

forth into the fields now "white unto harvest." In a temporal point of view, little inducement can be held out to those who would devote themselves to the work of the ministry. Still, it may be asked, in what other cause is there afforded scope for a nobler ambition or higher aims? The object is so weighty, the interest invested so important, that the highest intellect and the most untiring energy can always find abundant exercise, and, in the end—an abundant reward.

These are truths, which brought with all their force before rightly minded Churchmen, are ever highly regarded. And when at the Annual Meeting of each Local Committee the members of the Church are generally assembled, and the claims and wants of the Society are pressed upon their attention, this appeal will not fail to meet with a ready response in every devout and generous heart.

Since the above was written, it has pleased God to call to himself one whose name has always been closely associated with this institution—the Venerable and Reverend Archdeacon COSTER, its first Vice President. To the wise foresight of the late Archdeacon, this Society owed its formation, under a Constitution, which, with trifling alterations, has been found admirably fitted to carry out its holy objects. Though for many years past prevented by illness from taking an active part in its proceedings, no one felt a warmer interest in the work of the Society, no one rejoiced more at its success. His death, which occurred on the 8th January, after a brief illness, is deeply deplored in the Parish of Fredericton, of which he was for nearly thirty years the Rector. It will be felt especially by the younger Clergy, to whom he was ever a kind friend and judicious counsellor, and this Society will no doubt be ready to add its expression of deep regret for the loss it has sustained.