

each congregation, young and old, rich and poor, enrol themselves as members of the Parochial Association.

*Parishoner.*—I am very glad you have called, sir, for I wanted very much to ask you about this Church Society; for, to say the truth, though I've heard something about it, I don't half understand it.

*Par.*—Did you not receive one of the Annual Reports of the Society's proceedings, which I circulated through the parish? In the commencement of it there is the constitution of the Society, together with the rules and laws by which it is conducted; have you not read that Report?

*Parish.*—Indeed I have, sir, and there's a deal of fine reading in it, and I see by it that there is both money and land given for good uses all over the country; but for all that there is a good deal about it I don't rightly understand, and if you are not in a great hurry, I wish you would explain it to us.

*Par.*—Why, the readiest way of explaining its objects is to refer you again to the constitution, contained in the beginning of the general Report; and as I have one in my pocket, we will go through it together. First, then, you see it is a Missionary Society, established for the support of clergymen of the Church within this diocese, who shall labour for the spiritual good, both of the settlers and of the native Indians—for assisting poor ministers by increasing their stipends—for providing some support for them when worn out by age, exertion, and infirmities, and unfit for work, as well as for their widows and orphans after they themselves are removed by death.—That is the first class of objects the Church Society has in view, and I am sure no one can deny their excellence.

*Parish.*—No, sir, that they can't, and I am sure a man must know little about the country not to know that missionaries are badly wanted in all parts of it. There are, as I hear, whole districts with only one or two clergymen in them; and we can all name ever so many townships about us where the people never see the face of a minister of the Church, unless you or some other of the clergy about go out to baptize their children now and then. I am glad, too, that something is going to be done for those missionaries who are old and worn out, and for their families after they are gone; for the clergy are too poor in this country to lay up for a rainy day, as the saying is, either for themselves or their families.

*Par.*—Next you see the Church Society, as the constitution shows, is a Society for promoting education, by assisting in the support of day schools and Sunday schools conducted according to the principles of the Church.

*Parish.*—That's good—that's good. I wish we had a day school like that here. Before we had the opportunity of sending our boys to the Sunday school, I sent word up to the schoolmaster we had in the part of the country where we were, that I wanted my boys taught the catechism, and he sent word back again that he would not do it, for it was against the Act, and that therefore I might teach them myself. I want my boys to be good scholars, but I want them to be good Christians too; and they should be taught their duty at school as well as at church.

*Par.*—The next object to which the Church Society desires to direct its efforts, is, to grant assistance to deserving young men, who, in consequence of want of means, are incapable of pursuing those studies which are needful to fit them for the ministry.