

using their assiduous efforts to maintain its integrity—and that they should be reared in all sanctity of life and manner, to minister at our holy altars, exclaiming in all sincerity and truth: “*Lavabo inter innocentes manus meas, et circumdabo altare tuum, Domine:*” and it must be quite evident that until such an Establishment is founded, that a Bishop cannot be as responsible for his Clergy as he would wish. Nor is it unimportant that they shall be deeply imbued with that genuine charity always fostered and inculcated in these nurseries of religion and learning, so much admired in the founder of this institution, which invariably brings with it all the grace, refinement, and polish of social life, and without which, though they should preach with the tongue of men and of angels, it would be like sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. I am sure that you will therefore join with me in the fervent hope that as this is the last act of the venerable Bishop, previous to his departure for the United Kingdom, to obtain that co-operation which will enable him to carry his laudable designs into effect, that the edifice now commenced by his munificence and zeal, will not only remain a lasting monument of his affectionate solicitude for the Catholics of Upper Canada, but will also ensure him the countenance and blessing of that Almighty Being to whom he dedicates it, and whose special protection he invokes, and that it will prove of immeasurable benefit to the whole community.

