

to take a deep and lively interest in its prosperity, and to extend the benefits of their common faith to others in less favored circumstances. We are sensible of, and I trust we shall always be ready to accord, our gratitude to the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and the Colonial and Continental Church Society, for their continued aid to our Island Church; but whilst we express our grateful acknowledgments to those two religious societies in the parent kingdom for their fostering care, we must not lose sight of the fact that their aim is to plant the tree and cherish its growth, leaving its future culture to those who eat of its fruit and enjoy its shelter. I regret to state that the work of retrenchment has already commenced, so far as it applies to the S. P. G., and I am informed that it will be general in the current year. I hope, however, that the members of our Church will awake to a sense of their Christian responsibility in this respect, that they may sustain the good work when these societies withdraw their aid. It is somewhat remarkable that people in general are more willing to relieve distressed humanity than to contribute to God's cause, and it has been often found that the claims of our poorer brethren meet with a readier response than the claims of Christ's Church. But whilst the one ought to be done, the other ought not to be left undone. In looking over the financial returns of the past year I regret to notice a diminution in the contributions from Charlottetown, whilst there has been an improvement in nearly all the other parishes. As your liberality to religious objects is so well known and acknowledged, I hope this year (D. V.) that Charlottetown will not only have resumed its former position, but that there will be an increase in its contributions to the funds of our D. C. S.

Let us look upon ourselves as stewards of God's treasury; that all we have rightly belongs to Him, who will one day require an account of the talents committed to our trust, and the Master says to each of us, "occupy till I come." My