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"THE Superiority of what is called the Voluntary Principle is a question on which I may almost say that there is no Difference of Opinion in the United States."—LORD DURHAM'S REPORT.

Hear the BISHOP OF PENNSYLVANIA. "While Providence is blessing our Commonwealth in things temporal, and increasing the ability of our lay brethren, and while the enhancement of the price of the necessaries of life, renders the stipends of the Clergy less adequate—all the benefit is engrossed by the Laity, while the Clergy and their families, are inconsiderately left to their embarrassments—their disheartenings—their poverty—till, as a last resort, they leave their Parishes, in the hope of getting others where they may escape Starvation; though that hope generally proves illusive. My brethren of the Laity, "These things ought not to be."

Hear also, the BISHOP OF NORTH CAROLINA. "It is imperiously called for that a more comfortable provision be made for the settlement and maintenance of the Clergy.—I know of nothing in a Community, that can betoken a more alarming Spirit of Insensibility, than dissatisfaction and Complaint in supporting the Ministrations of the Gospel. What must be the state of that man, who thinks, that in the reluctant Pittance he allows his Minister, he pays for the word of Eternal Life! Who feels the Gospel is a burden! Are we to estimate the value which you put upon the knowledge of Christ Crucified, by the scanty provision you allot to His Ministers? To judge by the experience of the past—one would conclude, that an opinion is entertained among you—that they are to perform more labour,—endure more hardship,—be subject to a severer scrutiny, and live upon less means than any other public Functionary in the land—that they are to bring into your Service, high qualifications—to be cut off from all other pursuits, to labour for you, in season and out of season,—stand ready to listen to your call, by night or by day,—to brave for your sakes the Pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the sickness that destroyeth at noon, and finally to utter no complaint, (except at the risk of a Charge of worldly mindedness)—though their Spirit be overwhelmed, their Hearts torn with anxiety, how they are to elicit a scanty subsistence for themselves and families, from the cold charity of an unfeeling world. Brethren in Christ—these things ought not to be.

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