

acknowledgment of Mr. Kemp's services to the diocese, in the management of its finances, services far exceeding in value the mere nominal remuneration received, and involving an amount of labor, which, already burdened as he is with his duties to the diocese of Toronto, can only be overtaken at the cost of serious encroachment on his hours of necessary repose. The promptness and punctuality with which our Treasurer makes his monthly remittances to the clergy received well deserved recognition in a resolution of thanks unanimously adopted at our recent Council.

In concluding my report, I deeply regret being under the necessity of informing the Provincial Synod that my medical advisers have all with one accord, and on various recent occasions, recommended me to withdraw from my present work. Dr. Hughlings Jackson, of London, writes: "I take this opportunity of again urging on you the necessity of giving up your missionary work;"—a necessity, I may say, created by its attendant conditions, viz., almost incessant travel accompanied by dietary difficulties, exposure to the severity of winter, and the strain of a constant financial anxiety. Counsel like this, so strongly emphasized, I cannot with safety ignore. The consciousness of diminished physical ability, the welfare of my family, and the needs of the diocese, demanding as they do the oversight of a bishop still in the fullness of his power, all these unite in suggesting the wisdom of immediate withdrawal. But it is for the Provincial Synod to determine the question at issue. Could some solution of the problem be found, which, without sacrificing the interests of the diocese, would furnish even a partial relief from the pressure of this manifold burden, I would gladly accept it rather than sever bonds which the flight of fourteen years, marked as they have been by the confidence of the Church, and the loving, loyal co-operation of my brother missionaries, have made very sacred. But, be the decision of this body what it may, the "*vox ecclesiæ*" shall be once more to me the "*vox Dei*." I will bow to it obediently and say, "The will of the Lord be done."

All which is respectfully submitted.

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