

APPEAL.

THE Society was formed in 1823, for the purpose of establishing Schools in Newfoundland, and other of the North American Colonies, on the principles of the Church of England.

Hitherto it has been confined to Newfoundland and Canada, where it now has 120 schools. There are numerous applications before the Committee for aid, but the state of the finances will not justify any additional grant being made; nor, indeed, will it be possible to maintain all the schools now in operation, without an increase in the Society's funds. The Committee, therefore, earnestly solicit contributions, and especially subscriptions, not only to prevent the closing of a single school, but to enable the Society to open some which have been built at the sole expense of the poor people, in the hope of being supplied with Teachers.

The following Testimonials to the character of the Society's schools, and the great good they have under God achieved, will show how deserving they are of support, from all who deeply feel the value of religious instruction to the young.

The BISHOP OF MONTREAL writes :—

"I consider the schools which the Society has already established as blessings conferred upon the country; and I feel that I have all the guarantee which I could desire that provision will be afforded in these schools for a sound and Scriptural Education, conducted in connexion with the Church by faithful and efficient teachers."

The BISHOP OF NEWFOUNDLAND, after a personal examination of most of the Society's Schools in the course of his episcopal visitations, speaks of them in the following terms :—

"My firm conviction" is, "that they will be, under God's blessing, the main seminaries of the Protestant faith in this desolate and benighted land; pervaded," observes the Bishop, "as the instruction they impart is, by the spirit of Scriptural truth and Evangelical principle. * * * * *

"At distant stations, which, from the paucity of Clergymen hitherto employed in this colony, could enjoy but little of the ministerial care, the Teachers of the Newfoundland School Society have held together the congregations of the Church of England, by acting gratuitously as readers of Divine service on every Sabbath, and by instructing them in their religious and moral duties, under the sanction of ecclesiastical authority."

The following letter was received on his Lordship's leaving Newfoundland for Jamaica, to which diocese he has been translated :

JAMAICA, JANUARY 20, 1844.—"In my reply to Lord Bexley I have endeavoured to express my deep and lasting sense of the great aid which I have received from an Institution so justly dear to the Church of the Colony which I have lately quitted, and my gratitude for the confidence which they have uniformly reposed in my humble exertions to increase the efficiency of their Schools.

"It will give me inexpressible satisfaction to be instrumental to the extension of the agency of the Society beyond the Colonies to which it has hitherto been confined, and I shall joyfully welcome any of their teachers in this diocese."

"I hope that the period may soon arrive when the Society may assume a more general name and character, and be so supported by the British and Colonial public, as to become the principal Colonial School Society in connexion with the Established Church."

The following extract is from a letter of a Gentleman long resident in Newfoundland, and a member of the Local Legislature, who is chiefly supporting a new mission recently opened by the Society :—

"The great usefulness of the Newfoundland School Society, in a national as well as a moral point of view, is not adequately appreciated, even by the most devoted friends of the Society. It is so ably and so satisfactorily conducted here (that is, in Newfoundland), that I deem its usefulness beyond all calculation and beyond all praise."

Subscriptions will be thankfully received by Messrs. Williams, Deacon, and Co., 20, Birchin Lane; the Rev. D. Wilson, Vicar of Islington; Percival White Esq., Clapham; Messrs. Nisbets, 21, Berners Street, Oxford Street; Messrs. Hatchards, 187, Piccadilly; Messrs. Seeleys, 169, Fleet Street; at the Office of the "Record;" and at the Society's Office, No. 4, Exeter Hall, Strand, London. All communications are to be addressed to "The Secretaries, at the Society's Office, 4, Exeter Hall, Strand, London."