

their views, and did not keep up to the current literature which more or less bore upon the great religious questions of the day, they were not equal to their office. It was just the same as a man in the high medical science, who only knew it as it was a hundred years ago, who did not understand the new forms disease had taken, and knew of no new light thrown upon the treatment of them, and applying those remedies which were formerly used, he would be altogether useless in his profession; and so it was in the same degree with the clergy. They must know the aspect of the present times, and they required time to study them. The time of the clergyman was now wholly occupied in work, a portion of which might be borne by religious laymen, by making themselves useful in promoting the welfare of the Church, by acting with the clergy, and settling what part of the burden each would bear.

SOUTH AFRICA.

The Bishop of Capetown has published the following appeal to the younger clergy and candidates for Holy Orders in the Church of England:—

"The applications which I continually receive from the diocese of Natal for additional clergy induce me to appeal to you in behalf of that most tried and threatened outpost in the kingdom of our Lord, and to ask that a small and devoted band of faithful men will place themselves at my disposal for a period of three or five years, for service in South Africa. I am sure that there are many amongst you who are ready to give themselves simply and unreservedly to Christ, to witness for Him, and maintain His truth wherever, at the moment, the need may be the greatest.

"In my belief the need is very great at this time in Natal, and in the adjoining diocese of the Free State. In the name of our Master, I invite those who have no more important work to do for him in England to offer themselves for work in this land. In Natal, at a most critical period, the clergy are being reduced in number. One of that small and faithful band has just broken down. Another has recently left. Four churches are at this moment without clergy. Several posts where there are no churches are vacant. It is a great reproach to the Church that no clergyman has been sent out from England during the last two years, to uphold the truth in that afflicted diocese, though the most earnest appeals for men have been put forth. What can be expected of a Church left thus without a ministry?

"The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel has made additional grants to the diocese of Natal, and their committee in Natal will recommend them. I understand, to send out four or five clergymen with stipends from the Society, amounting to £100 or more per annum, which will probably be increased by local contributions to about £200 in every case.

"Clergy to fill these vacancies are what we now most urgently need.

"I shall myself continue, as metropolitan, to superintend that widowed Church until the consecration of a Bishop.

"There is a noble field for work also in the Free State, and a most loving and devoted Bishop, who is now almost alone. Two or three men are urgently needed for that work.

"If the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is unable to pay more than a portion of the passage out of clergymen, I will be responsible for the remainder; and I shall gladly receive at Capetown, at my house, any who may come out. It may be worth observing, that any clergyman with a delicate chest will find both Natal and the Free State—especially the latter—countries suited to his complaint. If care be taken at first, men who cannot work in England find themselves able to work in South Africa.

"R. CAPE TOWN."