

sum. This is the beginning in a small way of a stream which, fed by rills on all sides, will, I trust, become a wide and deep river, bearing cheer and fertility wherever its waters come.

It is probably as disheartening to our merchants and manufacturers to read of the colossal fortunes which larger opportunities and more active life enables their brethren in the United States to acquire, as it is to our church people to read every week of the large donations of money and the splendid gifts which are so liberally poured into the lap of the church in that country, and yet our merchants and manufacturers are not so discouraged as to retire from business, but continue to trade, in the hope of realizing at least a competence. Let our church people take a leaf out of their book, and enter into a pious rivalry, with the moderate means at their disposal, to beautify the house of our God; to make the place of His feet glorious, and supply what is lacking in the way of money to the doing of the work of the Church successfully: for, however great the need of King's College may be for pecuniary help, such assistance is demanded for the Church in general to a far greater extent. The Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel writes me under date of 20th May of this year; "I am sorry to have to read an announcement of a reduction in the grant to Prince Edward Island" (the sum taken off is £50—\$250), 'but it has been necessary to effect economies in the grants to the older colonies in view of the opening fields in other parts of the world, for which the society is responsible. I have also to write to you about a sum of £7,400, 2¾ consols, the balance of the 'American Colonial Bishops' Fund,' which originated in 1717, and is applicable to the maintenance of Bishops in any part of North America. The interest on this sum (£203 per annum), is paid to your Lordship, and will continue to be paid to you so long as you are Bishop of Nova Scotia, but in view of the growth of the church in North America, and of the unendowed condition of some of the Dioceses already constituted, some of which will, in the course of time, have to be subdivided, I am to notify to your Lordship, and to request you to communicate to your Diocesan Synod that this income of £203 p. a. cannot be guaranteed to future Bishops of Nova Scotia.'"

We owe much to the venerable society for its ready and long continued aid, but it is now high time that we were learning to do without it, and to become self-supporting; nor can we complain or murmur at any reduction it may feel it necessary to make in the help it still affords us, especially when we consider the more pressing claims urged upon it from other and more needy quarters; neither need we, so long as my own life may last, or I continue to serve you as your Bishop, seriously trouble ourselves over the probable alienation to some more necessitous diocese of the £203 per annum, at present granted to the occupant of this See. But, be it sooner or later, the time must come when an additional \$1000 a year must be provided by the church folk for the Bishop of Nova Scotia; and it is well that a beginning should be made soon, to gather slowly but surely the requisite sum, so that the threatened withdrawal may not create an emergency which we are unable to meet.

I have to report that there are several parishes which need immediate sub-division, and missions requiring at once the services of a duly ordained clergyman, if many families are to have the ordinances of the church, and their members to be preserved from wandering off to swell the ranks of other religious bodies, and if the