

Church may be so blessed with success, that we may be all joined together in unity of spirit and in the bond of peace.

(Signed,) John Dillon, Andrew Ross, J.P.,
 Thomas Hodgson, William Bagley,
 Edward Anderson, Michael Armstrong,
 James McClintick, Churchwardens,
 And one hundred and four others, heads of families.

REPLY.

Quebec, Decr. 17, 1858.

My Christian Friends,—I have received with feelings of much gratification, the kind address in which you convey to me the assurance of your confidence in my administration of this Diocese, and your appreciation of those labors in which it has pleased God to use an unworthy instrument for effecting some good in this portion of His Church.

Whatever troubles have been caused by the Episcopal movement for procuring Synodical action, it is a comfort to enjoy the well assured feeling that they are not chargeable upon the author of that movement, either in originating, or in conducting the movement itself, and that they could not have been anticipated as a consequence of any other exercise of the episcopal authority within the Diocese.

It is nothing new, however, in the history of the Church, that men should encounter opposition and misconstruction when they are seeking, in all good will and simplicity of heart, to work for the public good. We can only commit our cause in prayer and faith, to Him who can make all things work together for good, and who can turn the hearts of men, as well as guide the course of events according to His good pleasure. We may well hope that the cause of peace and order in the Church, and the preservation of those principles among us, which essentially belong to the Anglican Communion, however rudely they may be assailed, or however perseveringly undermined, will one day be seen to triumph, as well as that many persons who have been carried away by colorable appearances will correct their own mistakes for themselves. Meantime, I desire cordially to acknowledge the contribution of your own efforts towards so happy an issue.

I am, my Christian friends,

Your affectionate servant in Christ,

G. J. QUEBEC.

Messrs. Dillon, Ross, Hodgson, Bagley, Anderson, Armstrong, McClintock, and other signers of the address.