

truth to that part of the Lord's vineyard confided to our care, and indeed the dearth of evangelical workmen, Dearly Beloved Colleagues, should be and is the first object of our solicitude. It is true that several young men of this Vicariate are preparing themselves, in different colleges, to embrace the ecclesiastical state ; certain generous souls among you devote their savings to train levites for the holy altars ; we ourselves furnish the means of educating three youths full of promise, but the restricted number of prospective auxiliaries is far from meeting the ever increasing and pressing requirements of the present, and especially of the future. Streams of Catholic immigration are pouring into our borders ; the forest is invaded from all sides ; villages rise as by enchantment along our great line of railway ; missions are being established, and from the depth of their woods, the Indians stretch out suppliant hands, asking for the bread of the divine life and the living waters of the sacramental fountains. Pray the Lord to sow in the hearts of our youths the seed of a holy vocation ; carefully mature those tender plants, so soon as you see them opening to the sunshine of grace ; encourage fathers and mothers to make sacrifices in favor of such of their sons as have a leaning for the ecclesiastical state, and above all supplicate together the Master of the Harvest to vouchsafe to send numerous and diligent laborers in his fields. *Rogate ergo dominum messis, ut mittat operarios in messem suam.* (St. Luke, x. 2).

To favor the development of ecclesiastical vocations among young men who are not endowed with the gifts of fortune, and to meet the expenses entailed by years spent in the seminary, we have found established in this ancient portion of the diocese of Ottawa, the Associa-