

## TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,

I am sure that most of the Clergy of this Diocese gratefully observed a change in the style and tone of the Bishop's usual circular respecting the Christmas Offertory. The affectionate spirit which pervaded it, was a most pleasing feature, and made it far more effective, I have no doubt, than a mere reminder concerning a Resolution of Synod passed years ago. The Bishop deserves the thanks of his Clergy for this timely and thoughtful consideration.

To the publisher, Mr. Rowsell, too, the Clergy will doubtless be ready to own themselves indebted for the promptness, and liberality with which he forwarded the circulars without waiting for orders from the Churchwardens. I trust there may be no unnecessary delay in paying for them.

Would it not be a good idea, if a report of the several Christmas collections were published in the Chronicle, with some mark to denote increase or decrease, as compared with last year. The contributions "in kind," I believe have not come up to what I thought they would. I should have been glad if the language of the Bishop's letter had been more full and explicit on this point.

But I trust that the experience of most of my Brethren has been better than mine in this respect; and at all events, that the sleighing, which we look for every day, will cause some movements of farm produce towards our parsonages.

The farmers can very easily afford to give in this way what, at the present high prices, it is hard for a parson to pay cash for.

With the best wishes of the season,

I remain, yours truly,

A COUNTRY PARSON.

St. John Evangelist's Day, 1865.

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 DEPUTATION TO NORTH SIMCOE.

*Trinity College, Jan. 29, 1866.*

MY DEAR SIR,—In compliance with your request, I send you the following report of my journey in the county of Simcoe on behalf of the Church Society. My colleagues were at first the Rev. J. Fletcher and the Rev. E. W. Murphy; and with the former of these gentlemen I proceeded from Cookstown to West Essa, on the 1st of January, to keep our first appointment at St. Peter's Church. Both this day and the following were unfavourable for our purpose, on account of the municipal elections which were in progress, and also on account of the social gatherings usual at the opening of the year. We had, however, an attentive though not very numerous audience; and on the next morning we were driven to Mulmur, and thence to Whitfield, where the attendance was very small, partly on account of the hour at which the meeting was held. (2 P.M.). Mr. Fletcher was fortunately well acquainted with the people and with the circumstances of the mission, and took occasion to administer a well deserved reproof—which I trust was taken in good part—of the negligence of this congregation in respect of their payments to the missionary. It appeared that they were more than \$200 in arrear, having contributed in three years less than \$39—not quite \$13 per annum. On our return to Mulmur we found the Rev. E. W. Murphy awaiting us, and a well attended meeting was held at St. Luke's, at which he gave us his assistance. On the following evening (the 3rd) a meeting was held in the new church of the Holy Trinity, North Adjala, where the attendance was very fair. The Rev. J. McCleary, the laborious missionary in charge of the three churches last mentioned, was confined to his bed by rheumatic fever, which, I am glad to say, appeared to be taking a favorable turn before we left. Great credit is due to him for the exertions which he has made, and it is pleasing to see that the people give proof of their appreciation of his services by many acts of substantial kindness. The great and pressing want is a parsonage, and as the debt on St. Luke's has been cleared off, and the church at North Adjala built, there is good hope that the two congre-