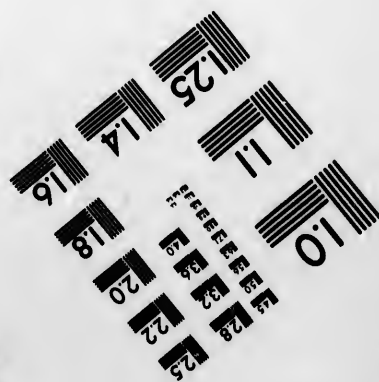
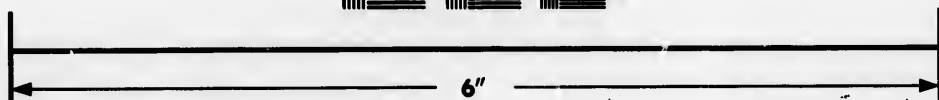
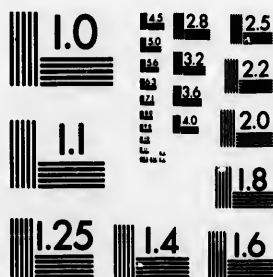


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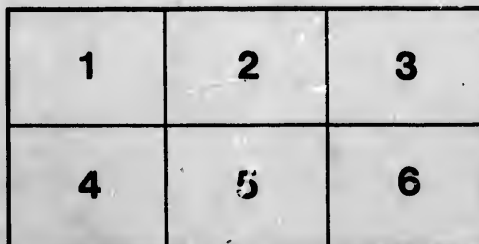
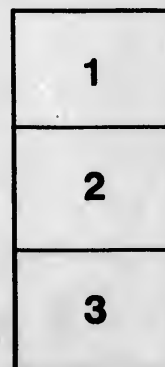
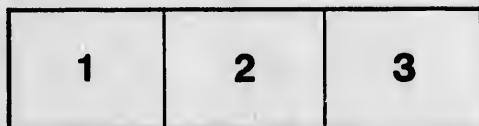
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The Annual Address of the Bishop of Huron

—TO THE—

Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Huron assembled in Synod.

BELoved BRETHREN,

“Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing, your work of faith and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.”

I salute and welcome you in the name of the Lord, not only as members of this Synod, but as co-workers with me in Christ's vineyard, to advance His Kingdom, and promote the best interests of the Church in this Diocese.

May the Holy Spirit, whose special presence among us we have invoked, awaken within us a real and abiding sense of our respective responsibilities, as members and legislators of the Church in this Diocese, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Him, we may glorify His Holy Name, bringing forth the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

My first utterances, in recording for your information Diocesan affairs, must be that of praise and gratitude to God, for the many innumerable blessings He has been pleased graciously to bestow upon us. And here, it is but just to myself, and due to you, to make my grateful acknowledgment—on this public occasion—for your uniform and unwearied kindness to me,

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personally and officially, while sojourning in your midst during my Episcopal visitations.

My heart has been greatly cheered by the marked sympathy and hearty co-operation of my brethren—Clerical and Lay—in every plan of mine to advance the Church's interests, which has contributed not a little to lighten the burden of my cares and responsibilities, necessarily inseparable from the office of a Chief Pastor.

I rejoice also to bear here my testimony, that in many Parishes, evidences of new life, activity and zeal are so apparent, that one is justified in saying, that the Church in this Diocese is entering upon a nobler era of positive, telling work, and of actual growth, which, with God's blessing, must tend to promote effectually the spiritual and temporal well-being of our beloved Zion. To God we will give all the glory, for it is He, and He only, that giveth the increase. Let me assure you of my prayerful interest in your work, and of my increasing sympathy with you in all your labours and trials as servants and followers of Christ. In all our ministerial work, and intercourse with men, let us be determined to be faithful to the trust reposed in us—doing all to the Glory of God—"the perfecting of the saints, and the edifying of the Body of Christ."

There is something very solemn and sacred in these our annual gatherings. It cannot be doubted, that the remembrance of an occasion like this; its demonstration of our united strength; its pledges of personal friendship and sympathy; its deliberate measures for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, will serve to inspire and cheer us in our individual labours, when, after taking sweet counsel together, we return to our respective spheres of duty, to prosecute, with increased diligence, the work which our gracious Master has commissioned us to perform.

There are, Brethren, important and spiritual interests devolving upon us to promote, apart from the making

of Canons and the choice of Office-bearers. While therefore endeavouring to secure better appliances for the safe and good government of the Church, let us pray fervently, and aim for a wiser appreciation of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus; for a deeper and wider principle of devotion to the service of Christ; for a more enlarged scriptural and enlightened conception of the true sources of power, whereby the church of our love may become, through God's blessing upon our efforts "a name and a praise in the earth." Deep, abiding and profitable will then be the fruit of our Synodical deliberations.

May we fully realize the presence of the Holy Ghost, and may all our labours be in unison with the mind, temper and disposition of Him, who gave Himself for us, and left us an example that we should follow His steps.

EPISCOPAL ACTS, &c., &c.

A detailed report of these will be printed with this Address for your information. The more important of them during the past year may be summed up thus:—

Ordained 8 Deacons.
 Ordained 5 to the Priesthood.
 Confirmed 1498 persons.
 Consecrated 9 churches.
 Consecrated 3 Church-Yards.
 Baptised 6 Infants.
 Baptized 8 Adults.
 Administered the Holy Communion 20 times.
 Preached 130 Sermons.
 Addresses 105

OBITUARY.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints."

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The Diocese has to mourn the heavy loss of four Clergymen by death during the past year, but the blessed and assured hope that they have entered upon that "rest which remaineth for the people of God," must ever be a great consolation to the bereaved families, and to us all who deeply lament their departure from amongst us.

The Rev. S.L.Lindsey had only been ordained Deacon by me in June last, and had hardly more than entered upon his Ministerial career, when it pleased God to call him from the earthly scene of his labours to join the church triumphant in heaven.

