

and two candidates for ordination, residing in this Province, without success. During this time, application had also been made to the Upper Canada Clergy Society in England, shewing the want of the Society, but a reply was received, stating that the demand for men of piety and talent was so great at home, that none could be expected to be obtained at the small salary (£100 per annum) offered by this Society. Application was also made with the Bishop's permission to a native of this Province studying at the New York Theological Institution, but he declined the appointment. Subsequently, permission was requested of the Bishop to apply to the heads of the New York Theological Institution for a proper person, who should receive ordination in this Province; a proposition to which his Lordship readily acceded; but, as at the same time His Lordship informed the Committee of his hope of being able soon through the liberality of the Rev. W. J. D. Waddilove to supply the long existing want of a Missionary, the permission was not acted on, and no application was made.

The Committee trust they may be excused in alluding more pointedly to the circumstances mentioned above, which, (although at the time productive of much regret,) they cannot but feel deeply gratified in recording, viz: the great demand both in this Country, and more especially in England, for men qualified to undertake the arduous and responsible duties of Ministers of the Gospel. The increase of Evangelical Religion within the Church, which has been growing for many years, is, we have the best reasons for believing, still progressive; and the fact, that notwithstanding the number of persons yearly admitted to orders, the call for labourers is more and more urgent, should fill our hearts with gratitude to Him who holds all hearts in His hand, and who hereby is evidencing that, notwithstanding our many transgressions, national and individual, he has purposes of mercy towards the British nation, and through it to the world at large. The increased zeal in the cause of Missions, the strong feeling now evinced of regard to the duty of supplying the wants of the spiritually destitute, and the largeness of the contributions to every Religious Philanthropic Institution, are all evidences of the growth of sound principles in the Church, for which we should ascribe praise, and honor, and thanksgiving "to Him who sitteth upon the throne," and who "stilleth the noise of the seas and the tumult of the people."