

look at the little diocese of Connecticut, with her eighty well educated and well supported clergy, and her flourishing college at Hartford, belonging to the church, and let him remember that the same little state was the chief seat of the Puritans, that the first Episcopal church erected therein was at New London, no longer ago than 1728, that almost all the accessions to her ranks have been from the descendants of the Puritans, and that she has gained her present high and flourishing condition by the adoption of the very means upon which we must rely. Let him look at Pennsylvania, by no means so large or so fertile as Upper Canada, settled, too, chiefly by the Quakers and the Dutch, and in the journal of her last convention he will learn that her parishes are ninety-one; her clergy, including two Bishops, eighty-six; her candidates for orders, twenty-five; that she supports twenty missionaries; has an episcopal fund of several thousand dollars; a fund for the support of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, amounting to fifty thousand dollars; and a society which has circulated in the last two years eight thousand prayer books, and all this, without moneys arising from lands held by the church, and without any assistance from without. In short, he will find that of eight hundred clergymen now in her service, nearly half were born and educated in other denominations; but, after mature deliberation, and at the sacrifice of much private feeling, have cast their lots with that once despised and persecuted but now flourishing and eminently useful church.

Having thus stated, in a brief manner, the wants and difficulties of our church, and having taken the liberty to point out the means by which, I conceive, we may be rescued, through God's blessing, from our present feeble condition, I would humbly beg, my Rt. Rev. Father and my Rev. Brethren, to give to what I have advanced that consideration which the importance of the subject might justly claim; and, if they feel that the church requires their special prayers, their councils, their exertions, their united action, I would earnestly implore them to withhold them from her no longer.

Our past opportunities, suffered to glide by unimproved, should warn us to defer not till to-morrow what to-morrow it may be too late to do. The time *has been* when we might have made much better arrangements than we can make now. But it is probable that we can make much better arrangements now, than we will be able to make a year or two hence. Moreover, as year succeeds year, the numbers of our destitute church people are increased by emigration, whilst they are continually thinned by the accessions made from them to the ranks of dissenters, papists, and infidels. The number of our candidates for orders are each year becoming less and less, whilst our clergy are carried off by that merciless destroyer death, or are rendered unfit for active service by the infirmities of old age; and