

CIRCULAR LETTER

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His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto,

— TO THE —

CATHOLIC CLERGY OF THE CITY.

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REV. AND DEAR FATHERS :

We deem it our duty to call your attention, and the attention also of your people, to the recent action of the City Council Executive in refusing the allowance hitherto given for the treatment of the sick poor in St. Michael's Hospital. The reasons given for this hostile action rest on foundations of sand. One member spoke against sectarianism in the public dealings with the Hospitals. "Sectarianism" is here doubtless meant for distinctive religious beliefs and ministrations. Now, if the teachings and ministrations of the Christian faith are at all times of the greatest moment to man, if the consolations and hopes and the sustaining influences and graces which the Christian religion imparts are at all times of priceless value, surely they must be of infinite importance and of inestimable value to all, but especially to the poor, in the time of pain and suffering, and amid the sorrows and anguish and fears of the death bed. If public charity should always be given not only in a spirit of impartial justice, but also in a spirit of Christian tenderness and compassion, it should be administered with special sympathy and kindly thoughtfulness during the visitations of sickness, and in a way...

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