

til now. Any synopsis of the addresses on the occasion would very imperfectly convey information regarding the meeting. Suffice it to say that an endeavor is to be made for a jubilee fund of \$100,000; one of the speakers saying, "let our friends take courage.—We have a good cause. There is plenty of money still in England, notwithstanding all our depression, and there are warm hearts here also." We very much deprecate any spirit of selfish dependence on our part upon others to do our work, but at this stage of our history, even an extravagant, open-handed liberality would do much towards putting our Canadian churches in a position that would enable them to give a good account of themselves in the years immediately upon us.

We cannot however repress a feeling that our English friends are as far as ever from understanding the nature of our Colonial work, for in the resolution passed calling upon the churches for the jubilee fund, we read the objects thus:—"to be employed in loans for the purchase of sites and the sending forth of suitable ministers to the Colonies."

May we say first, we do not want *loans*; we have sufficient indebtedness already, and do not desire to add thereunto; not even though our excellent friends of the Colonial Missionary Society become our creditors. Then these loans are to be for the *purchase of sites*. But sites need buildings, and the building is most frequently a greater difficulty than the site; besides, in more than one instance, we have been able to purchase suitable buildings and sites, which, if freed from debt would place a church enterprise beyond a peradventure. Again, "the *sending forth* of suitable ministers to the Colonies." We have received very valuable additions to our ranks from the old land; men whom we rejoice to honor, and whose absence would seriously affect us. We have seen others, — well, no matter, only let our friends remember that one not fitted to succeed in England, is eminently fitted to prove a disastrous failure with us. The zero point had better be passed with such on the minus side. Beyond all which, we are struggling to educate a Canadian ministry, and why should our friends not open their hearts to such? The plain fact is, we do not need men *sent out*; every man must approve himself to our churches; we need aid for such, but no amount of aid will induce us to open our doors even to jubilee *protégés*. The resolution is really framed on too narrow a basis, and this we urge, not in any critical spirit, but in view of the true wishes of the kind hearted movers in this enterprise, not being balked of their reward, as most assuredly they will, so far as Canada is concerned, if such a policy guides their actions.

WE have received a proof copy of the fiftieth annual report of the Colonial Missionary Society, which held its meeting on 13th ult., in London. We shall not receive in sufficient time for noticing in this issue the meeting in which our venerable representative, Dr. Wilkes, takes part, but shall in our next. The following table, prepared for the appeal made to the churches in this the jubilee year of the society has its interest:—

Colony.	Population.	Area, sq. miles.	Congr. Churches.	Mission rooms, &c.	Adherents.	Congr. p. c. Relig. Acc'n.	Congr. per cent of Population.
Canada .....	4,550,000	3,470,392	106	58	35,000	...	0.77
Newfoundland....	185,000	40,200	5	1	1,180	...	0.71
New Zealand....	550,000	104,403	22	6	5,780	...	1.04
N. & S. Wales .....	850,000	310,700	48	23	13,148	...	1.54
Victoria .....	940,000	88,000	45	31	15,721	...	1.7
S. Australia .....	308,000	903,690	15	13	9,845	...	3.2
Queensland .....	290,000	689,520	20	25	5,754	...	2.2
Tasmania .....	128,220	28,215	20	21	4,800	...	4.4
W. Australia .....	31,500	1,057,000	3	8	1,300	...	4
(Europeans.)							
Cap Colony .....	250,000	211,500	11	10			
Natal .....	82,000	21,500	6	10			

We thoroughly endorse the following from the appeal, referring to the relation the churches of the old land have sustained to the Colonies:—"In no sphere has Congregationalism so signally failed as in this—(i. e. Colonial work)—the one field which at any sacrifice ought to have been seized and held as the natural theatre for the display on a wide scale of the power of the Gospel, when untrammelled by priestly pretensions and the unrighteous adjuncts of State patronage and control. Our British Churches have never practically grasped the need of the Colonies. There has been a steady falling off in the number of our public collections, and there are *hundreds of Churches*, and some *whole Counties*, which contribute nothing. All the other Protestant Churches have spent lavishly upon the Colonies, and most of them have not scrupled to accept State aid, in land and money. We have *starved* our Missions, and have hindered the consecration to this service of men who were ready to go if the funds had been forthcoming; so that large town centres, ready and anxious to welcome our efforts, have had to be handed over to the denominations with large resources and more zealous foresight."

We trust that both here and at the old home hearts will be stirred and energies aroused which will roll away from all the sting of these reproaches.