

WORK BEING ACCOMPLISHED.

There is now in connection with the School a staff of six teachers, and there are in it fifteen young men studying for the ministry, five probationers, and others making application for entrance. The teachers and students may be greatly increased in number, and the efficiency of the School much improved. The only hindrance, humanly speaking, to a vast work being done, is the lack of funds.

The success of the School is now no longer a matter of doubt, it has been tried and, thank God, has been blessed beyond the sanguine expectations of even its most ardent supporters.

WHY FORMED ?

The demand for Protestant ministers from all parts of this Diocese and the Dominion was and is constant and increasing ; the supply is so limited that it fails utterly to answer the wants. Were we to come to the rescue, or to allow our Church to suffer ? Our position and our duty were quickly apprehended by our present Bishop, for in his primary charge and address to this School we find these words well worthy of attentive consideration by every member of our Church.

"It is fruitless for us to deny, brethren, it would be unworthy of us to apologize, that there *are parties* in the Church. I trust we have learned enough wisdom from the past frankly to accept the position ; and that each party is willing honourably to concede to the other the right to exist and to claim a just recognition—so long, of course, as its doctrines and usages are within the legitimate limits of a fair and honest interpretation of the formularies acknowledged by both.

"There can be no question in the mind of any one acquainted with the religious aspect of the country, that the heart of the great bulk of our laity is staunchly, jealously, Protestant. I thank God for it. And in the endeavour to fulfil the difficult task that lies before me, my first and most earnest efforts will be directed to supply the missions of the Diocese with clergymen of sound Protestant views. The great complaint throughout this Diocese was the lack of money, but another and even greater want was the want of men, of good and suitable men, who had the love of the Saviour in their hearts, and the love of those for whom the Saviour died. He hoped the School would send forth well-trained and educated men to engage in the work of the Church. Other denominations—all praise and honour to them for it—were sending out such men, and the Church of England in these days could not afford to be behind. He was pleased to learn that great care was being exercised in the education of the young men in this Divinity School. He trusted that through the means of this School much good would be done for the Church, not only in this Diocese, but throughout the country. The report which had been made by the Principal was most satisfactory, and he sincerely looked forward to the time when he would be able to ordain and send out to the missions of the Diocese men from this institution thoroughly well fitted both in head and heart. He wished the School every success and would give it all the fostering care he could, so long as the circumstances of the Diocese required that it should be conducted as a separate institution."