

and also including the Bishop himself, is now seventy-two.

During the three years the number of new Churches built has been thirteen, the number consecrated eleven and the number of Burial Grounds consecrated nine.

The number of Baptisms has been : Children 2,148, Adults 186, making in all 2,334; and during the same period the Bishop has confirmed 2,249 Candidates, of whom about 600 were upwards of twenty-one years of age.

According to the latest return made by the Clergy, the whole number of souls belonging to the English Church is 21,622, and of these 7,511 are Communicants.

There have been in the three years 509 Marriages and 1361 Burials. There are 91 Sunday Schools with 337 Teachers and 3,374 Sunday Scholars.

The sums raised by our Parishes during the three years are returned as follows :—

For Parochial objects.....	\$180,529.06
For Diocesan objects.....	61,897.57
For objects beyond the Diocese.....	14,636.66
Making a Total of.....	\$257,063.29

These Statistics are certainly most encouraging—and they are all the more so, when it is known that in all essential respects each year, as it has come, has shewn a steady growth beyond the preceding year. And since the whole system and result is the growth of only little over fifty years, it is truly marvellous to be able to point to the fact, that in a new and far from wealthy country, with little over 20,000 members of our Church, there is support for seventy Clergy. And it is no less wonderful to be able also to point to the still more important fact, that, owing to the constant and devoted labours of good, earnest Clergymen, each with a comparatively small though wide-

ly scattered flock, there is so high a percentage of Confirmations and so large a proportion of Communicants. Most truly indeed, therefore, may we say, that there is a strong and earnest call to us not to slacken in our utmost efforts, but rather to thank God and to take courage.

Church Society Helpers of the Diocese of Quebec.

For several years the Church Helpers of Quebec, who do so many good and kind things for the Clergy and people of our poorer Country Parishes, have also undertaken a thorough canvass of all English Church people in the City and neighbourhood, seeking from house to house subscriptions towards the several funds of the Quebec Church Society. And this good work has been done so thoroughly and with such good results, that the Bishop has felt anxious to extend the system to all the Parishes in the Country. Not that this is any new thing in the majority of our Parishes : for year by year a great effort has been made in many places to do as much as possible for the Central Funds of the Diocese. But now the Bishop has banded all the Lady Collectors outside Quebec City into a new Society, to be called, not the Church Helpers, but the Church Society Helpers of the Diocese of Quebec. For the former Society is, as we have seen, already existing in the City of Quebec, and it has done many duties and good works beyond the annual collection of Church Society subscriptions. And now the new Society of Church Society Helpers will consist of Ladies outside Quebec, who, while they will be for the most part active workers in and for their own Parish Ladies' Guild, and also in many instances in and for their Parochial Branch of the W. A., will most kindly undertake to do all they can once a year in the way of collecting for our Church Society Funds—and will receive from time to time such informa-