

state of the various Endowments which exist in certain parishes, and the manner in which each property is invested; also, that a correct record be kept by the Registrar of all such Endowments.

Fifthly, And above all, a better organization is required for the distribution of our Mission Funds. I am rejoiced to say that a Committee of Laymen has been sitting, for the purpose of remodelling our system of grants on the one hand, and our requirements for the people on the other. Whatever changes this Committee may recommend in their report, and the Synod may sanction, will, I trust, be carried out with the hearty concurrence of both Clergy and Laity.

It is the more necessary that the Mission Fund should be forthwith placed on a sound footing, since the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is gradually withdrawing its hitherto liberal grant from the Church in this Colony.

I feel that there is yet another point which I dare not omit. I believe that no Church will thoroughly prosper, unless she enlarge her heart towards those nations which enjoy not the same spiritual blessing as herself. While trying then to meet our own pressing needs, we must not close our hearts towards those of our fellow-men who are sitting in darkness and the shadow of death. Let us make an effort, according to our means, to extend help to others, and then we may look for God's blessing on ourselves. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth."

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 Whilst speaking on the subject of our financial resources, it will not, I trust, be thought out of place if I allude to a method very much resorted to at the present time, in order to raise money for religious objects—I mean that of *Bazaars*. I am quite aware of the multifarious and pressing nature of those efforts which, from time to time, claim the attention of Clergymen and others. I am aware too of the exceeding difficulty of obtaining funds for the accomplishment of any good object. But still the end, however desirable, can never sanctify the means, if in themselves unworthy. It seems to me that by so doing we are setting aside real Christian benevolence, as if it were a thing in these days hardly to be attained, and are substituting in its stead a spurious and wordly system of liberality, on which God's blessing can scarcely be expected, or even asked for. I should be very thankful to see a higher standard of almsgiving, and a healthier tone of charity, prevailing among the members of our Church.  
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