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*through Jesus-Christ, unto the glory of and praise of God (Philippians I.)*

Called to the episcopate, and being unable to exonerate ourselves from the heavy burden imposed upon us, should we not tremble at the sight of our weakness and unworthiness. It seems to us that we felt the whole weight of this dignity, which fills our soul with awe, when, before God's altar, we answered the questions of the consecrating Bishop, ere he conferred upon us the plenitude of the Priesthood of Jesus-Christ.

These, O. D. B. B., are the questions which were put to us, they contain all our duties; and better than any words of ours, will they make you understand how much reason we have to tremble, and to ask the assistance of your prayers.

"Will you adapt, submit, your intelligence, your reason, to the maxims of the Sacred Scriptures, to the teachings of the Divine Word? Judge of the faith, and interpreter of Holy Writ, will you identify your mind with the deposit of Revelation, no longer hold to your private opinion, but contract with the Sacred Writings a new relation, an eternal alliance, to expound to the faithful all you shall have understood in these holy books?" We answered: "We will".

"Will you submit to Catholic Tradition, to the decrees of the Holy See, to the authority of Peter and his successors? Legislator of the people, will you govern them, not according to your ideas, but according to the laws? Will you become familiar with the teaching, the legislation of all christian ages? Will you show fidelity, submission, and obedience in all things to the Vicar of Jesus-Christ?" We answered: "We will".

"Preacher of christian morality, will you renounce the passions which enslave the world? Will you renounce the concupiscence of the flesh, observe chastity, purity, sobriety, and propagate these admirable virtues? Will you renounce the concupiscence of the eyes, despise the perishable concerns of this world, and know no other traffic than of things divine, and the salvation of souls? Will