

or other I sought frequently), my applications always met with a kind and ready response, though I had no personal claim upon his regard or attention. I forbear to speak of his great exertions and undertakings for his own vast Diocese, through which, I believe, among other good works, nearly one hundred new Churches have been erected in London alone, and partly endowed^a. These, and many other like works, as I have already remarked, are generally known, and as generally and deservedly admired: I have been only concerned to show his claim particularly on our grateful remembrance, as the generous friend and ready counsellor of your Bishop: and I doubt not of many others similarly situated, or standing in any need of his advice or liberality.

On the first and most important of the losses in our own ranks, which so nearly and deeply affect us, I will say but little; because I am persuaded it is so felt and appreciated by you, that no words of mine would realize your expectations, or supply more than your own thoughts and recollections will suggest. An Archdeacon, it has been said, is the Bishop's eye, but in losing Archdeacon Bridge, I lost not an eye only, but, as it were, a hand and a foot; not only an eye to see, but a hand to labour, a foot to come and go, in all my work and duty; nay, and not only the eye, the hand, and the foot, but the mind to think, and the heart to feel, even for me, in the midst of his other thousand cares and solici-

^a In the whole Diocese the Bishop consecrated one hundred and ninety-eight Churches.