Next, our beloved brother, Canon Usher, was summoned to his heavenly home. Long and faithfully has he served his Heavenly Master in this Diocese, and it was no small satisfaction to me that I was enabled to bear my testimony at his funeral—which was attended by representatives of the various denominations of Brantford—of his faithfulness as an Ambassador of Christ. Having finished his ministry here below, he has entered, as we firmly believe, upon his "inheritance, which is incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away."

Next, our beloved brother the Rev'd John Gunne, Rural Dean of Kent, was called from the Ministry of the church below, to join the spirits of just men made perfect. He was an able and faithful Minister of the New Testament, much valued and beloved in his Parish, and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

And last on the Roll-call of Clerical deaths, during this year in our Diocese, is our much beloved and esteemed brother, the Venerable Archdeacon Brough, who after serving his master for nearly half a century as a faithful soldier and servant, and standard-bearer of the Cross, was graciously called by our Lord to lay aside his armour, and the earthly house of his tabernacle, that he may enter "the building of God, an house, not

made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The uniform courteous, christian, gentlemanly bearing towards all, and under all circumstances, of this aged and faithful servant of Christ endeared him to all, and secured for him universal esteem and reverence.

During his protracted illness, it was my privilege to be frequently at his bed-side, it was refreshing to hear his testimony for Christ and his salvation; his personal reliance upon the fulness of Christ's perfect and precious atonement, which was (as he said to me) the source and foundation of his peace and joy, and assured hope of his salvation. What he was in life—a confiding and consistent believer in the saving power of the Gospel of Christ—he was found when nearing his eternal home. How greatly he was beloved and esteemed by the community at large, was seen most impressively when his earthly remains were carried to their last resting place. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours."

I cannot close this part of my address without adverting briefly to the great loss sustained, not only by the Church in the United States, but by the Church at large, in the demise of that well known and deservedly revered and beloved Prelate, Dr. McIlvaine, late Bishop of Ohio.

How highly he was esteemed on the other side the Atlantic, I need only refer to the fact, that his mortal remains were conveyed—when brought from Italy on their way to his own country—to "Westminster Abbey," there to rest, if but for a short time, among England's most noble and illustrious dead, and further proof was given of the respect and love for this godly and eminent Prelate of the American Church, that arrangements were made for a special Funeral Service in the Abbey, which was very largely attended, and among the pall-bearers were the Earl of Shaftsbury and the Earl of Harrowby.

His remains have since been deposited in their last resting place—Springfield Cemetery, Cincinnati.

As a mark of my personal affection for the late Bishop, whose friendship I enjoyed for more than a quarter of a century, when invited by Bishop Bedell—his successor—and the standing Committee of the Diocese of Ohio, to be present at his funeral and take part in the solemn service, on the 19th of May last—I readily complied with the request.

He always took a deep interest in this Diocese, and many will remember with pleasure his visit amongst us when he delivered his able and instructive Inaugural Address at the opening of Huron College.

I feel sure that I am only expressing the feelings of the members of the Church, if I say that we truly and deeply sympathize with our sister church in the United States and the bereaved family in the loss sustained by the demise of this great and good Prelate. "He had fought a good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give him."

DIOCESAN CATHEDRAL.

Last year, on the first day of our Synod Session, it was our privilege to witness the laying of the corner stone of our contemplated Cathedral.

It now affords me great gratification to report marked and material progress.

The Chapter House with ample and convenient offices for the Church Society and other Diocesan purposes, together with the Synod Hall—which will be fitted up as a temporary chapel, and accommodate about 500 worshippers, is nearly completed.

Apart from Diocesan need, there is a pressing want for additional church accommodation in this city. We have here not less than 1400 church families, besides

single men and women, engaged in various employments. Taking an average of five to a family, we have a church population in this city of 7000 souls! While at present we have only sittings for 1900, viz:—

St. Paul's accommodates 1200.
 Christ Church accommodates 500,
 Huron College Chapel accommodates 200.

I need hardly do more than point out that the Diocesan City has a special claim on the whole Diocese for aid in this great and good work.

1ST.—London contributes about *one-fifth* towards the Income of the Church Society.

2ND.—Every application from the Diocese for the erection of churches and parsonages is cheerfully and liberally responded to by the London Church people.

3RD.—London contributed a very large share towards the endowment of the See, and towards the "Sustentation Fund" of the Diocese.

4TH.—The London people have already most liberally subscribed towards the Cathedral Buildings.

As the church in the colonies is now constituted a self-governing body, independent of the Mother Church in England, as to Legislation, with its ecclesiastical Parliament, meeting annually, in which every congregation is represented by its clerical and lay members, the necessity for proper buildings, in which to legislate and carry on the business of the Church with becoming dignity is more and more apparent.

I trust that in our new Synod Hall every member of the Synod will know where to find his proper Seat with Desk, furnished with every requisite to enable him to take his share in the legislation of the Church, free from that confusion, which in our present condition is unavoidable, where members of the Synod and strangers alike enter together our hall, no one knowing

his proper place, and which is no doubt a great hindrance to that order and calm legislation which ought to be telling characteristics of a christian assembly.

The Synod Hall in the Chapter House will have a "stranger's gallery," and members of the Synod only will be admitted into the body of the hall.

Considering our increasing church population, our ample resources, and the position our Diocese is assuming, what more befitting, and necessary, when the Church of the Diocese meets from time to time in solemn and sacred assemblage to take counsel together, how best to promote and extend the usefulness and well-being of that branch of the Church of Christ to which it is our privilege to belong, than to enter a House of God worthy of His Holy name to worship and adore that blessed Saviour, "who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood."

Nor is it to be accounted a small thing, that the ministers and members of Christ's flock—representing the Church of the Diocese—have thus the opportunity to meet at least once a year within the walls of their own Diocesan Cathedral, and within their own legislative halls, and to greet one another, under such happy auspices, as friends and brethren.

