



*To the Congregation and Parishioners of S. Mary, Woolwich.*

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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I know well that these words, written in the midst of many pressing engagements just before my return to Canada, are not worthy of being placed in print. But your Rector, and some others who heard them, expressed a kind desire that they might be circulated. I was unable to refuse such a request from those who made it.

If, then, these words help in the smallest degree, as it is thought they may, to a truer realization of the reality of the Church as a divine organization ; if they stir some few souls to greater loyalty, zeal, and devotion for that Church ; if they help to increase the brotherly love and concord, and true union that should bind all the members of that One Body together, among those in whose welfare I can never cease to take the very deepest interest ; I shall indeed feel that, however imperfect and unworthy of the great subject the words were in themselves, they were not spoken in vain.

May the Almighty stablish, strengthen, settle you, and make you to be given to all good works for the glory of His Holy Name, and the edification of His Church.

Your sincere friend,

ADELBERT,

Bishop of Qu'Appelle.