

à notre disposition sont aujourd'hui tout à fait insuffisants pour nous permettre de faire face à d'aussi pressants besoins ; et il ne nous reste d'autre alternative que de faire appel, dans ce moment de détresse, aux sympathies charitables de nos bienveillants voisins.

En conséquence, Nous recommandons au public les personnes qui, ayant bien voulu consentir à se charger de faire des collectes, ont été dûment nommées par le Comité Général de secours et autorisées à solliciter et à recevoir les aumônes qui seront faites pour l'objet de cette lettre.

Signé, ✠ JAMES ROGERS, Ev. de Chatham.

CIRCULAR.

The calamity which swept away by fire on Thursday morning, Feb. 14, 1878, our fine group of buildings in Chatham consisting of Pro-Cathedral, St. Michael's College, directed by the Christian Brothers, and episcopal residence, with a great portion of their contents, the fruits of many years of earnest toil on the part of our devoted Clergy, and faithful people of Chatham, forces us, however reluctantly, to seek aid from without as well as within our Diocese, to relieve our pressing necessities. Not only are the Professors, the Christian Brothers and students of our College as well as ourselves and Clergy deprived of the happy roofs that hitherto sheltered us, but the only public temple possessed by our people in this our episcopal town has been carried off by the flames. We are thus obliged to begin the excavations of our new Cathedral, so as to prepare the basement story thereof for use as soon as possible, and thus provide for our people an apartment sufficiently spacious in which they can temporarily assemble for the worship of God. Also we must provide either