I have already many cheering evidences that my appeals for aid and co-operation in this good work have not been in vain, (*see appended subscription list,*) and with God's blessing upon our united and persevering efforts, I feel confident that all the necessary funds will in due time be forthcoming.

To accomplish the object without any necessary delay, many of the Brethren—Clerical and Lay—have suggested to me the desirability of securing, if possible, the aid of a gentleman who should devote his whole time to it. In this I am thankful to say that I have succeeded. The Rev. W. Brookman has kindly placed

himself at my disposal for this purpose. I feel sure that you will give him not only a cordial welcome, but aid him promptly and heartily with your means and influence, that this great and good undertaking may be brought to a speedy and successful issue.

I should still recommend—as I did in my *Circular*—the ONE DOLLAR subscription, on an average, from each member of every family, as by so small a contribution, it will be within the reach and ability of every Church family, however poor, to evince a practical interest in our Huron Cathedral, whilst those who are blessed with “this world’s goods,” can devise more liberal things, and not confine their subscriptions to ONE DOLLAR. As a pleasing instance of the way in which my suggestion has been met, I will give an extract from the letter of a mechanic, who has to work for his daily bread. He says, “When I saw your Lordship’s Circular, in which you asked the head of every church family in the Diocese to subscribe the modest sum of One Dollar for each member of their household, I pledged myself to respond, and now I have the pleasure and honour of contributing One Dollar for each member of my little circle.”

The Cathedral—as stated at the outset—will be *free* to all, and will, I trust, ever be a Diocesan witness of the free and full Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is a great comfort to me, and I feel thankful to God for it, that the project met not only with your approval but with your warm-hearted sympathy, as evinced in your address, presented to me at the last meeting of the Synod, and since then reiterated by many of you, by your liberal subscriptions. May God cause us to abound in this and every good work for the furtherance of his glory and the good of His Church for Christ’s sake. Amen.

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CHURCH OFFICERS.

In order more efficiently to compass the work of the Church in the Diocese, I have increased the number of Archdeacons and Rural Deans, feeling assured from practical experience, that such subdivision of labour will greatly aid us in the good government of the Church, tend to call forth more effectually the resources of our Diocese, and help us materially in all the operations of the Church Society.

Appended is the Form of Commissions with Instructions for the Archdeacons and Rural Deans. (*See appendix at the close of address.*)

CHURCH SOCIETY.

Last year I had the happiness to inform you that the increase in our income over that of the previous year amounted to \$2161.22, and it is no small gratification to me to record here an additional increase during the past financial year of \$1033.11, so that the total Income of the Society which in 1871 amounted to \$10,022 87, has increased now to the sum of \$13,217.20.

Heartily do I congratulate the Society on this progressive onward movement, and return at the same time my sincere thanks to you, my beloved brethren of the Clergy and Laity, for your hearty co-operation with me in bringing about this happy result.

But whilst thankful to God for thus blessing our united efforts to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of our beloved Zion, I cannot shut my eyes to the fact, that, compared with our rich resources and ability, we have only commenced; we have only made a beginning in the work for God, for Christ and for His Church. If only the spirit of Christ pervade; constrain and influence the heart of every member of the Church of God, the treasury of the Society would speedily be filled to overflowing, and every want and claim would thus be met cheerfully and liberally.

We want the motive power which God alone can give—"the love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost."

The Church must be more active and aggressive as in primitive days, if she is to answer her calling. The command of the Great Head of the Church is:—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and He left us a noble example in His own

labours; and his declaration—“The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost,” must ever stimulate us to follow His most blessed steps of *going, seeking, and sowing*, that we may do instrumentally what He did efficaciously. Blessed, most blessed is the work of winning souls for Christ! Let us thank God for the past, take courage and move onward still.

I have caused it to be understood throughout the Diocese that I desire all my visits to be the occasion in each parish and station, of pleading—in addition to my Episcopal duties—for the Church Society, and I am thankful to say, that my wishes in this respect, wherever it was possible, have been cheerfully complied with. In all cases the collections have been larger, while in very many instances they have doubled and in some cases even quadrupled what they have ever been before in the same places.

There are evidences of a real practical interest in the work of the Church, which cheer one to believe that the extension of the Church even in the hitherto least promising portions of the Diocese will be pushed forward with a vigor of action and liberality hitherto unknown in this Diocese. Let only the Master's motto and the Master's example be constantly before us:—“I must work while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work,” and what shall we not accomplish? Let us never forget that the Mission of the Church of the living God and its vital interests are in the maintenance and extension of the Gospel of Christ. Much, very much, might be said on this important topic.

In the Providence of God there has been intrusted to us “a form of sound words,” a medium of Christian worship; an Apostolic Ministry, which together make our Church the best instrument, and the most edifying exponent of the simplicity of Gospel truth. In our hands is the trust. Are we faithful to it? There are yet Townships in our Diocese with a widely scattered

population, to whom we have not as yet sent the Gospel of Christ, this divine worship, this approved Ministry, this pure scriptural faith.

May the great Lord of the harvest renew, by the voice of the Holy Ghost, that first command, by which they who knew Christ went forth, hand in hand, though at the hazard of their lives, through the towns and villages, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and praying to the Lord of the Harvest to "send forth more labourers."

Blessed the Diocese that will thus labour in life's grandest work, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will towards men." The period foreseen by the Prophet will then burst upon our raptured eyes:—"The wilderness and the solitary places shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

The religion which we profess, must stamp its characteristic mark upon all our doings.

While others are indifferent to the commands of Christ, or the example of His early followers, let us show by our bearing and activity, that we are animated by a principle which will carry us far above all the apparent difficulties, and unite us all in feeling, and in practice with the primitive Church.

To work for Christ and His Church is not a momentary passion; not a mere enthusiastic impulse; it is a steady and unchangeable rule of action, which expects difficulty and surmounts it; which calculates upon opposition and meets it; which looks for disappointment and perseveres, "hoping against hope."

Under every aspect of our work let us bear in recollection, that the cause which we have to maintain and to propagate is the cause of Christ.

