

harmless ourselves and feel to be no impediments to our piety, if they cause offence to weak brethren.---“ Wherefore if meat,”---says the generous and devoted Apostle, alluding to some prejudices of his day,---“ if meat make my brother “ to offend, I will eat no meat while the world “ standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.”

MY BRETHREN--“ A City which is set upon a hill cannot be hid.”---We occupy both a conspicuous and a difficult post, and it is impossible that we should be screened from observation.---The eyes of friends and foes are upon us---and above all, the eyes of our Master in Heaven.---“ Who,” then, “ is sufficient for these things ?”---None, most assuredly, but through the “ sufficiency which is of God.”---It is that promise which takes away despair ;---that blessed strength which sustains us in our task.---I will not say with Saint Chrysostom,* who, with all his various excellencies, is apt sometimes to be extravagant in his pictures, that a Clergyman ought to be as different from the general mass of mankind, as an ordinary man from the mute creatures below him ;---but this I will say, that if the Ministers of Christ are at all times answerable to God and man for all the good which means are open to them to effect, the present circumstances of the Church in this Diocese are such as *peculiarly to heighten* that solemn responsibility, and to call for the most genuine devotedness, the most unwearied exertion, the most exemplary piety,—the fullest exercise of the wisdom of the Serpent combined with the innocence of the Dove.

EVERY individual Missionary in this Diocese is in a situation to produce important future ef-

* De Sacerdotio, B. iii.