

such fears groundless, for the people are there so much accustomed to elections, (all their chief officers being appointed in this way,) that a defeat is generally borne by the minority with much more equanimity than amongst ourselves. Nevertheless we hope that succeeding elections will be conducted after the pattern of the first, and that the same harmony and good feeling will be evinced on all such occasions, and that when the contest is over the majority and minority may always cheerfully unite in welcoming, and cooperating with, the person chosen.

The mode of providing for the maintenance of a sufficient body of Clergy is becoming a question of extreme importance, and unless some comprehensive scheme is adopted and carried out without delay, there must soon be a sad dearth in some parts of the Province, "not a famine of bread, but of hearing the words of the Lord." In the first place, fourteen Clergymen are paid out of a Parliamentary grant the amount of £2,200 sterling, the whole of which will be lost to the Diocese on the death or retirement of those who now receive it. How is this to be made up? By what means can we raise an additional £2,700 currency per annum? But this is not by any means the full extent of the diminution for which we have to provide. The venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel insists upon our adoption of a plan for a gradual reduction of its grant to us, independent of deaths or vacancies, and this amounts to more than £3,500 sterling, so that in fact in order to provide for the present payments, we must be prepared within a few years to collect more than £7000 currency per annum, in addition to the sums now raised in the Province, or we must have our operations curtailed, our progress stopped, and the work of so many years undone, whilst Churches will be closed, and the people deprived of the accustomed ministrations of the Church. This is not conjecture merely, a few years may elapse before this change in our position is completed, but it has already commenced. Now it is evident that the circumstances of some of our Congregations are such that they cannot entirely support their own Ministers, and for these aid must be provided.

The first source to which they will look will be the Church Society, and all must admit that its annual income ought to be greatly increased, and its prosperity depends principally upon yourselves