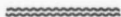


## FOREWORD



When you asked me to write a brief foreword for the interesting record you are preparing for the press, I hesitated, not because I did not deem it an honor to have my name associated with the story of the growth of St. Basil's parish, but because I felt that some other name than mine would be of better omen at the beginning of your little book. On reflection, however, I find that of all the Priests at St. Basil's I am the oldest, not indeed in years, but in my knowledge of things as they were in an earlier day. It is therefore not without a sort of propriety that you invite me to wish God-speed to your pretty book, and send it on its way with the sanction of one who knew the men who did the things out of which your story is woven.

I need not tell you how grateful St. Basil's will be for what you are doing to per-