

efforts and make no sacrifices on their own behalf, have no right to come to the Society at home to relieve them from their own proper burdens.

"Notwithstanding, however all that is contributed from home or raised within the Diocese, the Society is painfully conscious that many of the most exemplary and laborious Missionaries, who have spent their best years in the service of their Heavenly Master, are subjected often to great privations, and are without the most ordinary comforts of life; and it is anxious that all should be assured that it is no lack of sympathy or brotherly feeling that prevents the Society doing more for them; but the principle on which it feels itself bound to act, a principle which in practice is enforced by the Society's own scant means, and the overpowering demands from all quarters of the world upon its inadequate funds."

It may well be supposed that having to make these frequent reports the Clergy have hardly found leisure, or materials, for separate and independent communications to our Society. The following however have been received and are sufficient to make apparent the desirableness of more extended information of this character.

HARBOR BRITON,  
December 31, 1855.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

I have much pleasure in sending you my Church Society's returns, as I think under all circumstances they are as satisfactory as I could expect, either as regards the number of subscribers or the amount subscribed. I have labored under several disadvantages during the past year, all of which must have operated against my collection. In the first place I was a stranger to the people, and therefore had to become acquainted with their character and habits, both of which are different from those of the population of my former Mission; then, I was afraid to employ a man servant as skipper and master, in consequence of the reduction of the salary paid to my predecessor by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and until I knew my resources. And when I did arrange for a boat and crew, the boat was cast on shore at Blanchet in the gale which prevented the laying of the Telegraph Cable; and so much injury and delay ensued, that I was unable to visit the distant parts of the Bay. I was also a good deal occupied with my duties as Rural Dean in attendance upon the Lord Bishop. On all these accounts I think the society have no reason to complain of the amount sent in, as I am sure they have not of my desire to forward the sacred cause in which they are engaged. It will be seen that a special collection has been made for the completion of our church, and I have thought it right to send that, in justice to one of my Church Wardens, (MR. SHEPPERD,) to whose labors I am in the main indebted for that sum. I may be pardoned I hope for add-