

THE CONDITION OF THE DIOCESE.

The Most Rev. the Metropolitan, in his address to the last Synod of this Diocese, delivered on the 21st June, 1870, spoke as follows of its Country Missions :

"The number of these amounts at the present time to fifty-nine, having many of them from two to four churches or congregations attached to them. Of these I regret to say only eight are self-supporting, and the remaining fifty-one are more or less dependent on the Church at large for their maintenance. It is essential that these should be properly and vigorously sustained; that the ministerial teachings in each mission should be efficient, the public services adequate, and our admirable church system heartily carried out.

But our attention must not be confined to *existing* missions. Whilst we use every exertion to preserve *these* in a flourishing condition, we must also constantly be on the alert to occupy fresh fields of labor as they present themselves. And I am persuaded that if our Church has real life and vigor in her, her bounds will be extending themselves year by year; and though an increased demand will thereby be made upon her resources, she will hail with joy every fresh necessity as it arises to multiply her missions and increase her staff of laborers.

There are at this time two or three new missions which might with advantage be entered upon, in each of which a faithful missionary would find his labors abundantly rewarded; and each of which, if not undertaken by ourselves, will eventually be lost to the Church. There is also great need for two "Travelling Missionaries," to visit the lumber districts during the winter months, and to carry to those hardy and enduring men the message of the Gospel and the ministrations of the Church.

May we not look forward to such an increase in our resources as will enable us to carry out these works of faith and labors of love,