

TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—

From the recent intelligence by the Royal Steamers we learn that the Cholera, after ravaging a large portion of Asia, and progressively advancing over the western part of Europe, has at length reached our Parent State, and commenced its destructive career in London, Edinburgh, and other places of the United Kingdom.

Hence it may be looked for in this country, by the way of the United States, or early in the spring by that of Quebec, unless stayed by the hand of Almighty God.

The two former visits of this terrible calamity in 1832 and 1834, are still remembered in this Diocese with fear and sadness, and more especially in this city. God forbid that we should a third time witness the scythe of the destroyer sweeping away our friends and neighbours as the winds scatter the leaves of the forest.

Had he confined himself to the old, the decrepid, and infirm, our dismay might have been less; but his iron-hand seized on the vigour of manhood, and quenched in death the