Mark the zeal and assiduity which prevail among the various denominations in order to maintain and extend their distinctive denominational systems. I would say, then, not in a spirit of jealous rivalry but of sacred emulation, let no man outstrip you in the race of Glory ; let no man take your crown.

If we be true to our principles and awake to the emergency of our Diocese, on us more especially will devolve the honour of extending the borders of our Church in this section of the Province. I cannot believe that God, who is kindling in our hearts this sacred flame of love for Christ and His Church, will cause it to become extinct. Nay, I believe, that God is indeed in our very midst, and that He will cause this flame of love to expand and increase, till like the fire which came down from Heaven and consumed the sacrifice of the Prophet, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the very water in the trench, shall have caused every obstacle to disappear.

As the field of the Church is widening before us, my confidence is in God, that He will incline His people to devise liberal things, and raise up for us a new race of Missionaries, who by "the constraining love of Christ" will offer themselves and say:—"Here are we, send us ; we are ready and determined to make known the saving knowledge of Christ wherever we are sent."

Let me commend the Church Society to your warm and liberal support. Remember it is the only organization in this Diocese to carry on the Missionary work of the Church.

God has signally blessed our united efforts to increase the Income—and thereby the efficiency—of the Church Society. I take the past as a pledge and an earnest that for the future none of us will rest satisfied, until we shall have secured the substantial sympathy of every member of the Church, and that it will be the

exception to the rule, to find any one claiming to be a member of the Church, who is not a systematic and regular subscriber to its funds.

Let me entreat you specially to increase you fervent prayers for the cause; pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth more labourers into His harvest. Be willing, as you pray, that it may be your own sons, who shall be called forth by the Holy Ghost to the work and Office of the Ministry.

Receive cordially and respond liberally to the calls which are from time to time made upon you—not more distinctly by the voice of your own Diocesan, than by all the signs of the times, and from the facts of the great spiritual destitution in many parts of this Diocese; pray for the fulfilment of the great reserved promise of the Divine Word—the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh in the latter days. This it is, which alone can give effect to the best concerted plans to advance the Kingdom of Christ.

Oh, let but the Church collectively, and each member individually, respond to this call for Christ and His cause, we shall then speed on the Angel in his joyous flight, and soon the nations and the kindreds of the earth will listen to his heaven-born message of redemption, and of love, and respond gladly to his Gospel call, and soon the end will come, and He who sits to-day, expecting, until His enemies are all subdued, shall arise in majesty, and proclaim, once and again, and forever, it is done! “The Kingdoms of the world are become the Kingdoms of God and His Christ, and He shall reign for ever.”

APPENDIX

FORM OF COMMISSION TO ARCHDEACONS.

ISAAC BY DIVINE PERMISSION, BISHOP OF
(L. S.) HURON.

To our well beloved in Christ.....Incumbent
of.....(or Rector.....) in the Diocese of Huron,
in the Province of Ontario. Greeting.

Whereas, the Diocesan Synod of our Diocese of Huron have constituted a
Canon for the appointment of dignitaries and other Diocesan Officers, and have
vested the said appointment in the Bishop.

And Whereas, we have thought fit upon mature consideration to appoint
you the Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry.....in the said
Diocese. Therefore know ye that in the exercise of our functions and duties
we do freely, and of our mere good will, nominate, constitute and collate you to
be our Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of.....comprising.....

.....
in our Diocese of Huron, in the Province of Ontario, and we do give and grant
unto you full power and authority in the case of our absence from our said
Diocese, with our allowance and consent previously signified to you, to admit
and in due form, to institute to any Ecclesiastical Benefice whatsoever within your
Archdeaconry, such Clerks as we shall recommend to you, and to induct them, or
cause them to be inducted into the real, actual and corporal possession thereof,
they and every one of them having first subscribed to the Thirty-nine Articles of
Religion agreed upon by the Archbishops, Bishops, and the whole Clergy of
both the Convocations holden at London, in the year of our Lord One Thousand
Five Hundred and Sixty-two, and to the Three Articles of the 36th Canon of
the Canons Ecclesiastical, published in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Six
Hundred and Three, and made and subscribed a Declaration that they will con-
form to the Liturgy of the Church of England as it is by law established, and
and having also taken the oath of Allegiance, Supremacy, and Canonical obedi-
ence required to be taken.

And Lastly, we do give and grant unto you, to visit our Clergy of all the
Churches within your said Archdeaconry, wherein Divine Service is, or shall
be celebrated according to the Rites and Liturgy of the Church of England,

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resident in your said Archdeaconry, and to examine the state of the churches and take order for the due maintenance or reparation thereof; you having before us made such subscription and taken such oaths as are in this case required to be subscribed and taken, and you are from time to time, with diligence and effort, duly to certify us concerning whatever you shall have transacted and done in subordination to our jurisdiction in the premises, by virtue of these presents.

And we do will and desire, that in executing the said office of Archdeacon, in virtue of this our Commission, you do in all respects act according to the instructions herewith or hereafter to be given.

In doing which things faithfully, you, the said Archdeacon, will very much assist us, your Bishop, in the discharge of the great duty incumbent upon us.

In Witness Whereof, we have caused the seal which in this behalf we use, to be hereunto affixed this.....day of.....in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and.....and of our Consecration, the.....

FORM OF INSTRUCTIONS TO ARCHDEACONS.

The following instructions for the Government of Archdeacons, in addition to those given in the Commission, are published for the information of all concerned.

I.—Archdeacons should visit every Parish or Mission in their respective Archdeaconries, at least once within two years.

II.—The Archdeacons shall as far as is practicable, see that any plan or plans submitted to the Diocese by the Bishop, are faithfully carried out in every Parish and Mission.

III.—The Archdeacons will carefully ascertain the amount of Income and Expenditure—the value of any real estate and amount invested—titles of real estate and nature and safety of investments, and, generally, everything that pertains to the temporalities of each and every Parish or Mission, and report the same annually to the Bishop.

