

the utmost of his power, nay, I will say, almost beyond his power, to extend the same blessings and benefits of the Christian religion to the most distant parts of the world.

My Lord Mayor, it has been a deep grief to me, and those acting with me, to observe that urgent calls have been made on the Society, from distant settlers, to give them the opportunity of attending public worship, and of participating in the consolations of religion, and of receiving religious instruction, which the funds of the Society have not been able yet to meet.

Allusion has been made to the sacrifices some of the Colonial Bishops have submitted to for the attainment of these objects. I grieve to think that they have been compelled to make those sacrifices, but I glory in the men who have been prepared to make them. A very mistaken idea prevails with regard to the position of these Colonial—these Missionary Bishops. There are some of them who have not a house to cover them; who have lived in tents, exposed to the inclemency of the atmosphere; and who have been content with a scanty supply of food, which some of the lowest inhabitants of this metropolis would scarcely consider sufficient for their maintenance. And why have they done so? Was it because a sufficient provision was not made for them? A provision was made for them, but they gave up that provision to the object which was nearest to their heart—the propagation of the Gospel,—in order to give to those who were in their Diocese, an opportunity of enjoying the blessings of religious instruction,—of joining in public worship, and participating in the consolations and privileges of the Gospel.

My Lord, I should not have trespassed so long upon the attention of this Meeting, if circumstances had not made me fully acquainted with the state of the Society: if I had not been able to assure you that there is the most careful investigation into the funds of the Society, and to their application to the great object for which the Society was established: and I do so in the hope that it will encourage those who hear me liberally to give it their support, and to rest satisfied that what they give will be applied in the most effectual manner.

My Lord Mayor, one thing has struck me forcibly in the investigation to which I have alluded; and it is this: That, in consequence of the neglect of the early settlers, the spirit of religion has died among them, and there has been no inclination, on their part, to make a provision for their spiritual wants, when the temporal means in their power were amply sufficient for that purpose. I am most anxious that the Society should have such effectual support, that it may be the means, under Providence, of sustaining the blessed spirit of the Gospel co-extensively with our emigration, even to the most distant settlements, and having kept alive in them that knowledge of religion with which they left this blessed land, they may in due time be prepared to relieve us from the burthen, or rather from the duty of supporting their ministry, and be willing to make an ample provision for them from their own resources. It is this neglect which has existed. It is the neglect of the earlier settlers, to which we must impute much of that irreligion, much of that profligacy and wickedness, which is a disgrace to the English cha-