

TO THE  
MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

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BELLOVED BRETHREN,

UNDER the pressure of what I feel to be a very great necessity, I have ceased for a short time from my pastoral labours in the Diocese of Toronto, and have come to England to appeal, I hope not in vain, to the sympathy of the members of the Church of England in behalf of their brethren in Upper Canada.

When, in the year 1799, I made that distant portion of the British empire my home, it contained not more than 20,000 inhabitants. Even in 1824, the population had only risen to 150,000 ; but since that period the increase has been astonishing, being now (1850) 800,000, or more than five-fold in twenty-six years, and according to its present rapid rate of increase, so much accelerated by steam navigation, and by the circumstances which compel emigration from Great Britain and Ireland, there is no doubt that many who are now living will see its population far greater than that of Scotland.

Of its present inhabitants I may venture to say, that 200,000, at least, are members of the Church of England, and the greater part of them either emigrants from the United Kingdom, or the children