

" and has given us, Bishops and Priests, the holy mis-
 " sion of completing his body. Hence by remaining at
 " the post where God has placed each of us, and watching
 " over the flock confided to us, let us strive ardently to
 " carry the succors which have been customary since the
 " beginning of the Church ; viz : the preaching of the
 " Gospel aided by the prayers and alms of the faithful.
 " Let those who pray, invoke the Virgin, Mother of God,
 " who has the power of destroying all the monsters of
 " evil, and her Most Pure Spouse whom several missions
 " have already adopted as guardian and protector, and
 " whom the Apostolic See has lately proclaimed Patron
 " of the universal church ; also the princes and the
 " whole college of apostles from whom emanated the
 " first preaching of the Gospel throughout the universe ;
 " in fine, all persons eminent for sanctity who have con-
 " secrated their strength to this ministry and have shed
 " their blood for it. To these prayers and supplications
 " let there be added almsgiving whose efficacy is such
 " that it will convert those who are the farthest distant
 " or the most occupied with other things, into the coad-
 " jutors of apostolic men and the associates of their
 " labors and their merits. In these times, many are in
 " straitened family circumstances, but let no one be dis-
 " couraged ; the subscription cannot be a burden to
 " any, while a number of small sums put together [pro-
 " duce a considerable revenue."

When you set all these motives before your parishion-
 ers, to induce them to join in this admirable work,
 you will not forget to insist upon a reason that is pecu-
 liar to ourselves. I mean the assistance of the Indian
 tribes living at our doors. They are our poor, the spiri-
 tual paupers whom Providence designs for our charity.