

This may appear a fair number for one Diocese, until it is considered that there are 46 Country Missions, each needing a Parochial School, whose teacher could be a Missionary under the control of the Minister; and further, that many of those Missions to be effectually worked, should have at least 5 Schools. When this is considered, it will be perceived that instead of 20, there should be at least 40 Schools; and that the teacher instead of receiving the poor salary, which during the past year, has been diminished, should be paid an adequate remuneration.

It is desirable that the friends of education should remember that for £10 subscription, the Society will undertake to establish one such School, and that the subscriber may indicate the locality in which it shall be opened, provided only there are a sufficient number of indigent children within reach to constitute a School.

Many of the teachers of these Schools are amongst the most faithful and self-denying of our Missionaries, and deserve an encouragement and support in their work which they do not often receive.

A portion of the correspondence connected with these Schools is here submitted.

The following appeal, while it tells its own story, will serve to illustrate also the position of many of the Society's schools.

September 25, 1862.

SIR,—On the part of the Protestant Dissident School at this place, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to transmit to the Colonial Church and School Society the following statement:—

We are here a small Protestant community in the midst of a Roman Catholic population; but until lately, the dissident school, thanks to a grant in aid received from the Society, has been well maintained, and the teachers employed have been such, that many of the Roman Catholics preferred sending their children to be taught at the dissident school. Owing to the withdrawal of the grant we are only able to engage a female teacher, and the consequence is that many of the Protestant children have discontinued their attendance; all the Roman Catholics have done so; and there is a probability of the total suppression of the dissident school from want of the proper number of pupils.

The Protestants of this place are desirous to engage a good school-master, but the necessary salary is rather beyond their means.