

for His Lordship well knew that from the first formation of a Committee of the Colonial Church and School Society in this Diocese, it had been his earnest desire that its chair of direction should be occupied by His Lordship. He would not detain the meeting with any lengthened remarks of his, in support of the Resolution just read and moved by the Rev. Mr. McLeod, for it strongly commended itself to every member of the Church. What greater benefit could they confer upon the community in which they lived, than an effective system of education? What more important than that such education, however efficient in secular teaching, should be founded on right religious principles? And there the Society stood upon strong ground. Who could object to the principles of their Church, based as they were on the Holy Scriptures, and requiring nothing as an article of faith, "that is not read therein, or may be proved thereby." These were the principles maintained by the Colonial Church and School Society; well then might they urge upon the members of the Church, and of all Protestant denominations, (for their Schools are open to and attended by all,) the necessity for earnest prayer, that all the Agents of this Society might be faithful in the inculcation of its principles, and even more earnestly still, that those training in the Normal Institution, with a view to the teaching of others, might receive these principles into obedient hearts, and thus be the means of conveying them to the succeeding generations. He found himself at the end of the Resolution,—having taken up the last point. Well, it was surely the most important, and unless that were obtained, they dared not require the others, unless the Agents were faithful, better not to multiply the Schools. But having himself had several years experience of the working of this Society in a neighboring Province, and witnessed great good effected by its Schoolmasters and Catechists, holding such principles; and knowing it to be the firm resolve of the Committee to employ none other, he could confidently solicit the earnest prayers of all friends to Scriptural education on behalf of the Society, "that its resources may be increased and its Schools multiplied." And he would even go a little beyond the resolution, and say to their assembled friends:—Set also an example to others in the way of accomplishing these desirable results. An old religious writer says: "prayer without watchfulness is mockery." So here he should hardly be out of course if he should say, "your prayers without practical example will scarcely be deemed earnest." Let them establish then by regular subscription, a right to keep them, who were members of the Committee, to their task. All needed encouraging also,—and there was nothing so inspiring, as seeing others take an interest in that with which they themselves were occupied. They should look well at what they (the Committee) were doing, and what they were not doing, and at the same