parishes long vacant, disappointing reasonable hopes of obtaining a resident Minister, and preventing the appointment of so many Travelling Missionaries, as we had intended and have the means of supporting.

Even the growing prosperity of the Mother Church at home, for which we bless God, daily operates somewhat against our progress, because it creates so great a demand for Clergymen, that few are disposed to take up their lot with us in this distant Colony. Indeed, so long as there is so great an opening in England, it is not very clearly the duty of those brought forward to the Church in that country, to look to distant Colonies to discharge the functions of their Ministry.

In the meantime, our wants and spiritual destitution are increasing as our new settlements extend; and every advance we make in the waste places, only opens new fields of labour, and excites the still more distant settlers to make urgent applications for holy ordinances and a divinely constituted Ministry.

A brief inspection of the map of the Diocese will give us some faint conception of the present extent of this spiritual destitution. We have about three hundred and fifty organized townships, each containing about one hundred square miles, or space sufficient to constitute fifteen or twenty English parishes, and we have only one hundred and eighteen Clergymen, including two now past duty, and three who, having no cure of souls, are employed in the higher departments of education, but are always disposed to give such services as are in their power. We have therefore two hundred and thirty-seven townships, or more than two-thirds of the whole Diocese, with no resident Clergymen. In none of the districts (twenty in number) have we so many as one for every township. In the Wellington District, containing twenty-seven townships, we have only one resident Clergyman, and occasionally the services of a Travelling Missionary. In Victoria District, with twelve townships, and the Ottawa District, with ten townships, we have only two Clergymen in each. In the