

does not believe that they or their school companions of the Protestant faith, or the female youth of Canada in general, are either "immodest" or "immoral." Assure them that if the bishop of Kingston should ever hear such an accusation made in any public assembly in Canada or elsewhere, he is prepared to stand up and indignantly repel it, and offer the testimony of his seven years' experience of Canadian life and his fulness of belief that the imputation is unwarranted and untrue.

I now bid you good-bye for a while. I take with me the comfort of your loyalty and love. After a couple of months' absence I expect, by God's blessing, to be with you again in the fulness of strength of body and renewed vigor of spirit. May God bless you and reward you for your kindness to your Bishop. Your hearty declaration of entire identity with me in all my labors and solitudes, and the severe trials that an earnest bishop must undergo in the discharge of his duty in this great diocese of Kingston, shall be to me always and everywhere a supreme consolation.

The blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you and your congregations now and for evermore.

† JAMES VINCENT CLEARY,

Bishop of Kingston.

Bishop's Palace, Kingston, Nov. 24th, 1887.

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