

A CHARGE.

MY REVEREND BRETHREN,—

On meeting you again, after an interval of four years, the commemoration of our brethren, who have been taken from us during that period, may well occupy the first place in my address to you, and more especially so on the present occasion, when we have to deplore the loss of one who, for many years, occupied a position of dignity in this Diocese. The late venerable Archdeacon was highly esteemed by you all, being distinguished for his kindness and courtesy, and liberality; and on this visit to the city it will appear strange to you to pass his once hospitable door, without entering the house in which you were always sure to receive a hearty welcome. I desire to avail myself of this opportunity, publicly to express my deep sense of his kindness to myself, and of the readiness with which he always endeavored to assist me in the performance of my duties. He might naturally have expected to be appointed to preside over the branch of the Church, in which he had for forty years held high office, but his modesty, and his low estimate of his own qualifications, were such as to induce him to shrink from, rather than to covet, prominent position or heavy responsibilities. Consequently, from the time of my arrival until his last illness, he always acted with a deference to my wishes which could hardly have been expected in a man of his advanced age. When I arrived, he was past the time of life at which he might have been expected to perform the special active duties of his office, but he was always willing to do what he could. He at length passed quietly away in a good old age, surrounded by his family and friends, with little pain or suffering, and his memory will long be cherished by the many who have in various ways experienced his kindness, and especially by the poor, to whom he was a liberal benefactor.