

the strength of the Canadian Clergy and the consolation of our predecessors. Let us all have together "but one heart and one soul," that we may more efficaciously fulfil the sublime and formidable mission, which the Divine Pastor has intrusted to us in behalf of the souls redeemed by the blood of the immaculate Lamb. Let us often think on the terrible account which must render those who rule the people, *judicium durissimum his præsunt* (Wisdom VI. 6.) ; let us think still more on the everlasting crown promised by him who vouchsafes to be himself the exceeding great reward of his faithful servants, *ego ero merces tua magna nimis* (Gen. XV. 1.).

Spouses of Jesus Christ, virgins consecrated to the exercise of prayer and of charity, continue in the sight of God your holy mission ; you have forsaken all to follow Jesus Christ, he shall not suffer himself to be overcome in generosity, and he shall certainly reward the least of your sacrifices. From every one of your monasteries may the incense of your prayer penetrate the clouds, and rise to the throne of mercy, to call down upon us the most abundant blessings.

May the peace of Our Lord be with you all, faithful of this diocese, who greet us to-day as first pastor, *Pax vobis!* May the treasures of the divine goodness be opened in your behalf, and enrich you with all heavenly gifts ! May faith overflow your intelligence with its vivifying light ; may hope animate and console you in this vale of tears ; may charity fill your hearts with its sweet unction ! One consolation do we ask of God in this world, it is that you may be ever faithful to the inspirations of grace, ever the enemies of sin, that you may, in a word, ever wear that garment of justice and of holiness, with which Our Lord has invested you at holy baptism.

You shall forgive us, Our Dearly Beloved Brethren, if, after these general salutations, we add a special word concerning a house which is justly dear to us. Ever since its foundation, two centuries ago, the Seminary of Quebec has been for the Canadian episcopacy an abundant nursery of zealous fellow-laborers ; at the epoch of the conquest, our worthy predecessors, ruined by the disasters of war, have found therein, during three quarters of a century, a generous hospitality. There we have received from devoted masters the blessings of classical