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OF THE

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PEMBROKE, 21st December 1882.

I. OUR HOPES.

Dearly Beloved Colleagues,

Three months have now elapsed since we received episcopal consecration. Having taken up an abode in this city of Pembroke, chosen by us as the place of our residence, and having recovered from the deep emotions produced in ourselves by the imposing ceremonies of the 21st September, with the spirit of calm restored to our mind, it became our duty to cast our eyes about us and study the situation which Heaven had made for us. We came to understand more than ever the importance and the difficulties of the work entrusted to our pastoral efforts, the immense extent of the territory placed under our jurisdiction, the multiplicity of needs under which our young Vicariate labors, as well as the slenderness of the resources at our disposal to meet so many wants. Without going into a lengthy examination, we saw at