

## GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF HURON.

The first point to which I would ask your attention is the increase in the number of the Clergy during the episcopate of the Bishop of Huron. The actual number under his jurisdiction when he entered upon the duties of his office was 40—the number at this moment is 70—a clear increase of 30 in the short space of three years—I had almost said of *two* years, for some months elapsed after his consecration before the Bishop was able to enter upon the actual work of the Diocese. In addition to this I may mention that several candidates are coming forward for ordination, and that between this date and the end of December at least four or five more clergymen are expected to be in active work. You will thus see that if the number of the Clergy is increased during the coming year in the same ratio that it has been up to this time, it will be doubled within four years from the consecration of the Bishop.

“I have heard it said that not even the most earnest promoters of the division of the Diocese of Toronto entertained a hope that this object could be accomplished in less than five years from that time, and the conclusion from this is that the success of the new Diocese has exceeded the expectations of its warmest friends. Now it is a well known fact—and one that I have often heard alluded to—that when the Episcopal Fund for this Diocese was formed, several members of the Church declined to contribute to it, saying that the country required not Bishops but missionaries. It is neither my duty nor my desire to examine the grounds upon which they came to this conclusion ; my object is simply to show by an appeal to facts and figures, that the very end they wished to gain, viz., the appointment of additional missionaries, has been secured as the direct consequence of the appointment of the Bishop. The proof of this I now proceed to lay before you. The Bishop of Huron has obtained by his own personal exertions—principally by correspondence and personal intercourse with leading members of the great English Societies—the following yearly amounts for the support of missionaries and for other missionary objects :—

From the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.....	\$3,840 00
Colonial Church and School Society.....	2,800 00
Christian Knowledge Society.....	1,680 00
From the Bishop of Cashel.....	500 00
Tracts, Bibles, Libraries, &c .....	200 00

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Per annum.....\$9,020 00

“Now the income raised in the Diocese for the support of the Bishop himself amounts to \$1,920 per annum, and if you deduct this sum from the above, it will leave the Diocese a gainer, by the direct efforts of the Bishop, of \$7,100 per annum for missionary objects, and you will observe that the whole of the sum is obtained from foreign sources. In addition to this there is the missionary fund raised within the Diocese, which amounts to a very considerable sum, and which, as you are well