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and darkened corners of the earth,—for Colonist, for Gentile
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noble munificence in religious works,* what a love for the
National Establishment, what a growing attachment to
Church principles, is manifested among the laity as well as
the Clergy and is found often in the highest orders of the
realm ; when we consider that although the establishment
of Colonial Bishoprics is still lamentably insufficient and
most unworthy of the Empire, yet the formation of two Sees
in the West Indies, and four, including Australia, in the
East, has taken place within the recollection of all here pre-
sent,—we have surely ground to bless the name of our God,
in the synoptical survey of these interesting facts, for the
mercy which he has granted to us, with all our sins, that
our Church should not fall behind in the race ; and we should
be encouraged to believe that He has not cast her off, but
that a distinguished part is reserved for her in forwarding the
blessed consummation, when *the earth shall be filled with the
knowledge of the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.*

While we are permitted, however, to exult in these
thoughts, we must remember, with a heightened sense of
responsibility, what interest we have in charge—**THE IN-
TEREST OF CHRIST ON EARTH**, to the promotion
of which “one thing” we have vowed “as much as in us lies,
wholly to apply ourselves, laying aside the study of the
world and of the flesh.”† If the times are difficult and there
are many adversaries ; if, at the same time, a great spirit of
Religion has been awakened in the world, and different
parties are seen emulous of each other in seeking to advance
the Kingdom of God ; if the Clergy of the Church of Eng-
land are posted in a conspicuous station, and are eminently as

* See Note B.

† Ordination of Priests.