

1881; and this year there is a still further increase, amounting to \$15,560.79.

To impress you more deeply with the facts of the actual gratifying advance and prosperous condition which a gracious God has been pleased to vouchsafe to us, permit me to furnish you and all the members of the Church within the Diocese with a brief comparative statement of Diocesan statistics as set forth in the returns of our Rural Deans and from the audited accounts of our Synod during my episcopate :

No. of Parsonages in 1871, 34 ; in 1882, 65—increase, 31.

Value of Parsonages in 1871, \$53,300 ; in 1882, \$132,500—  
increase, \$79,200.

No. of Churches in 1871, 149 ; in 1882, 207—increase, 58.

Value of Churches in 1871, \$292,460 ; in 1882, \$660,784—  
increase, \$368,324.

Voluntary Diocesan Income in 1871, \$10,022.90 : in 1882,  
\$15,560.79—increase, \$5,537.88.

Invested capital in 1871, \$522,465.60 ; in 1882, \$671,718.82—  
increase, \$149,253.22.

Interest from invested capital in 1871, \$27,418.35 ; in 1882,  
\$42,951.89—increase, \$15,533.55.

No. of Clergy on roll in 1871, 92 ; in 1882, 135—increase, 42.

No. of Sunday Schools in 1871, 110 ; in 1882, 166—increase,  
56.

Communicants in 1871, 4,390 ; in 1882, 8,910—increase, 4,520.

These statistics afford abundant and incontrovertible evidence that God is of a truth with us, and naturally inspire unreserved confidence in the executive of the Diocese, under whose careful management these gratifying results have been achieved. And here I feel it a duty and a pleasure to bear my strongest testimony to the faithfulness, efficiency, and unremitting devotion of our excellent Secretary-Treasurer to the work committed to his trust by the Synod.

As the years roll on we must naturally prepare for still wider fields of labor, and consequently an accession of episcopal toil and responsibility, and I trust that the day is not far distant when my hands may be strengthened by one who will share the burden with me. The increasing welfare may be traced to the unswerving, uncompromising loyalty to the Bishop and the Diocese which has ever marked the legislation of our Synod and the Executive, and the love of harmony which characterizes the action of Clergy and Laity, notwithstanding isolated exceptions. Facts prove the spiritual vitality and vigor of the Church, and you will, I feel sure, beloved brethren, agree with me in ascribing to God all the glory and praise due to His name for His continued favor towards us.

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