose creed I have been nurtured and trained. I trust that Almighty God will aid you in your efforts to maintain the efficiency of the Church under the guidance of the Venerable Prelate who has so long presided over you in this diocese."

The following is the address of the University of Trinity College, with the reply of His Royal Highness:

"May it please your Royal Highness, — We, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Trinity College, Toronto, beg to express to your Royal Highness our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of your visit to this Province, and our grateful sense of the kindly interest which you have thus discovered in the welfare of the colony. While we gladly recognize the many obligations under which we lie, in common with all our fellow-subjects in this Province, to loyal attachment to the Throne of Great Britain, and to its present most gracious occupant, it is our especial duty to

acknowledge the distinguished favour which Her Majesty the Queen has conferred upon us, by conveying to us, under her Royal Charter, the full privileges of a University. Her Majesty, in that Charter, has been pleased to declare her willingness 'to promote the more perfect establishment within the Diocese of Toronto, of a College in connexion with the United Church of England and Ireland, for the education of youth in the doctrines and duties of the Christian religion as inculcated by that Church, and for their instruction in the various branches of science and literature which are taught in the Universities of this kingdom.' It will ever be our pride, as it must ever be our duty, faithfully to execute the trust thus graciously confided to us, both by the inculcation of sound religious principles and by the communication of all useful secular learning. In attempting to discharge this duty, we are assured that we can propose to ourselves no better model than that of the ancient Universities of England, with the studies of one of which your Highness is already familiar, while we learn with satisfaction that it is your design to form a like intimate acquaintance with the other. It will be our aim, by the blessing of Almighty God, to perpetuate in this colony that spirit of old English faith and loyalty, by which the members of our communion have ever been distinguished at home, and by which we trust that they will be recognized in every land in which our Church is planted under the protection of the British Crown."

To this address, His Royal Highness replied as follows:

"Gentlemen, — I thank you sincerely for the expression of loyalty and attachment to the British Crown contained in your address, and for the welcome you have given me to this city. The Institution from which the address proceeds is one of the utmost importance to the colony, inasmuch as it is destined to train those to whose care are committed the spiritual interests of the members of the Church of England. I know the difficulties under which you have laboured, and sincerely hope that you may successfully surmount them."

[The authorities of our Church University were well pleased to be able to present the foregoing address at an early stage of His Royal Highness' visit to Toronto. A rumour was previously current that it was doubtful whether the Prince would honour Trinity College with his presence or not. It gives us no small gratification to be able to state, on good authority, that His Royal Highness was prepared to visit this noble Institution of his own Church; but we are not as yet able to say whether the College was prepared to receive him in such a way as its authorities deemed befitting a guest so illustrious.]

### THE CATHEDRAL.

On Sunday morning, as early as half-past nine o'clock, crowds of people were proceeding to St. James' Cathedral, anxious to get good places to see the Prince. The admission was by ticket, and the sacred edifice was crowded in every part. Precisely at eleven, the Prince and his suite arrived at the front entrance, and were received by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, the Archdeacons of York and Kingston, the officiating Clergymen, and the Churchwardens. His Royal Highness shook hands with the Bishop, and then proceeded to the seat prepared for him, the congregation showing their respect by standing up. The Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D., the Rector, said the prayers; the Rev. J. G. Goddes, Rector of Hamilton, read the lessons; the Rev. Archdeacon Bethune said the ante-communion service; the Rev. Mr. Boddy read the epistle; the Rev. E. Baldwin read the gospel; and the Rev. S. Givens, of Yorkville, read the offertory.

### THE SERMON.

The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop, who took for his text Psalm lxxii. 1, "Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness to the king's son."

In this prophetic prayer, the aged monarch of Israel, about to resign the kingdom into the hands of his son Solomon; makes to God for him the request of a wise and affectionate father. He asks such a portion of wisdom and integrity from above, as might enable the young prince to govern aright the people of God, and to exhibit to the world a fair resemblance of that King of Israel who was, in the fulness of time, to sit upon the throne of his father David—to reign in righteousness, and to have all judgment committed unto him. This tender and affectionate prayer was afterwards more fully shadowed forth at Gibeon, where the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, and said, "Ask what I shall give