

Parochial Visitation which I make in travelling through the Diocese. The result of my tour of confirmation in 1849, gave an increase of nearly one thousand over that of 1846.

Moreover there is a growing reverence for God's house, and His worship is gaining ground among young and old.—A spirit of offering the Lord's part begins to be felt in many congregations, and if carefully and kindly fostered, may be made to spread through the whole Diocese. Private and family prayer is becoming more general, and a stronger feeling entertained, that as we are immortal and must soon pass into another state of existence, the present world ought not to engross the whole of our time and affections. To all this I am most happy to add, that the blameless life of my Clergy, and their faithful zeal and untiring diligence in the Lord's work, is in this Diocese the rule with very few exceptions.

We have indeed had our casualties among the ranks of our brethren since my last Visitation, as must ever be the case in this transitory world; two were found wanting and permitted quietly to depart; two had scarcely commenced the exercise of their sacred functions when they were called away from the evil to come; one in the prime of manhood, while successfully employed in his ministerial duties, and giving the brightest promise of long and affectionate usefulness, was summoned by a mysterious Providence to depart to a happier sphere and to still more blessed occupations; five were aged and tried laborers in the Lord's vineyard, and we trust ready to appear in his presence, and over whose graves we might say with humble confidence—"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, even so saith the Spirit for they rest from their labors."

Affectionately do we believe that the record of all those our departed brethren is on high; and having lived and died in faith and entered into their rest, they have left to us all, and more especially to their parishioners, the memory of the just, which is blessed, and an example to follow their faith, in order to enjoy the end of their conversation, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday to-day and for ever.