

Clergymen to supply those missions which are already in existence.

During the past year the Diocese has lost the services of one of the Clergy by death, of another by removal to Australia, of a third by continued ill health. It is, understood, however, that the latter gentleman has so far recovered as to be now returning to his mission, where it is hoped his health may be re-established, and that he may live many years to continue his useful labours in the cause of God and the Church. And it is a occasion of great thankfulness that on Trinity Sunday his Lordship the BISHOP was enabled to Ordain the Missionary at King's Cove to the Priesthood, and Messrs. E. BORWOOD, and W. J. MILNER, of the Theological Institution, to the Diaconate. These fresh additions to the ranks of the Clergy, together with Mr. GABRIEL ordained last October, will, it is hoped, not only supply any existing vacancy but also enable our revered Diocesan at length to put into execution his proposal made two years ago,—at once to increase the number and decrease the size of some of the most extensive and laborious missions.

In connexion with this subject it is hoped that the Committee may be permitted again to allude to what must have occurred to those who have thought at all upon the matter,—the small number of natives of the Diocese who present themselves as candidates for Holy Orders. As a fact, the ranks of the Clergy are, and always in Newfoundland have been, nearly entirely recruited from England; and the consequence has been, that the Clergy, not being bound to the place by the feeling that this is their *home*, have continually removed away, to the great injury of the Church, and the embarrassment of endeavours for the permanent extension of our Missionary operations. Your Committee would not mention this, did they not hope that