

attitude. Much has certainly been done to rejoice the heart of every true Christian during the years I have spent among you. The Church has been considerably improved. If the season of Lent passes generally, almost unobserved, we have at least daily service in the week, during which our thoughts are especially directed to our blessed Lord's Passion and Death; and we have, in addition to the ordinary celebration of the Holy Communion, one at an early hour on all the great festivals of our Church. The day on which we commemorate our blessed Lord's Ascension is no longer passed over unobserved. Last year we had both service and the celebration of the Holy Communion on that day. For the promptitude with which the Clergy of this Parish have seconded the wishes of their Congregation, we owe a tribute of thanks. But does not this very promptitude encourage us to do more? Cannot we learn something from the earnestness and zeal of the congregation, whose large and well-filled place of worship is so near our own? I have reason to know that no one who enters that building looks in vain for a seat, or is not eagerly welcomed and accommodated. The singing is excellent, and I am told that some even from among ourselves are attracted thither by it. The want of Church accommodation with us may soon, I trust, be remedied, by the completion of the New Church, in which, for the first time in this Island, I believe, the rich and the poor will meet, on equal terms, in the house of their common Father. I feel I cannot urge you too earnestly to exert yourselves to provide funds for the completion of this Building. Regarding this new Church also, I hope I do not go too far in saying that I trust its doors may be open, not on the Sunday only, but on every week day also, inviting each and all, at all times, to enter and enjoy—what possibly many cannot obtain at home—a few quiet moments there. The opening of this new Church will afford additional opportunities to many among us who desire more than the traditional monthly celebration of the Holy Communion. We have reason to be gratified and thankful for the success of our Sunday School, and I attend with renewed satisfaction each annual meeting for the examination. There is, however, one point which must strike every person accustomed to visit the schools of the Parent Church in the Mother Country, and that is, that at these examinations questions in the Catechism of our Church are rarely asked, none indeed were put at