

Slack) and the Rev. Messrs. Scott, Godden, and my brother, who all addressed the meeting, taking different sections of the S. P. G. work. Mr. Slack took Africa; Mr. Scott, New Zealand; Mr. Godden, India; my brother, North America; and then we brought home the conclusion that with such an enormous missionary work before the Church, how great a duty it was to sustain our own missions: that after so many years' support from the S. P. G. we ought to acknowledge it, by sending them annually a subscription, and to endeavour to relieve them of their present grant to this mission. I had taken a great deal of trouble to get up the meeting; and, although there was a violent snow-storm, we had a large and most interesting gathering; and the collection was more than double any ever before taken up in this mission. The people felt that they owed a debt of gratitude to the Society. In consequence of this meeting I have got the idea of an endowment well mooted. I shall soon be able to make a move in it. I regard the missionary work of the Church as its great lever-power. Make people see the work in its greatness—the duty which our Lord has laid upon us to extend the Gospel to every creature—and then the local mission or parish looks a small business. I do not at present quite see my way to fix any exact plan for the endowment. We have talked over two or three, but all of them have their difficulties. One thing I have insisted upon—that we should fix a time by which to effect our object. I have thought that seven years would be as short a time as, with our means here, it could be probably brought about, that then this mission should be entirely self-sustaining. Mr. Foster's suggestion was that we should retain my present allowance (£100 stg.) for seven years; that we should still subscribe to the Diocesan Church Society, though not perhaps as much as we have done (100 dollars); and that in the meantime we would, either by annual subscriptions or some kind of guarantee securing a block sum at the end of seven years, make up an amount the interest of which should give 400 dollars per annum. This, with what could be annually raised, would afterwards secure the clergyman's salary. Mr. Foster said he would himself provide a block sum of \$1000, at the end of that time. We have already 1300 dollars of an endowment fund; \$900 of which draws interest, the other \$400 was a sale of part of the glebe, which reduces the glebe to fifteen acres, which is enough for any clergyman to occupy. I want to know from you whether we could carry out Mr. Foster's plan, if so, I think it would open a way by which many of our missions might be led to follow in the course. What encouragement might we hope for in trying to accomplish this? I look with great anxiety to the first meeting of our Deanery. We are to talk it over at our clerical meeting at Milton, on the 13th of March. The starting of such a work, the tone and temper with which it begins, are so very important, that if your lordship could come to our gathering at the first meeting of the Deanery, and explain to the influential body of the laity the greatness of the work, the importance of all labouring together for the general good of the Church, and the particular work of the Rural Dean, I feel that we should get launched under most favorable