

That your Lordship may long be spared to us under the well-remembered title of Bishop of Fredericton, and that your wise rule and counsels may ever be blessed as Metropolitan of Canada, is our earnest wish and prayer.

G. M. ARMSTRONG, *Chairman.*

FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, *Secretary.*

REPLY.

MY DEAR BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

Your unanimous and most kind address is as gratifying as it is unexpected. I most heartily thank you for it, as an evidence of the warm feeling and affection which you entertain towards your Bishop, and which, I humbly trust, will continue to cheer me in my efforts to serve you, as long as it pleases God to spare my life.

In regard to the Lambeth Conference, I can claim no distinction beyond that of a peace-maker, and of an earnest endeavour to extend toleration to all who honestly subscribe to the Formularies, and endeavour to carry into effect what they deem to be the plain rules of our Church.

I thank you for your congratulations on my election by the House of Bishops to be the Metropolitan of Canada. I shall do all in my power to show myself not undeserving of so high an honour, and of your good opinion of me. But honourable as that title is, the name of the Bishop of Fredericton is dearer to me. It reminds me of many a trial, of constant labour in your service, of willing support, and faithful affection; of many a beloved fellow-labourer, now called to his rest; of a Cathedral Church, where, for many years, the faithful have offered a daily sacrifice, and where a body of earnest young men have received the grace of Holy Orders; of "Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" wafted to the throne of God, and chanted, as we hope, with fresh purity by those who have "washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

My tongue must indeed "cleave to the roof of my mouth," if I forget the title which I never sought, but which continually reminds me amidst the "troubles and adversities which God has shewed me," that He was pleased to "bring me to great honour, and to comfort me on every side."

I remain, my dear Brethren,

Your affectionate Friend and Bishop,

JOHN FREDERICTON, *Metropolitan.*

Moved by Mr. G. D. Street, seconded by Rev. Canon Brocklebank,

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