

The Bishop made the following reply :—

*To the Reverend the Clergy and the Laity of the Diocese of Toronto.*

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN AND BRETHREN OF THE LAITY,—

I accept with great gratification the loyal and affectionate address which you have been pleased to present to me.

This day of my consecration to the sacred office of a Bishop in the Church of God, I feel to be one of deep solemnity ; and looking forward, as I cannot but do, to the arduous duties, the difficulties, trials, and responsibilities which lie before me in the discharge of this office, more especially in the important Diocese of Toronto, the assurance of your sympathy and loyal co-operation comes to me with the welcome of a cheering promise and a strong encouragement.

For my part, my earnest prayer is, and shall be, that Almighty God, who has thus called me by His Providence to be the Chief Pastor of this Diocese, may also endue me with His heavenly grace to enable me wisely to govern, and faithfully to feed His flock committed to my charge ; and may grant His prospering blessing to all my endeavours to extend the kingdom of Christ, and advance the cause of His Church.

May that mutual confidence, respect, and affection ever subsist between us, as co-workers in the holy service of our one Lord and Master, that shall secure for our labours the strength that lies in oneness of purpose and unity of action ; and should, at any time, the conscientious discharge of my high trust involve me in reproach or difficulties, may I be sustained by the sympathy, the consideration, and the approval of my beloved clergy and faithful laity.

Thanking you, dear brethren, for your promised prayers on my behalf, which I trust will be constant and unceasing, I assure you that I too shall constantly bear in my heart, before the Throne of Grace, both you, my reverend brethren who labour in the cure of souls, and the various congregations committed to your charge, praying Almighty God that He will abundantly bless you in your persons, your families, and your labours, and by your means prosper His work in our Diocese, to the glory of His great name, and the extension of His kingdom.

I am, dear brethren,

Your faithful friend and Bishop,

ARTHUR TORONTO.

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A Reception to the Bishop under the auspices of the ladies of Toronto, was held on the same evening, in the Convocation Hall of Trinity College. It was attended by about one thousand Church people and friends of the Bishop.