

Island, will be enabled this year to meet a considerable portion of this outlay, and relieve the Parent Church of a burden which she has so long and so cheerfully borne. Our congregations are increasing both in numbers and wealth, and they ought to feel a laudable desire to become self-supporting as soon as possible. Other denominations in this Colony are fully alive to the interests of their respective Churches, and contributing large sums annually for missionary purposes. The Church of England has a Diocesan Society, with numerous local Committees, raising more than £1800 annually, and affording, besides its Endowment, Superannuation, and other Funds, assistance to nearly twenty Missionaries. The Methodists, with their accustomed zeal and liberality, are collecting Missionary funds in thousands every year in British America. The Free Church and the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia have each very efficient Home Mission Committees and a number of Missionaries, and the Baptist Associations in the Province collect and expend considerable sums yearly for Home Missions. If the example of others ought to have an influence upon the minds of the liberal and wealthy members of our Church, we might expect to receive large Missionary contributions. Through the bounty of Providence many of our people are in comfortable, and some of them in very affluent circumstances. Destitute of any endowment, and without permanent resources either from land or funded property, our Ministers in this Colony are cast entirely upon the friendship and good will of their people. They have never had cause to repent of the choice which they have made of the field for their ministerial labors, and they confidently trust that they and their brethren who may hereafter cast in their lot with us will be privileged to labor amongst an attached, disinterested, faithful, and pious people. There is great reason, however, to fear that our Church in Nova Scotia will remain stationary, if she does not speedily decline in prosperity, unless our Missions are more liberally sustained by resources voluntarily contributed among ourselves than they have hitherto been. We have now made a promising beginning, and we fervently hope that those who are expected to bear the burden and heat of the day will, ministers and people, in their united relations to each other, not become weary in well doing.