

should be sent to the people, and not called by them; but in the maintenance of this wise and divinely-sanctioned rule, there should be the exercise of that sound and cautious judgment in the making of appointments, which probably could only be assured by antecedent conference with those on whose behalf such appointments are to be made. A proposal will be submitted to the Synod on this important subject which can, I trust, be moulded into such a form as to ensure justice and satisfaction to all the parties concerned, and best promote—what with all should be the leading consideration—the real welfare and prosperity of the Church.

In contemplating so high and dutiful a purpose as this—the welfare and extension of God's Church amongst us—we are not to overlook the value of the agencies by which this is to be promoted, and without which its internal strength and real advancement could never be assured. There has been a gratifying increase of the Schools for Boys in this Diocese, conducted on a religious basis, and where there is a careful inculcation of the principles of the Church; and the importance of such auxiliaries cannot be too highly estimated. The early training to future duties, moral and religious, has such a direct encouragement in Scripture, and so much commends itself to our own reason and conscience, that I need not expend words in urging it; and if this be assumed, and we desire that our youth should enter upon the great work of life with an intelligent sense of their responsibilities as Christians and as Churchmen, we must provide and encourage the Institutions in which they may acquire the necessary antecedent preparation.

But if this be our duty in regard to our rising youth, we are not to overlook the influence, for the same great attainment, which is exercised by the female members of every community within the fold of the Church. We should provide the means, as extensively as we can, of so training in their early days the female members of our communion, that, with a refined intellectual culture, there may be combined an ingrafted knowledge of the principles of the Church—the basis of truth upon which it rests,—the piety and beauty of its ritual,—and the privilege and comfort of a hearty participation in the devout