

which gave its recipient great pleasure, and is printed in full in his Life. The letter reads as follows:

NEW YORK, U. S. A., July 28, 1877.

*To my Most Reverend Brother in Christ, INNOCENT, Metropolitan of Moscow:*

My friend, the Rev. Charles R. Hale, D. D., has, for some time past, kept me informed of the great and good work, for the extension of the kingdom of our Blessed Lord, in which so much of your life has been employed. I have this moment finished the reading of a pamphlet on this subject, which he has sent me. By this, I have been struck by several coincidences in the dealings of our Lord with us. With the exception of the Bishop of Rome and the Bishop of Mississippi, we are, perhaps, the only Bishops of the Historic Church who were born in the last century—you in 1797, and I in 1794. I was consecrated Bishop, for a distant missionary district, only eight years before you were sent as a Bishop to your more distant jurisdiction. I have occupied a position which, in olden times, and in the Old World, would be called metropolitan, since December 28th, 1867—January 9th, 1868, within a very few days, I think, of the time when you were made Metropolitan of Moscow.

No doubt you feel more and more, as I do, the greatest astonishment at the condescension of our Blessed Lord, that He should make choice of such as we are for work like this. Nevertheless, I thank Him for it, since it has greatly deepened my sense of the value of souls, and increased my profound conviction that the Gospel of Christ is the only "glad tidings" which can bring salvation to them.

We naturally stretch forth our hands and give our hearts to all those who are engaged with us in proclaiming salvation in no other Name but His. We are drawn, however, much nearer to those who, like us, hold only to the Holy Scriptures, the two Ancient Creeds, and the decision, of the early General Councils, as the standards of our faith.

In whatsoever minor things we may differ, my trust and my belief is, that the more the missionaries of the Cross "run to and fro," animated by His love, and the more "knowledge is