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## DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

### TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN :

As no day of Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the late abundant Harvest has been ordered by the civil authorities, the Bishops of the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario have fixed upon *Thursday, the 22nd October* next, to be observed for this purpose by the members of the Church of England in their several Dioceses.

With them I unite in the hope that this day will be generally and solemnly observed, as a dutiful evidence of the gratitude we feel for the continued mercies of our Heavenly Father, in vouchsafing to us so abundantly the fruits of the earth, and the blessing of a healthful season.

You are earnestly requested to call the attention of your respective congregations to the duty of solemnly setting apart, and devoutly observing, the day thus appointed for the expression of our public thankfulness to the giver of all good.

The substantial offering which I would solicit on this occasion is in aid of the MISSION FUND of this Diocese, feeling that, while at God's hand we possess in such abundance the food of the body, we should contribute generously the means of more widely dispensing the bread of life.

In view of the calls and claims upon us from various parts of the Diocese, I am most anxious to have at my disposal the means of opening FOUR NEW MISSIONS, which I should be able to effect if the result of the collection now solicited should enable me to appropriate to each of these the usual grant of two hundred dollars for the coming year.

I feel, my brethren, every confidence that, upon your earnest representation of this fact to your several congregations on some preceding Lord's day, we shall find so many thankful and willing contributors that more than the required amount will be given. And in announcing this, I would request you to state that these thank-offerings,—if from any adverse circumstances they should not be given on the appointed day,—would be gratefully received on the succeeding Sunday.

I remain, Rev. and dear Brethren,

Faithfully and affectionately yours,

A. N. TORONTO.

Toronto, September 30, 1868.