

A PASTORAL.

TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 13, 1875.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,

A Statement, emanating from the Select Vestry of Christ Church, Montreal, having been published, I feel disposed to address to you a few remarks upon it, knowing how deeply the subject of my status in the Cathedral concerns you, as well as those under your charge.

The Statement in question is drawn up with considerable ability, and the language in which it is couched is not otherwise than respectful to myself. Still I regret to say that some of the facts are so stated that they scarcely convey a faithful and correct impression.

The first twenty-seven pages are mainly taken up with arguments to prove that Christ Church is a Parish Church. And this would naturally lead the reader to suppose that I had questioned this fact, whereas I have invariably admitted it; and am fully aware that, as a Rectory, it possesses very many rights, not one of which do I desire to abridge.

In page 31, a Document, purporting to be the first Draft of a Form, proposed to be used in the Cathedral at the Induction of Canon Baldwin, is introduced, as if to