

of order under lawful authority, that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Now it becomes us to offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for the fulfilment of our desires, and for all the mercies that amid our trials have in this matter been given to us.

Thirdly—There is a further cause of thankfulness in that God has dealt so graciously with this land this year in delivering it in so great measure from the calamity of grasshoppers, that scythed again indignantly to threaten the very existence of any harvest in the Province. We have, indeed, to lament the want of crops in our Central Parishes, but the others have had a full and abundant harvest. God has been further pleased to remove entirely from us the grasshoppers, so that there is once more the prospect of the land being free, we trust for many years—rather for ever—of this terrible scourge. In both these results there is great cause for thankfulness on our part. Let us then humbly draw near to God with the voice of Thanksgiving and with a renewed offering of ourselves to His service.

And while for these reasons I have appointed a Day of Thanksgiving, at a season which I trust will be convenient for all our people, I cannot but observe that the afflictive Providence with which it has pleased God to visit our fellow-countrymen in the Saskatchewan District should speak home to us very closely and make us search ourselves how far we are entering into a sense of God's goodness to us, and are showing forth our praise.

I, therefore, request the Reverend the Clergy to hold a Service of Thanksgiving in their several Parishes on the day I have named, according to the Order of Prayer issued with this Pastoral Letter, and as we should not go up to such a Service before the

empty, I further recommend the Diocesan Fund as a suitable object for receiving on this occasion the offerings of our people. In the Pastoral Letter which was read last year I mentioned the arrangements for promoting this Fund that had received the sanction of the Synod. The insurrection made it impossible to carry out those arrangements, but this year I trust we may be able to do so.

We have long had a most kind and nursing care from the Societies of England, and we shall doubtless long require a continuance of that assistance; for if the entrance of Emigration should strengthen our present Parishes and Missions it will also open up new fields. But the time has come for every Member of our Church to whom God has given the blessing of health and manly vigour to do what he can for the support of the means of grace which he enjoys. I trust that you may feel that you cannot honestly be satisfied with yourselves unless you give yourselves to the discharge of this duty.

Experience and careful consideration will be required in working out what is best for developing self-support in the maintenance of our Ministers. At present I ask you to do what you can with the means that has been called into existence.

Our Country is entering on a new era. We trust it will be an era of great prosperity. Let us start with the resolution of doing our best for this end, and showing ourselves in our evident appreciation of the privileges given to us not unworthy of the blessing and the bounty of our Heavenly Father.

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