

great Church Societies—the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and the Society for Promoting Christian knowledge; but we are going far beyond their power, however much inclined to afford us adequate help, and the time has arrived when we must look to our local resources and exertions for the maintenance of the Clergy and the extension of the Church.

There has, indeed, been for the last five or six years a local fund arising from the lands set apart in lieu of tithes for the maintenance of a Protestant Clergy, by the special direction of His late Majesty, King George III. of blessed memory, and embodied in the 31st Geo. 3, cap. 31, conferring a constitutional government on the Canadas—but owing to the spread of what are erroneously called, “Liberal Principles” in the Colony, and the indifference of the Imperial Government, this resource has been grievously wasted, and the trifling portion which remains has been placed in jeopardy.

Hence both these sources may be considered precarious and of a temporary character. It is true, the two Societies are as generous as they have ever been, or can be, and will doubtless continue to be so to the extent of their ability; to them we feel under the greatest possible obligations, but they are unable to meet all our increasing wants.

Looking round on all sides we can perceive no adequate help from without, so that we have not ventured to make this humble and dutiful appeal to our Most Gracious Sovereign till compelled by pressing necessity. A Royal License to meet in Synod or Convocation to manage our own affairs, and to take legal measures for the ministrations, extension, and support of our Holy Church in the Diocese of Toronto, seems our only promising resource, and devoutly relying on the Divine blessing, we have a strong faith in its progressive efficiency.

We feel indeed a deep conviction that there is no other way of giving stability and permanence to our branch of the