

annually a given sum to the religious care of Emigrants from here to British North America or Australia, they would, in any manner, and to what extent, cooperate with the Society, upon principles such as the Society could approve.

Undoubtedly, the main dependence of the Society must be upon its own funds. I have put off the consideration of this point till now, wishing to view it in connexion with Mr. ———'s suggestion, which, to some extent, differs from mine.

Mr. ——— proposes that an immediate effort should be made to raise a special fund in this country whereby the Society should undertake to send out Clergy in the emigrant ships, for the religious charge of the Emigrants, during their passage only: relying, first, on the positive good thus effected, even if nothing more is done; secondly, on the hope that the influence thus brought to bear on the Emigrants will be continued upon them, and have practical effects on their own conduct and exertions in the Colony, even if the presence of the spiritual aid thus given is withdrawn from them at the end of the voyage; thirdly, on the probability that, in some manner or other, many of the Clergy thus accompanying Emigrants will be induced and enabled not to return, but to remain in the Colony, together with those whom they have accompanied.

On this plan I have to remark first, that, like the other one, for its due success it must not be looked on as a temporary but as a permanent one; and therein as different from what is ordinarily understood as the object of a Special Fund. But still the cessation or