

ony with solicitous anxiety during the long period of her nonage, and whose endeavours to lay broad and deep the foundation of her future prosperity were unremitting; it is our happiness to find in his successor a character endeared to every Christian by his piety and zeal, intimately acquainted with local circumstances from a course of previous inspection, and who had already devoted himself in a very disinterested manner, to the advancement of the Church in Canada, according to that pure and Apostolic form, which has the promise of our Divine Master we have now been considering.

How seriously the Society's Missionaries in former times were accustomed to deplore the want of a Colonial Episcopate many of their writings will sufficiently testify. Destitute of a Bishop resident among them, by whose discretionary power vacancies might be immediately filled up, and such arrangements made on the spot as were best adapted to promote the interests of religion; the most lamentable effects frequently followed on the death of a laborious and faithful Missionary, in the dispersion of his people, or their becoming in part a prey to sectarian influence, before the delay incidental to the necessary references home, would admit of the station being filled. Nor was it possible under these disadvantages that it should always be done in such adaptation of a Pastor to his flock as was desirable; not to mention that the education of some portion of the Clergy among those who are to be benefited by their ministrations, (which has always been considered a desirable measure,) was frequently prevented