

out for this end, and your aims cannot be better applied than in enabling ministers of religion to meet the heavy expenses of their journeys and missionary establishments among the Indians and Africans. We recommend both missions to your generous charity and zeal.

Whilst we exhort you to extend your charity to the distant children of our common Father, we would not have you neglect more immediate objects. It is by placing the ecclesiastical institutions in the respective diocesses on solid foundations, that you will secure for yourselves and your children the perpetuity of the blessings wherewith it has pleased God to enrich you in Christ Jesus. Those to whom the wealth of this world has been given cannot better employ a portion of it than in providing for the education of ministers of the altar. We are far, however, from meaning to undervalue the offerings which faith may inspire for the erection of temples to the glory of God, or charity may present for the clothing and maintenance of the orphan. We exhort you, brethren, to follow the impulse of the Holy Ghost in the various good works for which your charitable co-operation is solicited, and to remember in the day of your abundance that whatever you set apart to the glory of God, in the exercise of charity, is so much secured against the caprice of fortune. Be not then high minded, nor hope in uncertain riches, but in the living God (who giveth us abundantly all things to enjoy :) do good; lay up in store for yourselves a good foundation against the time to come, that you may obtain true life.

We cannot conclude without expressing our gratitude to God for the admirable change which his grace has wrought in the minds of many in England, and the effects whereof are seen ever in this country. We are not disposed to exaggerate this moral revolution, or to form sanguine calculations as to its immediate results. It is not for us to know the times or the moments which the Father has placed in his own power, but we love to hope that the days of perfect unity may not be far distant, when the nations whom the violent passions of men have torn from the bosom of the Church, will return repentant, saying to each other, "Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths." (Isaiah ii. 3) At all events it is our duty to pray for so desirable an object, conformably to the example of our divine Redeemer, who at his last supper prayed that all who believe in him might be one, even as He and the Father are one. Brethren, if you ask the Father anything in his name, he will give it you. "If two or three of you agree together on earth concerning any thing whatsoever, it shall be

granted you." How much more, then, if from the hemispheres the supplications of fervent faith and charity ascend from innumerable multitudes to obtain light from these who wander amidst errors, that they may confess it, that with one mind and with one mouth they may with us glorify God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We beseech you, brethren, rebuke the unquiet; comfort the feeble-minded; support the weak: be patient towards all men. See that none render evil for evil to any one; but always follow that which is good towards each other, and towards all men." The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

Given at Baltimore, in the fifth Provincial Council, On the fifth Sunday after Easter, in the year of our Lord, MDCCCLXIII.

- ✠ Samuel, Archbishop of Baltimore.
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- " Michael, Bishop of Mobile.
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- " Peter Richard, Bishop of Drasis, and Coadjutor of the Bishop of St. Louis.
- " John M. Bishop of Claudiopolis, and Vicar Apostolic of Texas.
- " Richard S. Baker, Administrator of the Diocese of Charleston.

A meeting of the Committee and Collectors of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will be held in the new Vestry on Monday evening, at 7 o'clock.

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