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The members of the Church have just reason for devout thankfulness, that notwithstanding many difficulties and discouragements, and one grievous division, which it is to be hoped will yet be healed, so much has been already, and within no long period of time accomplished in the establishment within this Province of our branch of the Church. We now number over a hundred congregations. We have a University for general and theological education conducted by eleven able and well qualified Professors. We have a fund well supported, for the Widows and Orphans of our Ministers. We are training young men for the Ministry in Queen's College, and receiving Missionaries from Scotland. We have entered upon the field of Foreign Missions. We have many able and zealous laymen taking a deep interest in the efficiency, and extension of the Church, and lending a helping hand in the management of its business. We have a large body of teachers in our Sunday Schools, actively and affectionately engaged in the religious instruction of the young. And we have from the liberality of the clergy the nucleus of what may become an ample Endowment Fund, not intended to make Ministers independent altogether of the Congregations, in which they labour, but to place them above that entire dependence which is injurious to both, and to secure for Ministers that modest provision, which their social position requires, and which their preparatory studies, and their professional labours justly deserve. What has been done should encourage and stimulate to renewed exertion. Is it too much to expect that every individual connected with the Church should do something towards the effort which is now to be made for its extension, and for the permanent dispensation of religious ordinances among its people; or that those whom God has blessed with wealth and prosperity, counting themselves, as indeed they are, only stewards of his good gifts, should act with prompt and generous liberality? There is abundant wealth among the members of our Church, to accomplish all that is desired, if there be only the willing mind; and that, we trust, will not be wanting in so good and holy a cause. Our duty, however, is only to explain and plead that cause; not to dictate to individuals the manner, or amount of their benefactions. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." Yet let every one remember, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

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