IV.—The Archdeacons will direct the management of all Church temporalities within their respective Archdeaconries, subject to the Rules of the Church Society.

V.—The Archdeacons are to ascertain where new Missions should be opened, and report the same to the Bishop.

VI.—But chiefly and earnestly the Archdeacons should make themselves acquainted with the working of the Church Society, its Constitution, and all its objects, in order that they may be able to give full and satisfactory information of the same, and thereby secure the hearty co-operation of all the members of Church.

VII.—The Archdeacons should at all times, and in every possible way, co-operate with the Rural Deans and Clergy in every effort to diffuse Missionary intelligence, and create a spirit for the extension of the Church.

FORM OF COMMISSION TO RURAL DEANS.

**ISAAC, BY DIVINE PERMISSION, BISHOP OF
(L. S.) HURON.**

To our well beloved in Christ,

.....

Greeting.

Whereas, the Diocesan Synod of our Diocese of Huron have constituted a Canon for the appointment of dignitaries and other Diocesan Officers, and have vested the said appointments in the Bishop.

And Whereas, we have thought fit upon mature consideration to appoint you Rural Dean of the.....Rural Deanery in our Diocese of Huron, in Order that we may be regularly and fully informed of the ecclesiastical condition of every Parish and Mission therein, and that other duties appertaining to the office may be properly discharged.

We Therefore, confiding as well in your zeal for the glory of God and the good of His Church, as in your prudence and discretion, do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be *Rural Dean* of that part of our Diocese, consisting of the County of.....

And we will and desire that, in executing the said office of Rural Dean, in virtue of this our Commission, you do in all respects act according to the instructions herewith or hereafter to be given.

In doing all which things faithfully, you, the said Rural Dean, will very much assist us, your Bishop, in the discharge of the great duty incumbent upon us.

Given under our hand and seal this.....day of.....in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and....., and of our consecration, the.....

FORM OF INSTRUCTIONS TO RURAL DEANS.

Instructions (in addition to those given in their commissions) to the Rural Deans of the Diocese of Huron.

XXI.

I.—The Rural Dean shall furnish to the Archdeacons a full report annually, one month before the meeting of the Synod; so that the Archdeacon may embody the same, or a part of the same, in his report to the Bishop.

II.—The Rural Dean shall visit every Parish or Mission in his Deanery, at least once a year, to confer with the clergy, churchwardens and other officers of the Church, and to inspect Churches, Church-yards, Books, Ornaments and Utensils, Parsonages and other buildings belonging thereto, and note all additions, alterations, decay and dilapidations.

III.—The Rural Dean shall inspect Parish Registers—make inquiries as to the times and modes of public service—the condition of Parish and Sunday Schools and Libraries—and furnish information useful for promoting church education.

IV.—The Rural Dean shall convene the quarterly meeting in the Second week of February, May, August and November, and shall notify the Archdeacon of the time and place of such Meeting.

V.—It shall be the duty of the Ruri-Decanal Chapter to adopt, subject to the Bishop's approval, such rules and regulations for their own government, and for the increase and promotion of Church work and growth within their Deanery as they deem best.

Episcopal Visitations and Acts, &c.

1872.

- June 2nd.—Preached in the morning in Huron College Chapel, addressed specially the Candidates for Holy Orders.
- 2nd.—Missionary address in the evening to the pupils of the Hellmuth Ladies College.
- 3rd.—Attended Committee Meetings of the Church Society.
- 4th.—Attended Quarterly Meeting of the Church Society.
- 4th.—Took the Chair at the Anniversary Meeting of the Church Society.
- 5th.—Meeting of Synod; morning service at St. Paul's; administered the Holy Communion; Ordained seven Deacons, the sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Balch, of Baltimore. After service the Synod met for Roll call, after which the members of the Synod as a body walked—in order—to the site selected for the Diocesan Cathedral, when I laid the Corner Stone.
- 5th.—The Synod re-assembled at 3 p.m., when I delivered my "Primary Address."
- 5th.—The members of the Synod—Lay and Clerical—assembled in the evening at Norwood House.
- 6th.—Session of Synod.
- 7th.—Adjourned the Synod at 1 p.m.
- 7th.—Attended Huron College Council at 4 p.m.
- 9th.—Preached in "Hellmuth Ladies College."

June 10th.—Cathedral Building Committee.

- 15th.—Left for South Zorra, addressed a very large gathering of Church people on Mission work, in the grounds of Rural Dean Fauquier.
- 16th.—Preached morning and evening to two large congregations of the Parish of South Zorra in aid of the "Mission Fund;" addressed also the Sunday School.
- 17th.—Consecrated St. Peter's Church, Drumbo. Addressed and Confirmed 30 candidates.
- 17th.—Preached in the evening in St. Paul's, Princeton. Addressed also a Missionary Meeting.
- 18th.—Consecrated the Church at Innerkip, confirmed and addressed 19 candidates.
- 18th.—Consecrated the Church and Burial-ground at East Oxford; baptized one adult, and confirmed and addressed 13 persons.
- 20th.—Consecrated the Burial-ground in St. Charles', Dereham; confirmed and addressed 19 candidates.
- 20th.—Addressed a Missionary Meeting in the evening at Tilsonburg.
- 23rd.—Preached in the morning in St. Paul's, London. Confirmed and addressed in the afternoon thirty-seven pupils of the Hellmuth Colleges, and in the evening made a Missionary Address to the Teachers and pupils of the Hellmuth Ladies College.
- 25th.—Addressed the Hellmuth College boys and distributed the "Prizes."
- 26th.—Addressed the pupils of the Hellmuth Ladies College and distributed the "Prizes."
- 29th.—Left for Petrolia.

June 30th.—Opened the Church in Petrolia; preached in the morning, afternoon and in the evening; administered the Holy Communion; ordained the Rev. Dr. Beaumont to the Priesthood; addressed and confirmed 15 candidates.

31st.—Returned to London.

