

their judgment according to justice and doing what is in your power to enlighten their conscience.

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We have still to treat of a subject more difficult and delicate than the foregoing. We shall address you with the same frankness and the same clearness, because we have naught else in view than God's interests and those of your souls, being assured that, on your part, you will listen to our counsels as coming from God Himself : « God as it were exhorting by us. » (II Cor. V, 20.)

It is not enough to avoid perjury, slander, calumny, injustice of all kinds, in a word, all that the law of God and natural honesty condemn. It is not enough to abstain from evil; you must also do good. Now, to do good, you must act not only with pure and upright intentions, but also with prudence, wisdom and discernment. What therefore are the rules you should follow in order to act in a wise and Christian manner in the exercise of your rights as citizens particularly during election-time ?

These rules, Our Dearly Beloved Brethren, may be summed up in the following words of the Pastor of your souls which, for the past twenty years, have been repeatedly read to you on the eve of all elections. We repeat them to you to-day.

« While the constitution gives you the right and liberty to choose him who is to represent you in Parliament, God imposes upon you the obligation of using this liberty and this right solely for the greater good of the country, for to its greater good all politics, and consequently all elections, should tend.

« You should therefore give your vote only to men whom you judge capable of procuring this good, and sincerely disposed to do so. » (Pastoral letter of His Grace Archbishop Taschereau, May 25, 1876).

That which you should have in view during elections, is the greater good of the country. Now, Our Dearly Beloved Brethren, the greater good of a country is the reign of God by Chris-