

Stoneman has been appointed to the Niagara District, the Rev. Robert Harding to the Newcastle and Colborne District, and the Rev. F. Tremayne to the Eastern District,—the respective Districts having complied with the necessary conditions. Thus it will be seen that, in addition to having been used as the means for supporting five Clergymen, who were unexpectedly thrown upon the resources of the Church, no less than three additional labourers have been added, during the past year, to those already engaged in this portion of the Lord's vineyard.

PUBLIC MEASURES.—CLERGY RESERVES. —

During the last session of the Provincial Parliament, the Society petitioned the Legislature, in conformity with the resolution passed at the special general meeting of the Society, held September 21st, 1844, that they would be pleased to address Her Majesty, praying that the control and disposition of such share of the Clergy Reserve Lands as has been assigned to the Church of England, by the Imperial statute 3 & 4 Victoria, chap. 78, intituled, "An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of Canada, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof," may be made over to the Church of England in this Diocese. This petition was supported by very numerous petitions from the various parishes in the Diocese, and was by the Hon. the Legislative Assembly referred to a Select Committee to report thereupon. The Committee reported most favourably in support of the claims of the Church,* but the business proceeded no further. However, from the favourable nature of the Report, it may be hoped that the prayer of the petition will be granted hereafter.

LANDS.

Since the passing of the Act of Incorporation, Deeds for the conveyance of lands to the Society, both by donation and by bargain and sale, have been prepared: so that in conformity with the recommendation made by the Lay Committee, in their last annual Report, titles to lands to be hereafter conveyed for the support of the Church, may be made to the Society,—now that it has acquired the corporate capacity to hold them,—in order that, with respect to all such lands, the

* For Report, see Appendix.