

THIS Essay is submitted—not without some reluctance—to the eye and attention of the faithful members of the Church in these Eastern Townships. It was written, as stated therein, in great haste, “*currente calamo*,” and without the most remote object further than a presentation of a subject which was deemed of the most serious moment to the welfare of our beloved Church, and the writer’s contribution towards the interest of the meeting for mutual discussion and counsel held under our active Rural Dean.

In compliance with the unanimous request of the Ruri-decanal Chapter there assembled, personal choice is sacrificed, and he can only implore the Divine blessing upon such an imperfect effort for God’s glory and the extension of His Church. On consenting to publication, permission was asked to make it what it ought to be, but reflection has led to the conclusion that any material alteration in the body of the essay would destroy its identity and render the whole work nugatory, since any little weight or influence it may have, will entirely be derived, as far as human agency is concerned, from the official sanction of the views expressed. It has, therefore, been thought expedient merely to add as an appendix some few words and statistics as to the size of Apostolic and Primitive Dioceses, an argument and example of great force to those who ardently long for primitive success, and so would return with the truly primitive “Apostolic spirit, zeal, love, self-sacrifice and faith, to the truly Apostolic model first given by Christ Himself and kept in the mind of the Apostles by the Holy Ghost” who brought all things to “their remembrance”—since their methods and organization for doing Christ’s work afford more than a mere example to Christ’s faithful followers to the end of time. The subject evidently involves some division of our present Diocese, the ultimate decision respecting which, of course rests with his Lord-