

the one and the other, sorely pressed in these days of evil, by the encroachments of the Revolution, are confronted by great needs. Christian children, let us hearken to the wants of our father and not overlook the wailings of our mother. "*Fili, suscipe senectam patris tui et gemitus matris tuæ ne obliviscaris.* (Eccli. III. 14.)

A diocesan regulation ordains that, on the 29th September, a collection shall be made for the Pope in all the churches. Several perhaps, owing to the changes taking place in September last, may have forgotten to announce this collection. We trust that they will supply the omission on the first suitable Sunday, and that they will send, directly on receiving them, the offerings which the faithful will have placed in their hands.

We shall have little to present to the Holy Father, but we are anxious to give him this tribute of affection. Doubtless he will receive with emotion this mite of our poverty. He will smile at our good intention and he will deign bless it with the most fruitful benedictions.

VII. SIXTH COUNCIL OF QUEBEC.

You are aware that the deliberations of the Bishops of the Province of Quebec, assembled on the 9th May 1878, after being examined and approved by the Holy See, were published at the commencement of the present year. We do not doubt that you have already procured copies of this work, the prescriptions of which are of the highest interest to you and your parishioners, since the Vicariate of Pontiac, like the most of the dioceses from which it is detached, belongs to the ecclesiastical Province of Quebec.

As to the decrees which particularly regard yoursel-