

principal source from whence your Society draws its support, has not diminished but increased.

But the increase is far from what it ought to be in a community professing to be followers of the Lord Jesus and Members of His Church.

Every object connected with the glory of the Redeemer and the advancement, prosperity and efficiency of His Church, should meet from Christians a liberal and a cheerful support. We labor not for ourselves alone but for future generations—for future generations of immortal souls, who may be saved for the glories of Eternity by our activity and Charity, or lost for ever by our apathy or penuriousness. And every recent event connected with our country teaches us that we must depend under God upon ourselves alone if we would place the Church upon a firm basis in this country.

We are not justified in calculating upon any extraneous aid. We cannot even hope that all which now belongs to us will be left with us. In such circumstances it is satisfactory to be able to reflect that a combination of the humblest efforts will produce much.

"If all the members of the Church would but act upon the Scriptural principle, of consecrating a tenth of their income to God's glory and the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom what a noble fund would the Church then possess! A fund sufficient for every emergency, and adequate to meet every requirement." Nay, were but *one dollar* paid annually by each member of the Church in this Diocese, our present income would be trebled and the Society be enabled to carry out all its most important objects. What we have is not our own. We are but stewards of God's bounties—it is required of stewards that a man be found faithful—and shortly we shall all have to render in an account of our stewardship to that God who cannot be deceived. Your Board would most respectfully ask, ought not this solemn consideration to induce all often and seriously to enquire of their own souls whether in the disposition of their goods they are careful to render unto God His portion?

In conclusion, your Board would exhort all to trust and pray that we may have grace to persevere in the work of the Society—which they are persuaded is the work of God—and not to slack our hands, until the happy day shall come, if not to us at least to some future generation, when every Township of this broad Province shall be supplied with the salutary ministrations of Christ's Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, and every baptized Christian within it, has become a member of the Church Society.