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Ottawa, May 30, 1920.

Rev. George W. O'Toole,
Kirk's Ferry, Que.

Dear Father O'Toole:

The pressure of public duties during the past few weeks has made it difficult for me to find time, until within the last day or two, to read through the enclosure of your letter of some weeks ago.

At the time of its receipt, I appreciated so very much the kind and helpful words of your letter, that I did not wish to send an acknowledgment till I could tell you I had read through the full text of the Pastoral Letter as well. I had this opportunity yesterday forenoon, and now write to thank you most heartily for placing me in possession of this most valuable document. I shall doubtless have many occasions to refer to it, and shall never do so without recalling your kind thought and courtesy.

Your letter is one of the most encouraging it has been my privilege to receive in the course of my public life, and I shall always be grateful to you for the incentive it affords. I need scarcely say that I share, without reservation, the views you express of the significance of Christian ideals, as the one real inspiration of any ~~the~~ leadership worthy of the name, and as the one essential element in any lasting solution of our social and industrial problems.

May I, in acknowledgment of your kindness in writing me as you have, and particularly because of your reference to the Sir Galahad monument, ask you to accept a little book I wrote some years ago, entitled "The Secret of Heroism", which refers to the same subject. It will let you see that for many years I have cherished, on social and political subjects, beliefs much akin to your own.

With kind regards,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,