

wisdom and tact that can be acquired is scarce sufficient for your duty; and without such graces you will too often labour in vain. Keen eyes are watching your every action, and swift tongues repeating every word. The enemies of religion rejoice in your halting, and excuse their own vices by every bad example among you. And every vice in a clergyman's family assumes a magnitude altogether disproportioned to the offence. But above all, do not bite and devour one another. Never is a clergyman so obnoxious to censure, so certain to be wrong as when he gives publicity to the errors of his brother, and strives before the unbelievers. And I grieve to say it, but I believe it to be the experience of every bishop, that of all the troubles that happen in a diocese, it is generally found that the clergy have been at the bottom of the strife; and if they would be quiet, and each man mind his own business, the laity, with few exceptions, would give little trouble. How soon will division about things indifferent cease to be of importance in our eyes, and we shall all be called on to give account of the way in which we have fulfilled the great duties of our ministry.

"But I must not omit to admonish the laity of the Church, as its appointed leader.

"You, my brethren, have the destinies of the Church committed to your care. And I fear many are not half awake to the responsibilities of their position. For a long time they have been leaning upon others. They have not taken up the cause of the Church, as a body, with any generous ardour, any heartiness, as if they loved it, and cherished it as their own flesh. They dole out a miserable pittance, a bare existence, to the clergy, but it is done by fits and starts, not as it is needed. And instead of the whole mass of Church people contributing according to their means, a few are called on again and again, known to be liberal givers, and some of the richest people in our communion give miserably little.

"Every one may now know, from the changes made in our position by Churchmen at home, that you must either endeavour to build up the Church in the poorer parishes, or the services of the Church will be, *must be* withdrawn. And the sin of that withdrawal will certainly lie at your door. And without some local endowment it never has been found that the voluntary system can stand the strain laid on it in poorer places.

"People make great and magnificent promises when they desire a clergyman's services, and under the pressure of their pledge they do something considerable the first year; but as soon as the novelty is past, they get tired, find or seek occasions of offence, diminish and then withdraw their subscriptions, and finally the clergyman is starved out, the services are ended, and religion is driven away. That this lamentable end may not be seen amongst you, we must, as a body, be more zealous. I can do no more than lay the matter once more plainly and faithfully before you, praying earnestly that God may incline your hearts to hearken to words, I trust, of truth and soberness, and to act as becomes the members of a communion which has it in its power, whenever the members generally have the will, to be an instrument in God's hands of the greatest good to the province and people of New Brunswick."

REMAINS AND REMINISCENCES OF ANCIENT ROME.

NO. IV.

THE Via Sacra is probably associated in the minds of my audience with another very different person, though equally well known to you. Every reader of Horace must be familiar with the name of this street, for it is one which he has more than