

Huron District, there are only three Clergymen for twenty-one townships. Now, in each of these three hundred and fifty townships, one Clergyman might find ample employment, and in many of them three or four.

This Diocese is now supposed to contain upwards of six hundred thousand inhabitants: of these it is believed that one-third at least, or two hundred thousand,—scattered indeed over all the townships, belong to, or are favourable to, the Church; and could we embrace them all in our ministrations, we should in no long time have the great majority of the whole population, for when the Church is beheld in her simplicity, fulness and beauty, she obtains the preference in every well-constructed mind; but owing to the fewness of our Clergy, we are in danger of losing many who might, under other circumstances, have become our sincere friends and supporters.

Our need of a great increase of Clergy is so pressing, that we hail with joy the magnificent scheme now brought to bear, in the establishment of a Theological College at Canterbury, for the express purpose of educating young men for the Colonial Church: yet the Colonies are so many, and their territories so extensive, that this noble Institution can furnish but a very few for each, and by no means supersedes local seminaries of the same kind. It will, nevertheless, be in many respects exceedingly useful; it is a new link of grateful attachment to the Church at home, for it shews that she does not forget her distant children, and a sprinkling of young Clergymen coming among us from England, from time to time, will awaken many pleasing associations, and provoke us to new exertions.

Our Diocesan Theological College, I am happy to say, is in a very satisfactory and flourishing condition, both as to the number pursuing their studies, and the promise of usefulness and efficiency, which, as the result of the instruction they are receiving, they happily evince; yet the number of students presenting themselves is by no means so great as could be desired.