

the responsibility of exerting ourselves, because our brethren at home thus assist us. Our congregations in the various missions, even in the most recently settled parts of the country, must be required to do what they can towards the support of the missionaries laboring amongst them; and our brethren in the more wealthy settlements must be exhorted to contribute liberally of their substance, that the Lord's work may be carried on in every part of the diocese.

And here I think it well to bring before you the claims of the Church Society. By the machinery of this society, the clergy have frequent opportunities of bringing the wants of the church before their congregations, and of urging upon them their duty to contribute liberally to its funds. In their quarterly appeals to the people, the clergy should not rest satisfied with a cold, formal statement concerning the object for which the appeal is made, but should show the people that the interests of the church in the diocese are now in their hands, and that, unless the several congregations are alive to their duty, and liberally contribute for the extension of the operations of the church, we must retrograde instead of advance. The annual meetings of the parochial associations should be conducted with spirit, both by the clergy and laity of each mission, and the deputations which are appointed to attend these meetings should be regarded only as auxiliaries. I fear it has become too much the custom to leave the entire business to the deputations; thus the interest of the laity in the meetings has been allowed to cool. Every effort should be made to induce the members of the church not only to attend the meetings, but to take a lively interest in them.

I would therefore press upon you, my reverend brethren, the performance of this duty to the Church Society, as of paramount importance. Were our diocese divided into parishes, and each parish provided with an endowment for the support of the minister, the only duties which would then remain for the clergy, would be to minister in holy things, and to be active in works of charity. But circumstanced as the church in this country is, the clergy are called upon to use every means in their power to obtain from the people, funds, which shall be employed in extending to their brethren in the remote and destitute parts of the diocese the spiritual privileges which they themselves enjoy. All our efforts should be directed to the expansion of our influence and operations throughout the length and breadth of the diocese, and we should be careful not to encourage any feeling in our own minds, or in the minds of others, or to advocate any measure, which might have a tendency to weaken our sympathies with our destitute fellow-churchmen in the diocese, or to contract the sphere of our usefulness amongst them.

While speaking of the Church Society, it is forcibly called to my recollection that, in the course of the past year, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove, by death, from amongst us, one of the most zealous friends of that institution. The late Absalom Shade was always found ready to devote his time,