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MY REVEREND BRETHREN,

IT is almost superfluous to remark that, in the four years which have elapsed since my last general visitation, many important events have occurred, deeply affecting our Church both at home and in this Colony. They are indeed far too many and important to admit of being all dwelt on, or even mentioned, on this occasion. It must suffice if I remind you of those most nearly affecting ourselves, and from which we may, with God's help, draw either warning or encouragement, instruction or admonition, as Ministers of Christ's Church in this Colony of Newfoundland. Some of these events are of a character which cannot but throw a tinge of sadness upon our solemn meeting; while we look in vain for those faces, and listen in vain for those voices, so familiar, so dear to many of you;—the faces and voices of brethren the first to greet and to be greeted on former like occasions:—and while we rejoice with and for those who are yet spared we shall rejoice with trembling.

But before I allude particularly to those whose