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My dear Lord Bishop/

I have just seen in the "Leader" with sad surprise, the death of our esteemed Brother, the Rev<sup>d</sup> T. S. Kennedy; his loss will be deeply felt in the Diocese of Toronto.

My special reason for now writing is to ask (your Lordship) if his late incumbency of St. John's Church would yield, in connection with my Commutation, a tolerable income, and, perhaps, if properly worked up, by and bye afford

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a curate, and whether your Lordship would be disposed to offer the Parish to me?

I trust that without being disrespectful, I may state that I have felt disappointed ~~at that~~ I having had no ~~suitable~~ opportunity given me of obtaining a sphere of more extended usefulness and of ~~turning to my old Diocese;~~ the(?) rone(?) tns(?) of reavercey(?) my old Diocese; this has been the more unpleasant, ~~since as vacancies have occurred there,~~ because it has excited surprise in others ~~that spare~~ as vacancies have occurred there (?) none of them have been offered

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for my acceptance. -]] I am quite aware, ~~my Lord,~~ of my many deficiencies in the sight of our common Master; but it would be an affectation of humility to hide my conviction that few of the provincial clergy have [scribble] striven more ~~earnestly~~ sincerely for the welfare of the Canadian Church, with pen, ~~purse~~ ~~and~~ personal endeavour, and purse, than I have done: - but, my Lord, my misfortune, so far as this world is concerned, has been that I have rather sought "earnestly to contend for the (entire) faith

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which was once delivered onto the saints," than to affect the popular teaching of the hour.

Forgive me, my Lord, -from your hands I received that sacred office which I hold dearer than life, to you, therefore, I feel that I may be pardoned, for opening my heart.

Praying, as the season suggests, that as your years increase, you may be ever more abundantly filled with the light of peace, and be blessed with yet increased usefulness,

I have the honour  
to remain  
my dear Lord Bishop  
very faithfully and  
respectfully yours  
Adam Townley

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> and  
Right Reverend  
The Lord Bishop  
of Toronto