

that the number of books circulated bore no proportion to the numbers of church people in the neighborhoods of the several depositories.

The *impossibility of furnishing*, under present arrangements, *our church with suitably educated clergymen*, natives of the Province, is the next subject that calls for our attention. Without depreciating in the least the valuable services of the clergy from England and Ireland, to whom the church owes much of its improvement, within the last ten years, I think that all will acknowledge, that young men, educated in the country, habituated to the manners and customs of the people, enured to the fatigues and privations attendant upon a missionary's life in new countries, and accustomed to the climate, from which many strangers suffer severely, are, *ceteris paribus*, better suited for supplying our wants than those educated in Europe. To such an extent is this carried in the United States, that all denominations agree in this, if in nothing else, viz : that young men educated in the east are not well suited for laboring in the west, and that those educated in the north are not suited for the south. and *vice versa*, so that each division has its seminaries for the education of candidates for the ministry, brought up in that section of country where they are to labor. That we should never depend upon a supply from Europe, even though such a supply were the best, must be clear to every one who considers, that the certainty of such a supply depends, not on the demands for clergymen here, but on the want of such demand there, or on some other equally uncertain and continually fluctuating cause. That our young men can never be properly educated for the ministry, by pursuing their studies with some of the country clergy, is evident, when we consider, on the one hand, the calls the clergy already have on their time, and on the other, the opposition which they must expect in the discharge of their future duties, from the infidels on the one side, who are no longer the ignorant grovelling they were in former ages, and from the various bodies of dissenters on the other, whose ministers are year after year becoming more and more thoroughly educated.

That we possess at present no means of giving such an education to our young men, must strike any one who looks in vain throughout the length and breadth of this vast diocese for a regularly established and well patronized "school of the Prophets."

The church has already felt severely this; for parishes have been left unsupplied from the impossibility of obtaining clergymen to supply them, although the salaries were certain, and the fields most inviting. The very fact that at the present time, there are in this vast diocese, to supply all vacancies occasioned by death and infirmity, and to supply new missions, only *three candidates for holy orders*, one of whom has received almost the whole of his education in Europe,