

The diocese of Pennsylvania has been divided, and the name of Pittsburgh has been given to the new see, to which Rev. Dr. Kerfoot has been elected. Dr. K. is well reported of by all parties. The rapid progress of the Episcopal Church is partially shown in the following statement:—

In 1799, the number of United States Bishops was 7; other clergy, 210. Compare this with the present statistics: Bishops, 43; other clergy, 2100. There has been a tenfold increase in clergy and parishes in sixty years, and a corresponding multiplication of the number of communicants. Thus far, the Lord hath helped them, and the prospects are a continued growth in the same proportion.—*Echo*.

At the same time there is the complaint that the number of Candidates for the Ministry falls far short of the requirements. The *Society for the Increase of the Ministry* in its *Autumnal Appeal* draws particular attention to this fact. They say:—

The crisis is indeed very urgent. Never before was there so great need of efforts to increase the Ministry. The work of Missions suffers greatly for want of Missionaries. Many parishes are still without pastors. The ranks of the clergy scarcely hold their own. They do not keep pace with the population. The people have increased fifty per cent faster than the Ministry. Ninety years ago we had one clergyman to every ten thousand of the people. Now we have only one to every fifteen thousand. The candidates for Orders are positively decreasing at a rapid rate. In ten dioceses they have fallen off forty-four in three years. In eight others there has been no gain. In two only, Minnesota and the Northwest, so far as we have learned, have they increased,—though the Church has been rapidly growing in every other element of prosperity.

The Convention of the American Episcopal Church have added a clause to the Litany, "That it may please Thee to send forth laborers into Thy harvest. We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord." It follows the supplication for Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

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### NOTICES.

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The Bishop intends to hold Confirmation in the County of Hants in May next, and later in the year in Colchester, Pictou and Prince Edward's Island. The general visitation of the Clergy of the Province will (D.V.) be held in Halifax in the first week of July.

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On the fourth Sunday in Advent, an Ordination was held in St. Luke's Cathedral, when the Revs. James A. Kaulbach, William H. Jamieson, and William H. Bulloch, were admitted to the Holy Order of Priests. The sermon, on Acts XX., 28, was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon McCawley, who, together with the Very Rev. the Dean and the Rev. J. Abbott, took part in the laying-on of hands.