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the symbol of the office you have exercised so well. As soon as it is finished they will present to your Lordship a *Pastoral Staff*. We hope thereby to give to the address a permanent and practical use, it will remind us of your episcopal power and authority,—it will remind you of our submission, respect and confidence.

To the Right Reverend Father in God, HIBBERT, by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia :—

We, the Dean, Archdeacons and Clergy, of the Dioceses of Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, approach your Lordship with profound veneration for your sacred office, and with much respect for your person.

We have read with astonishment and sorrow the letters recently addressed to your Lordship, in which grave charges, as to doctrine and practice, are preferred against you. Of these your Lordship's replies may well be considered a sufficient refutation.

We desire while acknowledging the obligation of obedience to your office, to record our testimony to your wise and consistent teachings and your abounding labours throughout the whole term of your Episcopate, and also to assure you of our entire confidence in your administration. Permit us to express our sympathy with your Lordship in the trouble and anxiety which these letters have caused, and heartily to thank you for your late Pastoral, which we shall preserve as an effective vindicator of the Truth and the order of the Church, and we heartily pray God to overrule all to His honor, that unity and concord may be entirely restored among us." [Here follow the names of sixty clergymen].

In answer to the Dean, the Bishop, after a few other words, said he had been unwilling to allow the clergy to incur the expense of the proposed gift, which he had only consented to receive, because he found that he would gratify them by so doing. The Pastoral Staff had always been used in the adjoining Diocese of Fredericton; and he would desire to leave that which was to be presented to him for the use of his successors in the See.—*N. S. Church Chronicle.*

The Bishop then read a very suitable reply for which we regret that we have no room. In the course of it he observed that "of the clergy who have not signed it is right to inform you, that six have written to me expressing their reprobation of the letters to which you refer, and their sympathy with myself, some using language much stronger than you have adopted, although for various reasons they are unwilling to affix their names to the address."

**CANADA.** The *Guardian* says,—In consequence of the judgment delivered by Lord Westbury in the famous case of the Bishop of Natal v. the Bishop of Capetown, it was determined that no more patents should be issued by the Crown for any Bishops in Canada; and accordingly, on the death of the late Bishop Mountain, in 1863, no patent was issued for his successor in the See of Quebec, but simply a mandate for his consecration, addressed to the Bishop of Montreal, as Metropolitan of Canada. It seems, however, that further consideration by the law advisers of the Crown has led to the determination to postpone for the future the issuing of the mandate. The following document has been forwarded to Canada by the Bishop of Montreal, who is at present in England :—

"To the Honourable and Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Toronto, greeting.

"Whereas, We, Francis, by Divine permission Bishop of Montreal, and Metropolitan of Canada, have been duly notified that, at a special meeting of the Synod of the diocese of Toronto, convened for that purpose and held in the city of Toronto, on Wednesday the 19th day of September last, and subsequent days, the Venerable Alexander Neil Bethune, D. D. Archdeacon of Toronto, was, with your consent and approval, elected Coadjutor Bishop of the said diocese, according to the canons and regulations providing for such election; and whereas we have also been informed that it has been duly decided that such Coadjutor Bishop shall, on a vacancy occurring in the see, succeed to the Bishopric of the diocese of Toronto, but that until such vacancy occurs he shall be known by the style and title of 'Bishop of Niagara, Coadjutor Bishop of the diocese of Toronto.' And whereas it is very desirable that there should be no delay in providing for the consecration of the said Venerable Archdeacon Bethune, D. D. so elected; and whereas we are unable to attend for that purpose by reason of our necessary absence at this time from the province of Canada, we do therefore hereby, in virtue of our office and authority as Metropolitan to the province of Canada, empower and enjoin you, in our absence, as the senior Bishop of the Province, to proceed, according to due canonical form and order, to the consecration of the said Archdeacon Bethune, Coadjutor Bishop of the diocese of Toronto, with right of succession to the see on the first vacancy which may occur, and until such vacancy shall occur to be known by the style and title of Bishop of Niagara, and in order thereto we give you hereby full authority to act for us at such consecration, and to call to your assistance the other Suffragan Bishops of the Province, or such and so many of them as shall be deemed expedient, not being less than two.