

trust that the Missionary Fund of the Church Society will prove, this year, that the members of our communion recognise the gracious hand of our God in this merciful interposition in their behalf, and that they will evince their gratitude and thankfulness by liberal gifts of the first fruits of all which the Lord their God has bestowed upon them.

I will sum up in a few words the spiritual wants of the Diocese: this will furnish the most cogent argument in behalf of the Church Society.

There are in the Diocese 137 townships, all more or less settled. In each of these there should be, at least, one Clergyman; but at present there are but fifty-nine Clergymen to perform all the duties of the Diocese. Several of these are exclusively engaged in towns, and cannot extend their labours beyond them. There are five missions to the Indians, three of which will be entirely dependent upon us, as the government has withdrawn all assistance from them; and, unless the Church Society is enabled to support the Missionaries which labour amongst this people, these missions must be entirely given up.

The Missionary object is that which our Church Society from the beginning has always kept in view; but there are other objects which call loudly for our attention, and which we are most desirous to take in hand, so soon as the funds of the Church Society enable us to do so. Amongst these is the establishment of a Depository for the sale of Bibles, Prayer-books, and religious publications. The want of this has been greatly felt in the Diocese, and we hope ere long to be able to provide such a Depository in the city of London.

The Church Society appeals to you, my brethren of the clergy and laity, to aid it in the performance of these works, which have for their object the propagation of that blessed Gospel whereby alone God can be glorified in the salvation of immortal souls. I would, with all earnestness, press this appeal upon you; and may He who has the hearts of all men in His hand, incline you to do that which may redound to His glory and to the good of His Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Believe me,

My dear Brethren,

Your faithful servant

for Christ's sake,

BENJAMIN HURON.

August 8th, 1859.