

A PASTORAL ADDRESS.

*TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN
KEMPTVILLE, ONTARIO.*

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,—

It has come to my knowledge that many of you are not pleased with me because I have frequent week-day Services in church (as the Prayer-book directs) and because I have a cross on one of my churches, and because I never can speak respectfully of sects, but think it my duty to denounce them, and to warn you against all Sectarianism, (even as the Bible does) and as I have promised to drive away all erroneous doctrines from my parish, to the best of my ability. "Am I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?" Gal. iv. 16.

Painful as it is to feel that you are offended, I am happy to inform you that I have nothing to retract of what I have said or done, and only fear my not having been explicit enough, and that my natural infirmities may possibly have, to some extent, marred the cause which I wished to promote.

With a view to put the truth more fully before you, and to reach every parishioner more easily than I can do from the pulpit, I have written the following short summary of the doctrines of the Bible and the Church which I feel bound to preach and to teach among you, and without which I could not feel comfortable in my conscience. Permit me, then, to beg of you to pay great attention to the words of Holy Scripture which I have quoted, and to put them above every human, or social consideration. If you do so you will see that the Bible speaks against sects and divisions a vast deal more plainly and reprovably than I ever did. And at the same time I would remind you that whenever I speak, or warn you, against sects, it is not against the good and well-disposed people among the sects that I speak. I thought I had repeatedly expressed myself very fully on this subject. St. Jude, while reprovng very severely "those that separate themselves," says that "of some we must make a difference." Jude xxii. I have always said that there are Christians connected with sects that are honest and sincere, and doing all they can to