July 7th.—Preached in the morning in Christ Church, London.

8th.—Attended Rectory Land Committee.

10th.—Left for Walpole Island to open the new Indian Church; confirmed and addressed 52 Indians, preached to a large Indian congregation.

11th.—Left for Windsor, spent the evening with Rural Dean Hurst.

13th.—Left for Ingersoll.

14th.—Preached here in aid of the Widows and Orphans Fund.

20th.—Left for Galt. Preached morning and evening in aid of the Church Society.

26th.—Left for Goderich.

27th.—Dungannon. Preached here and confirmed and addressed 41 persons.

28th.—Preached in the morning at Goderich, and confirmed and addressed 22 candidates.

28th.—Preached in Clinton in the evening; confirmed and addressed 33 persons.

29th.—Returned to London.

Aug. 3rd.—Left for Ailsa Craig.

4th.—Consecrated St. Mary's Church and burial-ground, McGillivray; preached, confirmed and addressed 35 candidates in the morning.

4th.—2.30 p.m., consecrated Christ Church, McGillivray, 2nd Con., and preached.

4th.—6.30 p.m., consecrated Trinity Church, Ailsa Craig, and preached.

- Aug. 11th.—Preached at Murray Bay.
 18th.—Preached in St. Paul's, London.
 25th.—Preached in the morning in Christ Church, London.
 25th.—Preached in the evening in Huron College Chapel.
- Sept. 1st.—Confirmed in Christ Church, London, 33 candidates, whom I also addressed before and after confirmation.
 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.—Attended to the Church Society business.
 4th.—Attended service in St. Paul's, London, and administered the Holy Communion.
 6th.—Attended Huron College Council.
 8th.—Preached morning at Hellmuth College.
 8th.—Confirmed and addressed 43 candidates in St. Paul's, London.
 8th.—Preached in the evening at Hellmuth Ladies College.
 9th.—Confirmed and addressed 25 candidates at Wardsville.
 14th.—Attended Church Society meeting at Paris, and baptized an adult.
 15th.—Consecrated St. James' Church, Paris; preached in the morning; confirmed and addressed 20 candidates, and administered the Holy Communion, the Bishop of Rupert's Land being present and taking part in the services.
 15th.—Preached in the evening in "Grace Church," Brantford.
 17th.—Left for Goderich.
 18th.—Preached in the evening at Kincardine, confirmed and addressed 22 candidates.
 19th.—Preached in the morning in St. Luke's, Pine River, addressed and confirmed 7 candidates and administered the Holy Communion.

- Sept. 19th.—Addressed a Church Society Meeting at Kincardine, in the evening.
- 20th.—Addressed and confirmed 7 candidates in St. John's Church Bervie, and administered the Holy Communion, also preached here in the morning.
- 20th.—Preached at 2.30 in St. Mathew's, Kinloss, addressed and confirmed 7 candidates.
- 20th.—Preached in St. John's, Kinloss, in the evening, confirmed and addressed 20 candidates.
- 21st.—Went from Kinloss to Walkerton.
- 22nd.—Preached in the morning at Walkerton, confirmed and addressed 52 candidates.
- 22nd.—Preached in the evening at Walkerton.
- Sept. 23rd.—Addressed a meeting at Eckford.
- 23rd.—Addressed a Church Society Meeting at Walkerton.
- 24th.—Preached at Paisley in the morning. Confirmed and addressed 16 candidates and administered the Holy Communion.
- 25th.—Preached in the morning at Invermay, confirmed and addressed 21 candidates.
- 25th.—Preached in the evening at Southampton, addressed and confirmed 9 candidates.
- 26th.—Attended a special Vestry Meeting at Galt.
- 29th.—Preached in Hellmuth Ladies College and Huron College.
- 30th.—Took the chair and addressed a meeting in aid of the Sabrevois Mission in Bishop Cronyn Hall.
- Oct. 2nd.—Left for Toronto and Orangeville on my way to the County of Grey.
- 3rd.—Preached in the evening at Shelbourn, addressed and confirmed 5 candidates, and baptised 3 children.

- Oct. 4th.—Held service (in Proton) in Mr. Bowler's house, addressed and confirmed 4 persons, and baptised 1 child.
- 4th.—Evening Service at Markdale Church, preached, addressed and confirmed 5 candidates.
- 5th.—Preached at Maxwell in the morning, addressed and confirmed 9 candidates.
- 6th.—Preached in the morning at Durham, addressed and confirmed 53 candidates.
- 6th.—Preached at 3 p.m. in Christ Church, Allan Park, for the Church Society.
- 6th.—Preached in the evening at Durham in aid of the Church Society.
- 7th.—Addressed a meeting at Egremont in aid of the Church Society.
- 7th.—Preached in the evening at Williamsford, addressed and confirmed 16 candidates.
- 8th.—Preached in the morning at St. Mark's, Holland, addressed and confirmed 13 persons.
- 8th.—Preached in the evening at Chatsworth, addressed and confirmed 15 persons.
- 9th.—Preached in the morning in Grace Church, Sullivan, addressed and confirmed 20 persons.
- 9th.—Preached in the evening in St. John's, Sullivan, addressed and confirmed 23 persons.
- 10th.—Preached in the afternoon in "Corbett's School House," (Sarawak,) addressed and confirmed 15 persons.
- 11th.—Preached in the morning in Bass Lake School House, addressed and confirmed 17 persons.
- 11th.—Preached in the evening at Wiarton, addressed and confirmed 7 candidates.
- 12th.—Left for Owen Sound.

