

I think we may truly say that it is quite as much as we can reasonably expect—indeed, very liberal. Are Church people in England prepared to say that, because they are not more numerous, and therefore absolutely unable to do more for themselves, they must be left without the ministrations of religion, or given over to other religious bodies who are more active? I cannot believe it.

But there is another plea that is urged as a justification for the diminution of the grant. It is said that the eastern provinces of Canada—the Ontario and Quebec provinces—*ought* to do far more than they now do for the North-west, especially as the Church throughout the Dominion is now consolidated into one body. Any one who has visited, as I have done, many of the country districts in the Diocese of Ontario, would know that, rich though the Church may be in some of the cities, it has a very great work to do in supporting the Church in the country districts nearer home, sufficient if it was adequately to tax all its resources, for the Church, it cannot be denied, is lamentably feeble in those country places when contrasted with other religious denominations. But I have heard it urged that the Church there supports foreign missions to Japan and other places, and therefore shows itself able, if only it would, to do more for the struggling Church in the North-west. It is an altogether unworthy plea to be urged, especially by a Missionary Society. It is just the same as that which we sometimes hear in England against all foreign mission work because of the urgency of the work at home. But even supposing that there was greater force in this plea than there is, that Eastern Canada was better able to do the work than it is, and that the obligation of Church people in those provinces to do the work was more obvious than it is—and remember that the two provinces of Canada proper and Rupertsland, though geographically they may border on one another and ecclesiastically may be consolidated, are practically separated by 1,000 miles and very different interests—yet, if for some reason the Church people in those parts will not rise to what we may think their duties, are we to be content to leave those people, very many of whom have gone forth from this country, to spiritual destitution? I earnestly trust not.

But if it is not to be so, as the S.P.G. is determined not to alter its policy it only makes the need of increased effort on the part of our Association to make good the deficiency caused by the diminution of the grant of that Society the greater.

I am thankful to say that our Association has been already very largely instrumental in making good the deficiency which would otherwise have been so much more keenly felt, by the Clergy Endowment Fund which it has mainly helped to raise, the income of which is now 800 dollars a year, or about £160. This must be taken into account if even our annual income seems to diminish. And notwithstanding the enormous claims that war in South Africa has made upon the generosity of people this year, the special Fund that the Council determined to endeavour to raise for the endowment of the Parish of Qu'Appelle now amounts to about £800, so that there is every