

worldly goods to some charitable purpose ;—every man according to his ability, is (to use the language of Scripture) bound “to send relief unto the brethren,” and more especially if the relief required be the bread of life—the Word of God—the Gospel of Jesus Christ !—which is indeed now required and asked for by many whose lot is cast in some distant settlement in this Province, and from whence calls have been repeatedly made for help—for a supply of duties, from some faithful Minister of the Gospel, or even from some well-instructed Schoolmaster ; but, for the want of means, those calls, in too many instances, remain still unanswered. The fields in many a retired corner of our Province are white already to the harvest, but the “labourers are few.” The question is—shall these pressing calls be heard by us in vain ? Can you turn away your ears, and harden your hearts, against the cries and entreaties of your friends—of your brethren ? But again : We, of this Diocese, have long “freely received” from the funds of that venerable Society in the Mother Country, which now for well nigh a century and a half, have been doing good and communicating to others. From that source we have, for many years, annually received many thousands of pounds—doing good, in a temporal sense, to many—and in a spiritual sense, we trust, to not a few. Like a kind, indulgent Parent, that Society has long provided for the children of the Church in these Provinces ; but now that there are many younger branches of the same family looking for, and depending upon assistance from the funds of that same venerable Parent, the law of nature, and the dictates of reason—of affection, and of gratitude, seem to demand, that the elder children provide for themselves. To the liberality of that generous Society it must be chiefly attributed that so many Churches have been erected in this our land, and consecrated to the glory and worship of the Great Jehovah, in whose sacred temples our forefathers (many of them now no more) were wont on Holy days to “assemble and meet together” to hear God’s most Holy Word—to pray unto and praise the Lamb of God that taketh away sin, and to worship the Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity ! but whose once much loved bodies now lie mouldering with their kindred dust, beneath—or in consecrated fields, around—those Holy Buildings, waiting for the sound of the archangel’s trump summoning the dead