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MY REVEREND BRETHREN ;

IN the course of an extended Tour throughout the Province, lately completed, I have visited all of you in your own Parishes, and having thus enjoyed the opportunity of conversing with you individually upon matters of mutual interest, with reference to the welfare of the Church, and the progress of God's work amongst us, I doubted whether I should call you together at this time, or defer this formal Visitation to next year. And I was induced to adhere to my original intention by the consideration, that most of you would in any case come to the City to attend the Meeting of the Diocesan Assembly, which I had not the power to defer, and that the business to be discussed by the Church Society on this occasion is of such vital importance as to demand the best attention of the greatest number of the Clergy that can be convened. I believe moreover that, having regard to the benefits thence derived, you are not unwilling to bear the inconvenience and the expence of your journey to the City, although these are not inconsiderable in the case of those who reside at a distance, and are unable to avail yourselves of water, or railway, conveyance ; and whilst to such as are ordinarily excluded from converse with your Brethren these occasions must be of peculiar value, I trust that you will all return to your respective duties cheered and refreshed, by this respite from your labors, and by mutual intercourse.

To myself it is always gratifying to meet you, and I am glad to be able thus publicly to acknowledge with gratitude the kind attention which I have received from you, both collectively and individually, throughout the seven years that have elapsed since the commencement of our acquaintance : and whilst the experience of

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