

ALEXANDER,

BY THE GRACE OF GOD, AND THE APPROBATION OF THE HOLY SEE.

BISHOP OF KINGSTON,

*To all the Catholic Clergy of Upper Canada, Health
and Benediction.*

REVEREND AND VENERABLE BRETHREN,

Every sensible and wise man, in whatever undertaking or enterprise he engages, will propose to himself some end or object to be attained; and the more noble and desirable that object is, the greater the exertion and perseverance it is natural to suppose he will exhibit in pursuit of it.

Agreeable to this principle, we, who have consecrated ourselves exclusively to the service of God in this Province, should seriously and attentively consider, and never for a moment lose sight of the noble and exalted end of our vocation, which is, the religious and moral instruction of our fellow creatures, the establishment of the Church of Christ in these wild regions, and a co-operation with our Divine Redeemer in the important work of the salvation of souls. This is what one of the most ancient and most venerable of the primitive fathers of the Church, St. Dionisius, who lived in the time of the Apostles, calls the most divine of divine works.

On entering upon this service, we have taken God himself for our possession and inheritance, "Dominus pars hereditatis meæ et Calicis meæ, tu es qui restitues hereditatem meam mihi." and his Divine Majesty, on his part, having chosen us for his Apostles and Ministers, assures us, that while we discharge the duties of our sacred calling faithfully and diligently, He will not only aid and assist us in the difficulties and dangers of our arduous warfare, but will supply us also with those things that are necessary for the support of life. "Nolite timere, inquit, ne propter regnum Dei militantibus hujus vitæ necessaria