

fifteen years there has been sixty Divinity Students ; i. e. Students who have entered their names as designing to prepare for the Ministry. Of these 14 retired from the study ; two have died before completing their course, and the remainder have either been ordained, or will be in a short time. Of those ordained only 16 are at the present time to be found in Nova Scotia, although nearly all of them intended to labour in this Diocese, and the great majority were actually ordained here for that purpose. Or to put the matter more concisely the following will nearly represent the state of things : of every 4 Divinity Students in the period mentioned 3 have been ordained and but *one* remains in Nova Scotia. This is certainly a remarkable state of things, and one well worthy of serious consideration ; but this is not all. A closer inspection will lead to the conclusion that this remarkable exodus of our Clergy has taken place principally in the last few years. Thus on taking up the Report of the D. C. S. for 1866 and comparing it with the last printed report I find that while the former gives in Nova Scotia the names of 57 of the Clergy educated at King's College and ten more have been ordained from here since, in the last printed Report there are only 45 from King's College, leaving over 20 who have left the Province. It is true that death and sickness have deprived us of the services of some, but these are causes that will only account for a small portion. I also observe that during the same period 10 Students have given up their intention of offering their services as Candidates for the Ministry. Some of these have no doubt been influenced entirely by private reasons, but it seems probable that in some instances at least they have been influenced by the same causes which have led to so many of our Clergy leaving the Province for other spheres of labour. I may also add that in looking to previous years and taking a similar number of Divinity Students at our College, so far as I was able to do so, I find a much larger proportion remaining in the Province, although this would take us back to a date about 45 years from the present time, when natural causes alone would be suf-