

which we came together, could not think of separating, without an attempt to give expression to the feeling with which we have seen the delightful solemnities of the last three days graced with the presence, and forwarded by the assistance, of three distinguished Prelates—two of them belonging to our own branch of the Church Catholic, and the third a Missionary Bishop of the Sister Church in the United States—together with that of several Presbyters of other Dioceses, American and Colonial.

We are grateful for the honor you have all been impelled by the best of feelings to do to a portion of the Church not long ago so small and insignificant ; and shall not fail to derive hope and courage to grapple with the difficulties of our position, from the kind interest you have shown in our well-being, and from the animating words you have addressed to us.

The presence among us, on this great occasion, of such a noble band of Fathers and Brethren in the Lord, some from very distant parts of the world, has enabled us to exhibit an example of Catholic union upon which we shall never cease to look back with comfort and encouragement ; and we trust this is only the first of many occasions on which similar examples of it will be exhibited on this side of the Atlantic.

We entreat, Fathers and Brethren, your prayers to the throne of grace upon our labors, in the cause of CHRIST and His Church, which you have done so much to stimulate ; and shall from our hearts pray God ever and in all things to prosper you and yours.

(Signed)

JOHN FREDERICTON,
and on behalf of the Clergy.

Fredericton, Sept. 2, 1853.