- Oct. 13th.—Preached in the morning in Owen Sound in aid of the Church Society.
- 13th.—Preached in the afternoon in St. James', Derby, addressed and confirmed 6 persons.
- 13th.—Preached in the evening at Owen Sound, addressed and confirmed 29 candidates.
- 14th.—Preached in the morning in St. Thomas', St. Vincent, addressed and confirmed 5 persons.
- 14th.—Preached in the evening at Meaford, addressed and confirmed 25 candidates.
- 15th.—Preached in the morning at Euphrasia, addressed and confirmed 10 persons.
- 15th.—Preached at 3 p.m. at Williamstown, addressed and confirmed 12 persons.
- 15th.—Preached in the evening at Clarksburg, addressed and confirmed 13 persons.
- 19th.—Addressed students at Huron College.
- 20th.—Preached in the morning in Huron College Chapel, preached in the evening in Hellmuth Ladies College Chapel.
- 27.—Preached morning and evening in Hellmuth Ladies College Chapel.
- 31st.—Took the chair at a meeting of "the Church of England Young Men's Association," in the City Hall. The Ven. Archdeacon McLean lectured on Manitoba.
- Nov. 3rd.—Preached in the morning in Huron College Chapel. Preached in the evening in Hellmuth Ladies College Chapel.
- 4th.—Left for Ottawa to attend an Episcopal Conference.
- 6th.—Called with the other Bishops of the Province, on His Excellency the Governor General to present an address to him.
- 10th.—Preached morning and evening in Hellmuth Ladies College Chapel.

- Nov. 17th.—Preached morning and evening in Hellmuth Ladies College.
- 23rd.—Left for Woodstock.
- 24th.—Preached in Woodstock, morning and evening in aid of the Church Society.
- 25th.—Attended the Oxford Ruri-Decanal meeting, in Woodstock.
- 25th.—Attended a meeting of the Church Society in the evening.
- Dec. 1st.—Preached in the morning in St. Paul's, London, and administered the Holy Communion.
- 2nd.—Church Society meetings.
- 3rd.—Quarterly meeting of the Church Society.
- 4th.—“Clerical Conference” in Hellmuth College.
- 4th.—Administered the Holy Communion to the Clergy, attending the Clerical Conference.
- 5th.—Addressed the “Clerical Conference.”
- 6th.—Attended Huron College Council Meeting.
- 7th.—Left for Toronto.
- 8th.—Preached in the morning in St. James' Cathedral, Toronto.
- 9th.—Left for Montreal, to attend the Provincial Synod.
- 11th.—Read the Litany and assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion in Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal.
- 11th.—At 3 p.m., attended the Provincial Synod.
- 12th.—Provincial Synod.
- 13th.—Provincial Synod.
- 14th.—Provincial Synod, when the Rev. J. P. Dumoulin, was elected Missionary Bishop for the District of Algoma.
- 15th.—Preached in the evening in St. Peter's Church, Toronto.
- 16th.—Returned to London.

Dec. 20th.—Preached in St. Paul's, London, on the paucity of labourers in the Lord's harvest field.

21st.—Preached in St. Mary's, Metcalfe, (Napier) confirmed 21 candidates and addressed them.

22nd.—Preached in St. Anne's, Adelaide confirmed and addressed 21 candidates. Consecrated St. Ann's Church, Adelaide.

22nd.—Preached in the evening at Strathroy, confirmed and addressed 12 candidates.

25th.—Preached in St. Paul's, London, administered the Holy Communion.

COUNTY OF PERTH.

26th.—Preached in Listowell, confirmed and addressed 57 candidates, and administered the Holy Communion.

COUNTY OF HURON:

27th.—Preached in Trinity Church, Town Plot, in the morning, and confirmed 7 candidates.

27th.—Preached in St. Stephen's Church, Leechville, (at 3 p.m.) confirmed 5.

27th.—Preached at Wroxeter in the evening and confirmed 6 persons.

29th.—Preached in St. Thomas' Church, Seaforth, in the morning, confirmed and addressed 19, and administered the Holy Communion.

29th.—At 3 p.m., preached at Varna, confirmed and addressed 26 persons.

20th.—At 7 p.m., preached at Bayfield, confirmed and addressed 29 persons.

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Jan. 2nd.—Attended a meeting of the Colonial and Continental Church Society.

3rd.—Took the chair at a meeting of the Church of England Young Men's Association, when Professor Wilson, of Toronto, delivered a lecture.

- 4th.—Left for Sarnia.
- 5th.—Preached in the morning in St. George's Church, Sarnia, in aid of the widows and orphans, and confirmed and addressed 18 persons.
- 5th.—Preached in the evening at Point Edward in aid of the widows and orphans, and confirmed and addressed 8 candidates.
- 11th.—Left for Brantford, attended in the afternoon the Ruri-decanal meeting of Brant, and in the evening, addressed a Church Society Meeting at Brantford.
- 12th.—Held a Confirmation at Grace Church, Brantford, in the morning, and addressed 21 candidates. An able sermon was preached on the occasion by the Rev. Canon Balch. Administered the Holy Communion.
- 12th.—Preached at Mount Pleasant in the afternoon.
- 12th.—Confirmed and addressed 19 persons in St. Jude's Church, Brantford, in the evening. The Rev. Canon Balch preached on the occasion.
- 14th.—Addressed and confirmed 25 persons at Prospect Hill, in the morning.
- 14th.—3 p.m. Confirmed and addressed 36 candidates at Kirkton.
- 19th.—Preached in the morning in the Hellmuth College Chapel.
- 19th.—Preached in the evening in the Hellmuth Ladies College Chapel.
- 20th.—Visited the Mission of Princeton, for the purpose of making arrangements with the people of Drumbo, Plattfield and Princeton, to secure for them a resident Clergyman.

20th.—Attended in the evening at Princeton, and addressed a Missionary meeting in aid of the Diocesan Church Society.

21st.—Morning Service at Norwich, confirmed and addressed 26 candidates, baptized five adults, and also administered the Holy Communion.

24th.—Attended a meeting of the congregation of Christ Church, Chatham, with a view of settling local matters, when a petition was presented to me at the same time, asking my sanction to erect a Church in the northern part of the town to accommodate the increasing church population of that district.

26th.—Preached in the morning in Huron College Chapel.

Feb. 1st.—Left for Simcoe.

