

the great mission with which I believe England to be entrusted, or even to supply the ministrations of the Church to the English colonists; but sufficient for a proof of what may be effected by well-directed zeal, and affording a nucleus and a staff round which recruits, we may hope, will be constantly trained and moulded. Already in many of the oldest dioceses are there colleges in which young men are educated "to serve God in Church and State," and in those of recent erection the foundation of such establishments is generally one of the new Bishop's earliest cares. The class of men turned out from those colonial colleges are, I believe, altogether unexceptionable, and their services in the ministry are warmly acknowledged by their diocesans; thus in process of time it may be that Bishops, Priests, and Deacons for the various colonies, will no longer be sought in England, but a purely indigenous clergy, maintained by purely colonial resources, minister in each colonial diocese to the spiritual wants of its people. But this is at best a distant prospect in many cases; nor am I altogether satisfied that so complete an independence of the mother Church would be an unmixed good. The historic atmosphere of Eton and Winchester, Oxford and Cambridge, necessarily imparts a character to their students which Bishop's College and Lennoxville, Codrington and St. John's, can hardly be expected to give; and short of these more refined associations, the mere fact of early nurture in the old country, with its Saxon hedgerows and spire-crowned churches, its glorious cathedrals and old-fashioned grammar-schools, its immemorial customs and ordered social polity, impresses on the conduct and teaching of the future colonial Bishop or missionary a stamp and character which we would gladly recognize as general throughout colonial society. At the same time, no doubt, many acquirements indispensable to an efficient colonial clergyman are not to be learnt at our chief seats of education, and the habits and tastes prevalent at many of them are not calculated to prepare the missionary for the rough and painful course of life he is soon to embrace. An institution has started into being which appears to combine all these discordant elements. Reared on an ancient and a famous site, built partly out of the very stones of the venerable Abbey of St. Augustine, under