

is pleasant to find that we are not despairing because the grant of £3,000 sterling, from home, has been reduced to £1,250, and will be reduced still further, and that we are bracing up our energies to meet and overcome the difficulty.

It is pleasant to find so much interest generally taken in the Sunday Schools, and in increasing the knowledge of the Bible and of the Church, among those who teach in Sunday Schools, though our returns from the clergy are not yet complete. Our examinations for holy orders are more strict, and our clergy have access to theological libraries in their several deaneries. Above all it is a ground of hope when we find the clergy rising to a higher standard of knowledge and of duty, recognizing the blessing of more constant prayer, more frequent communion, and giving more opportunities to their flocks to unite with them in the blessed and heavenly work of prayer and praise.

It is delightful to find that this is done with the zealous and active concurrence of their lay brethren, who seldom fail to respond to the joyful invitation, and turn the feast days of the Church into occasions of earnest intercessions, abundant alms giving, attentive hearing, spiritual communion, and heartfelt thanksgiving to God. In such services it has been my pleasure to mingle, and as long as I have strength, my countenance and support will never be wanting to them. Nor ought I to be backward to acknowledge the active and energetic assistance which has been given by the Bishop Coadjutor to every object that I have named, many which would have failed to receive due support by physical inability on my part to perform all the increasing work of the Diocese. Such are some of the grounds of my hope; but it would not be a true statement were I to disguise the magnitude of the task which lies before us.

The financial prosperity of our Church is owing in a great measure to the active and unpaid support of our laity. To their assistance we owe its present condition, and we look to them for continued and increased care and diligence. But there is no reasonable doubt that our subscription-lists do not manifest any general amount of self-denial. They might be doubled in many instances without hardship. At the same time it is gratifying to see that larger donations come from missions which have less ability to give than they had many years ago, and that for the most part the assessment which is imposed as a necessity is cheerfully and ungrudgingly paid. We