

once the amount of work, fatigue and privation reserved for us in the accomplishment of the task laid upon our shoulders.

Neither this spectacle, however, nor the sense of our own weakness, can either crush or even lessen our courage. Sacrifice is the seal and the mainspring of holy and lasting deeds. What is impossible to man's debility is as nothing to the almightiness of God. At the point where human methods terminate, the divine operation begins. The Apostle says : *Videte vocationem vestram, fratres, quia non multi sapientes secundum carnem, non multi potentes, non multi nobiles ; sed quæ stulta sunt mundi elegit Deus ut confundat sapientes et infirma mundi elegit Deus ut confundat fortia, et ignobilia mundi, et contemptibilia elegit Deus, et ea quæ non sunt, ut ea quæ sunt destrueret : ut non gloriatur omnis caro in conspectu ejus.* (I Cor. I. 25-29.) But beyond this, the agreeable relations which we have had with you, Beloved Colleagues in the Holy Ministry, the tokens of respect, and the professions of obedience reaching us from all sides, the favor with which all our flocks have greeted our arrival at the head of this Vicariate, the good wishes and kindnesses daily bestowed upon us by you and the more intimate knowledge which we have acquired of your truly apostolic labors, all unite in showing us that, in the pursuit of our designs, we may implicitly rely upon your zeal and devotion, as well as on the willing cooperation of our Christian people.

II. THE ASSOCIATION OF ST. FRANCIS OF SALES.

Mensis quidem multa, operarii autem pauci. (St. Luke, x. 2). These words of the Saviour may be applied in all