

assembly, although in its details it may not have been, and indeed could not be, always acceptable to all.

I rejoice with you that peace and harmony prevail among us, (the God of Peace grant that it may never be interrupted, and that as brethren ye may ever dwell together in unity,) and if, as you kindly suggest, this is to be attributed in any degree to my own courses of action, I am fully repaid for any misconception to which this course may at times have given occasion. I have conscientiously endeavored to act with strict impartiality, bearing in mind, that while there are, and ever will be, differing schools of thought in the Church, (and some, unhappily, are deeply imbued with party spirit,) all alike are included in the Charge committed to the Bishop, and all should be able to rely upon receiving fair and considerate treatment at his hands. I have no sympathy with the drones of any party, but I can honestly say that I heartily sympathize with every man who is earnestly striving to do his Master's work, with self-denying labors for the Lord's sake, and for the good of the flock committed to his care, provided only he keeps himself within the very comprehensive limits of our Branch of Christ's Church, remembering his responsibility as one of her officers.

You are pleased to refer to some of the improvements made during my Episcopate, and I am thankful for what has been accomplished by God's blessing, but I feel that it is little, considering the long period during which I have been entrusted with this Charge. I trust, however, that what has been done, more particularly in the establishment of the Synod, has prepared the way for more decided progress hereafter.

I thank you for the warm expression of your good wishes, and of your desire that I may be restored to you. And intending to embark June 11th, I beg to be remembered, together with my family, among those who are travelling by water, at that time, in the public prayers. So long as God shall be pleased to continue his goodness in preserving my health and strength, I