

AN OPEN LETTER.

TO HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP-COADIUTOR OF MONTREAL,
WITH REFERENCE TO HIS PROVINCIAL SYNOD SERMON, 1904.

MY LORD,—

As this sermon of mine, preached last June but delayed in publication by my absence and stress of work only appears in print after a sermon of your Lordship's on like topics but of very different views; it has seemed to me only respectful and right to add a few words of comment upon your Lordship's eloquent discourse.

I was one of the minority at the Provincial Synod who were unable to support a vote of thanks to your Lordship when its mover stated at first that he wished it to be regarded as approving your Lordship's general position and views. I knew your Lordship would acquit me of any personal disrespect in following my strong and conscientious opinions. When the Prolocutor ruled, with the approval of the Synod, that the motion, while expressing a courtesy we were all glad to render, did not bind the members of the Synod to approval of your Lordship's views, we of the minority willingly joined in thanks for an eloquence all men have learnt to expect whenever your Lordship speaks. Although my personal opinions are of slight importance I feel it right to add these words of explanation, prompted by a respect so sincere as to need no expression.

It might therefore seem unnecessary or presumptuous to make any comments upon what your Lordship said. But as one who is concerned with the training of young men, both in Arts and Divinity (primarily in History) who has to