

## Archidiaconal Visitation.

The Venerable Archdeacon of York recently held his visitation in St. John's Church, Sandwich. His charge contained a feeling allusion to the probability of this being his last official visit, in consequence of the approaching division of the Diocese of Toronto. In the course of the evening the clergy and churchwardens, assembled at the Rectory, presented the following address, to which the Archdeacon made a suitable reply, the substance of which is added:

## ADDRESS.

Rev. and dear Sir,

As this may possibly be the last occasion on which we shall be summoned to meet you in your official capacity, we cannot separate without conveying to you the expression of our heartfelt gratitude, not only for the valuable counsel and instruction which on this, as on former similar occasions, you have afforded to us, but also for the courtesy and kindness which we, in common with all the clergy and laity of your archdeaconry, have uniformly experienced at your hands.

While, however, we thus take leave of you as the Archdeacon of York, we are not without the hope that, upon the division of the diocese, you will be called upon to fill a higher and more responsible office in Christ's Church,—one to which your distinguished services and long experience entitle you to aspire, and for which, we are persuaded, you are eminently qualified.

We have the honour to be,

Reverend and dear Sir,

Your faithful servants

And brothers in Christ.

FREDERICK MACK, Rector of Amherstburg;  
GEORGE I. R. SALTER, B.A., Incumbent of  
Moore and Sarnia.

ANDREW JAMEISON, Missionary at Walpole  
Island.

EDWARD H. DEWAR, M.A., Rector of Sand-  
wich.

F. G. ELLIOTT, Incumbent of Colchester.

ALEX. WILLIAMS, Assistant Minister at Moore.

THOMAS PAXTON, Churchwarden of Christ  
Church, Amherstburg.

ALFRED K. DEWSON, M.D., } Churchwardens  
THOS. PERKINS, } of Windsor.

T. WOODBRIDGE, } Churchwardens of Saint  
JOHN ADLEY, } John's Church, Sandwich.

## REPLY.

I could wish, my reverend brethren and gentlemen, that opportunity had been afforded me

of preparing an answer better worthy than any I can now offer, of the kind Address you have just presented to me. But perhaps my genuine feelings of thankfulness and regard will be best spoken without the formality of a written reply.

I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to fulfil the duties of the office I have the honour of holding in the Church of God; and to make it as practically useful as possible, I have on several occasions visited every parish, and I believe every missionary station, within this Archdeaconry, besides frequently meeting my brethren of the clergy and laity on occasions like the present.

If our official connexion, from the probable formation of this portion of the diocese into a distinct see at no distant period, should soon be severed, we shall still be one in brotherhood and affection, and not, I trust, without many opportunities of "taking sweet counsel together" for the welfare of the Church. The performance of my duties has always been rendered pleasant by the courtesy and kindness I have, in every quarter, received; and I shall ever entertain a happy recollection of our fraternal intercourse and your warm hospitalities.

You are kind enough to express a wish for my further advancement in the Church; and in doing so, you are more partial judges of my qualifications than I can allow myself to be. Though I should, in the humbler position I now occupy, perhaps best secure my own individual comfort and happiness, and certainly best meet my own estimate of qualification, I am not, as a minister of God's Church, at my own disposal, but should endeavour with faithfulness to discharge whatever duty may in His Providence be allotted to me.

I have again to thank you for your kindness; to offer you every affectionate good wish; and to pray that we may each of us be found to labour diligently and successfully for God's glory, the extension of His kingdom, and the good of souls.

We have to apologise for the tardy appearance of this number. The delay is owing to an unexpected deficiency of paper of the proper size and quality in the quarter from which we usually receive our supply.

THE EDITOR.