

go out, and train their children to follow in their steps, it can scarcely be that in such a case sufficient men and means will be wanting to supply new stations, and as gradually great abbeys established cells, and by them extended their influence to remote districts, so would the islands and coast of North West America soon be dotted with little nuclei of Christianity and civilization, differing in this from their prototypes, that they will contain within themselves the elements of their own permanence and extension, and require neither supplies of men nor money from home; while their influence will be social, as well as ecclesiastical. There will then be no looking to England as the retreat in the decline of life, no turning back after having put the hand to the plough, but the missionaries will die in the land of their choice, and be buried in the Church which they founded, and identifying themselves with the people of their adoption, give the best proof of their honesty and singleness of purpose.

With respect to the cost of such a scheme, I have made calculations which place its minimum at £5000, a sum which I conceive there would be no difficulty in raising, when the greatness of the work, the efficiency of the staff, its self-supporting power, or the ultimate result, are considered; for under any ordinary circumstances it must have recreative power enough to supply any department with fresh labourers, either from the children or the natives, before those who go out shall be taken away; and what was at first a Missionary College, must become at last the Colonial University, which, for the first time in the history of, at least, English Colonies, the Colonists will find ready to educate their children the moment they arrive.

It would, of course, be easy to present an estimate not exceeding the amount above specified, but all practical colonizers know well how impossible it is to anticipate necessities which grow in the working, not so much from the nature of the thing itself, as the manner in which it is