

can at all estimate the advantages which have attended such introduction. Not only has the state of morality throughout the entire country greatly improved, but schools have sprung up in every direction, children have been educated who before were almost entirely neglected; and not only have schools been established, but universities have been introduced into colonies of comparatively recent origin, where youths have been educated for the ministry, and have been ordained, and then gone forth as faithful ministers in their native colony or into other regions. (Applause.) When I think of these things my mind is filled with wonder, to think of that strength of thought, of that strong prescience, which looking at these infant nations as the homes of great heroes, and one day to take their place among the nations of the world for good or for evil, and trembling to see that while they possessed every other element of greatness, no means had been taken for inculcating those virtues without which their vigour and their heroism were useless—to me it is wonderful to think that a gentle Christian lady should have foreseen this, and should have made provision for inculcating in these new nations, as they rise, those principles of virtue and of justice which might lead them on to truth and religious prowess. It is terrible to think that under the system before pursued, when they had stepped forth to take their place among the nations of the earth, endowed with strength and energy and power, with that might which belonged to them, at the same time they should have been ignorant, uninformed, not possessing those virtues and those talents which would have enabled them rightly to use the powers they possessed. There is something terrible to think that England should have looked forth on these new nations, having the energy and the power to struggle for their desires, but not having reason, intellect, or virtue to guide them and show them the errors of their way. How different will it be now, when this other new nation steps forth on the world, not only endowed with the energies of