

colonists would have been a failure. *With it* we may thank God for imparting to the work a good prestige of efficiency and success. It has enabled the Bishop to obtain the assistance of superior and earnest clergy, who have steadily gained the respect of a very mixed population. The Church of England has taken her proper place at the earliest stage of the colony, and established a claim upon the good feeling of the people by her timely and efficient attention to their spiritual wants. It may almost be said that no one throughout the length and breadth of the land has been without some opportunity of the means of grace. Sound and useful education has been promoted, and already two congregations maintain their clergy and all expenses of worship, while others have begun to do so in part. The Indian Mission, small though the work has been compared with the call, has not been without fruits.

#### NECESSITY FOR THE FUND.

While every effort will be made to draw out the resources of the colonists, it is indispensable for the maintenance of the Mission at the present period, that the amount of support from home be not less than hitherto. The Church Missionary Society has been able to add only one additional catechist, making in all one clergyman and two catechists supported by that Society. The Propagation of the Gospel Society has been obliged to reduce their grant to 1,100*l.* and to promise its continuance only for one year and a half, while a condition of the grant is that no missionary receive from it more than 100*l.* a year. *The Society's grant, therefore, cannot be touched, unless there is a Special Fund to meet it.* The case may be different with older colonies, but in the Diocese of Columbia at so early a stage, with an unsettled and alien population, high rate of food in some districts, with no State aid, as in Australia, a large deficiency in the income of the clergy must be met from an external source, while the maintenance of missionaries to the heathen must be for the present entirely provided from home.

For the support of twenty clergy (being five additional) seven catechists and teachers, for education, churches, parsonages, passages, outfits, &c., after deducting contributions of the two above-named Societies, and what may be reasonably expected from the Colonists, about 5,000*l.* a year remains to be provided by the Columbia Mission Fund. Yet in addition to this there are urgent openings for fifteen clergy and eight catechists. It is earnestly hoped funds will enable some of these pressing calls to be met by the employment of additional labourers.

Will none who read these lines volunteer for this important service of God, in a healthful mission field? Will no one say, *Here am I, send me?*