

the National Church. These evils he set himself to remedy. He established schools for the young, and he opened churches for the old, increasing his staff of clerical assistants by the appointment of five curates. The time was one of great social uneasiness, for the poor had suffered greatly from a succession of bad harvests, and an unusual slackness of trade. Wages had been greatly reduced; want, sickness, misery abounded in every direction. In these trying circumstances Dr. Scoresby found it no easy matter to do his duty; but he laboured steadfastly, and with a deep Christian love for the poorer members of his flock, whose confidence and sympathy he eventually succeeded in gaining. His unremitting exertions, however, completely prostrated him, and he was reduced to so enfeebled a condition that he was constrained, very reluctantly, to resign the vicarage in September 1846. He was mainly induced to take this step by the failure of his sight, which could be checked only by a cessation from work.

No better proof can be given of the success of his pastoral labours, and the high estimation in which he was held by his parishioners, than the fact that he was invited to revisit Bradford in 1847, for the purpose of receiving a splendid