

clergy of earlier times, emerging from the gloomy catacomb, with our numbers thinned by persecutions, each one expecting his own turn of anguish to come next: we meet not even as our brethren in Canada, to mourn over the victims of the pestilence: our persons have been free, our hearths the destroyer has passed, we at least are spared to assemble here in health and peace, to accept the renewed hospitality of our lay-brethren, and to rejoice that our numbers are augmented.

As a motive for thankfulness, therefore, and not as a reason for boasting, I mention to you what has been done by our joint co-operation since I became your Bishop.

(The young persons who have renewed their communion with the Church during that period are 2214: the Deacons ordained, 20: the Priests, 19. New Churches consecrated, 19; of which the seats in fourteen are entirely free, and many free in the other Churches: Burial Grounds consecrated, 9; and our Cathedral Church, towards which many of you have kindly contributed, is, as you see, going on to completion, the work standing firmly and well. The total number of new Clergy admitted into the Diocese is 23; of new Missions, 13; in founding which I have been most materially aided by the Church Society, whose income has, during that period, been more than doubled. The total number of consecrated Churches is 79; of licensed Clergy 49, besides two retired Missionaries; and of the Stations which they regularly or occasionally serve exceeding 120. The number of Communicants furnished me by the return of the Deans Rural is 2966; Baptisms for one year, of 1310; Marriages, 316; Burials, 452: and on looking over the Map of the Province, I think it will be found, that the Church of England has either a consecrated building or a station at almost every place of importance in the Province, where there are any members of our Communion to be found. I have also to present to the Clergy, for the use of the Diocese, a Cathedral Library of about 700 volumes, the liberal benefaction, in part of the University of Oxford; in part, of Mrs. HUYSHÉ, of Exeter, of J. D. COLERIDGE, Esqr., Rev. J. LIGHT, and others. I have reason to believe that other presents will be made, and we ourselves, by a very small subscription, which will not inconvenience the poorest, may add to the stock.

It is also a gratifying fact that, in a time of acknowledged pressure, our Church Society has had above £1,000 placed at its disposal this year, which exceeds the income of any former year, and is a proof that, on the whole, confidence is felt in the disposal of the funds, and in the general management of the Society. But, liberally as you