

We do not wish to ignore the fact that the Church not only admits to the Holy Communion those who have been confirmed, but likewise those who are "ready and desirous to be confirmed," yet it is well known to the clergy engaged in parochial work that such a liberty only depreciates the rite of Confirmation, while it fails to promote in the vast majority of cases the object intended.

We are very much in earnest in our advocacy of this subject. We feel that the Church does not yet occupy her true position in this new country. We look forward with confidence to a glorious future for her in moulding and training the hearts of the people of this land in the glorious principles of our Most Holy Religion.

And we feel very certain that nothing will tend so much to bring about a better and more blessed state of things than an increase in the number of our Bishops.

The Bishops themselves are well aware of this and yet, owing to the extent of their dioceses, are powerless to remedy it, while the clergy everywhere are hoping to see a change; but nothing can be done without the **WEALTH** which God has committed into the hands of the laity, to be by them put out as talents from the Lord, to be accounted for to Him when He shall return to take account of His servants. This object, then, thus becomes a layman's question, and we therefore urge upon the laity their duty in providing the means which will lead to a judicious increase in the number of the bishops in these Colonies.

THERE are 260,000,000 Christians in the world, and 230,000,000 here to Episcopacy.

HELP YOUR PASTOR!

A MINISTER does not live by bread only. nor can he work happily and heartily even when his little salary is paid in advance, without personal sympathy and active co-operation from his people.

In this respect he differs from one who acts for others in secular business; though even in *that*, personal attention and kindly interest between man and man are of more value than wages. The minister of God is related to souls, and everything that he does well requires **HEART**, as well as *brain*. It is only as he loves his people with something of Christ's love, and gives himself for his people with something of Christ's sacrifice, that he wins souls and edifies the Body of Christ.

He must be more than human if he can long continue this work of supreme solicitude and care, without any evidence of **RESPONSE** in the hearts of his people! He may imitate Christ in kind, but not in *degree* of unrequited love.

The pastor needs help while he is helping others. People forget that the one who ministers to them has the same human needs and the same human infirmities, and that for *him* no pastoral care and counsel are provided. He must bear his people on his heart, but who is to bear *him*? He must agonize for them in prayer, and watch for their souls as one who must give account; but of whom will the Lord require a reckoning on *his* behalf?

Happy is the faithful priest who has * * a people who give themselves cheerfully to his guidance, and manifest a lively interest in his welfare and his work.