

of salvation to such, as, even in this Diocese, do not enjoy them. This is the object for which you are now addressed, an object of the first importance—an object connected with the salvation of the soul, the soul for which the Saviour died! May the blessed Spirit of God assist me, and bring home the word spoken to the heart of each and every one here present. All Churchmen know, or ought to know, the importance of striving to save souls, and of labouring for this grand object, with unity and zeal. All know the responsibility resting upon them, freely to give as they have freely received—to endeavour in every holy way to increase the prosperity, to lengthen the cords, and strengthen the stakes of the Church of our affections, especially in our own land—and it would seem to be but an idle employment of words, to say, that this is one great object, for the accomplishment of which our Diocesan Church Society was formed. Knowing, therefore, as all do, that the great duty of love to our neighbour, is never more delightfully or more usefully displayed, than when the results of its performance extend into eternity, by giving to fellow men, through the means of grace, the “hope of glory,”—a question naturally arises,—what is the condition in which the Diocesan Church Society actually is at this present time? Is it such as, altho’ but young, even its age, the manner in which it was first formed, the wealth of Churchmen, (certainly not less than that of Dissenters,) their intelligence, their liberality, their piety, would lead a stranger to suppose? If its condition be such, then surely more ministering servants of Christ ought to be stationed in our destitute settlements, or at least, some few Messengers of the Holy Gospel, fully provided for, whose duty it would be to go from place to place in our Province, proclaiming to their perishing brethren the sacred truths of salvation. You of this city, by experience, know but little of the cheerless hours of those who pass Sabbath after Sabbath without an opportunity of hearing God’s holy word, without the cheering and blessed comfort of joining with their fellow christians, in some consecrated house of prayer; and “with one consent making their common supplications” unto that common Father of us all, who is in Heaven, beseeching Him, in all time of their tribulation, in the hour of death and in the day of judgment, for His dear Son’s sake, to deliver and to have mercy upon them;