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TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

The period for holding the Annual Parochial Meetings of the Church Society, being at hand, I have much pleasure in approving of the following list of appointments, and in nominating the deputations to attend them. The well known zeal and ability of these gentlemen is a sufficient guarantee for the faithful discharge of the important duty assigned them; and I must rely on the clergy and churchwardens in their respective parishes to cause due notice to be given of the meetings and to make all necessary arrangements for ensuring a good attendance. The success of the appeal in every locality greatly depends on these meetings.

The plan adopted last year of taking up collections at every meeting was found to answer so well, that I desire they may be made wherever practicable.

I particularly request that the attention of our members should be drawn to our Indian Missions, which require to be supported.

The Society, I need scarcely remind you, is the handmaid of the Church, for establishing and extending Christ's kingdom within our bounds; every member of our communion ought therefore be invited to co-operate in this glorious work to the extent of his ability.

After much deliberation, the synod has thought it advisable to divide the amount required to meet the Society's engagements for the ensuing year, among the parishes in proportion to their means.

I hope this will be attended with beneficial results: to ensure it every parish ought to resolve on an earnest effort to make up the amount assigned to it. Should we fall short there will be no alternative but to reduce the number of our Missionaries or their stipends, which are already too small.

With a fervent prayer for a blessing on your labors, I shall confidently rely on you to do your utmost to avert so serious a calamity to the Church as any such reduction would involve.

I remain, yours faithfully,

JOHN TORONTO.

November 30th, 1864.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.—HOME DEANERY.

The Managing Committee of the Home District met on Tuesday, 29th ult., and adopted the following plan of Parochial Meetings for the present winter, viz:—

Weston	Tuesday, January 3.
Etobicoke.....	Wednesday, " 4.
Mimico.....	Thursday, " 5.
Sydenham.....	Friday, " 6.
Springfield.....	