2nd.—Preached in the morning at eleven in St. Paul's Church, Dover; confirmed and addressed 11 candidates.

2nd.—Preached at 3 p.m. in Christ Church, Victoria, and confirmed 3 persons.

2nd.—Preached in the evening in Trinity Church, Simcoe, confirmed and addressed 20 persons.

3rd.—Consecrated Christ Church, Lynedoch, and preached at 11 a.m.

3rd.—Preached in the evening in Port Ryerse Memorial Church, and confirmed 6 persons.

4th.—Preached in the morn'g in St. John's Church, Port Rowan, and confirmed 5 persons.

4th.—Addressed a meeting in aid of the funds of the Church Society at Port Rowan.

5th.—Preached in the morning in Jireh Church, Rowan Mills, and confirmed 4 persons.

15th.—Left for Point Edward.

- Feb. 16th.—Confirmed at 11 a.m., in St. John's Church
—the Perche—22 candidates; addressed
the candidates and the congregation.
- 16th.—At 3 p.m., confirmed in St. George's, Hills-
boro', 8 persons; addressed the candi-
dates and the congregation.
- 16th.—At 7 p.m., preached in Christ Church,
Forest; confirmed and addressed 8
candidates.
- 17th.—Preached to the Indian congregation at
Kettle Point; confirmed 7 persons, among
whom were the Indian Chief, his wife,
and aged sister. Baptized also a child
of the Indian Chief.
- 17th.—Met several members of the Church at
Widder in reference to the future of that
Mission.
- 20th.—Attended and addressed a Church Society
Meeting in Adelaide-St. Church, London.
- 22nd.—Left for Onondaga.
- 23rd.—Preached in Trinity Church, Onondaga;
addressed and confirmed 30 persons.
- 23rd.—Preached—3 p.m.—in St. Paul's Church,
Tuscarora.
- Mar. 2nd.—Preached in St. Paul's, London, and ad-
ministered the Holy Communion.
- 3rd.—Attended Committee meetings of the
Church Society.
- 4th.—Attended Committee meetings of the
Church Society.
- 5th.—Attended the Standing Committee of the
Church Society.
- 5th.—Divine Service in St. Paul's Church; the
Metropolitan preached in aid of the
Church Society. The Holy Communion
was administered.
- 6th.—Attended the Quarterly Meeting of the
Church Society.

- Mar. 7th.—Occupied the chair on the occasion of a lecture—under the auspices of the Church of England Young Men's Association—by the Most Rev'd the Metropolitan of Canada, on "the Early English Church."
- 8th.—Accompanied the Metropolitan to Huron College, where the Divinity Students were addressed by him and myself.
- 9th.—Assisted in the morning service in St. Paul's, London. The Metropolitan preached in aid of the Church Society.
- 9th.—Attended in the evening with the Metropolitan, the "Missionary Association of the Hellmuth Ladies' College," and addressed the meeting.
- 10th.—Accompanied the Metropolitan to Toronto.
- 16th.—Preached in the morning, in the Hellmuth Ladies' College.
- 17th.—Attended the Funeral of the Ven. Archdeacon Brough and conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. C. G. Geddes, of Hamilton.
- 19th.—Addressed in the morning a meeting at Belmont, in aid of the Church Society.
- 19th.—In the afternoon addressed a meeting in aid of the Church Society, at Harrietsville.
- 19th.—In the evening addressed a meeting at Dorchester, in aid of the Church Society.
- 23rd —Preached in St. John's, London Township, inducting the new Rector the Ven. Archdeacon Marsh.
- 27th.—Attended a meeting of the Land Committee of the Church Society.
- 28th.—Attended the Quarterly Meeting of the College and Continental Church Society.
- 29th.—Left for Berlin.

- Mar.30th.—Preached in the morning in St. John's, Berlin; confirmed and addressed 13 candidates, baptized 1 child, and administered the Holy Communion.
- 30th.—Preached in the evening in Christ's Church, Haysville, confirmed and addressed 16 persons.
- April 6th.—Preached in the morning in Trinity Church, Howard, baptized an adult and confirmed her, also administered the Holy Communion.
- 6th.—Preached in the evening in the Town Hall, Morpeth.
- 11th.—Preached this (Good Friday) morning and afternoon in St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomas.
- 13th.—Preached in the morning in St. Paul's Church, London.
- 19th.—Left for Chatham. Preached morning and evening in Christ Church, Chatham.
- 21st, 23rd.—Attended "Canon Committee."
- 27th.—Preached in Hellmuth Ladies' College Chapel.
- May 2nd.—Addressed the candidates for confirmation in the Hellmuth Ladies' College.
- 3rd.—Addressed the Divinity Students in Huron College.
- 4th.—Preached in the morning in the Hellmuth College Chapel.
- 4th.—Addressed in the evening the Missionary Association of the Hellmuth Ladies' College.
- 5th.—Attended the meeting of the "Executive Committee" of the Synod.
- 6th.—Left for Cincinnati to attend the Funeral of the late Bishop of Ohio.
- 9th.—Took part in the Funeral service of the late Bishop McIlvaine, at Cincinnati.

- May 16th.—Addressed a confirmation class in the Hellmuth Ladies' College.
- 17th.—Left for Windsor.
- 18th.—Preached in All Saints Church, Windsor, in the morning and evening in aid of the Church Society; confirmed and addressed 19 candidates.
- 19th.—Preached in Trinity Church, Gosford, and confirmed 2 persons.
- 19th.—Preached in the evening in St. John's, Kingsville, and confirmed 3 persons.
- 20th.—Preached in Christ Church, Colchester, and confirmed 10 persons.
- 21st.—Preached in Christ Church, Amherstburg, and confirmed 22 persons.
- 22nd.—Laid Corner Stone of All Saints Sunday School, Windsor, and addressed the congregation.
- 24th.—Left for Millbank Mission. Preached morning and evening in aid of the Church Society; confirmed and addressed 41 candidates; ordained 1 Deacon.

