

prevailed, for "the desire of all nations" to come, has passed away from the looking for the Messiah, and has changed to a feeling that England has something to do them good. True it is England has the knowledge of the Christ; and England has the power, and we trust she will also, to send them out the good tidings of salvation. The plan then we propose in this mission is, first, to take in hand the European population by occupying the towns as they rise up; already there are, I believe, twelve towns marked out, and in a state of rapid formation, in each of which we ought at once to place a faithful pastor, and there should be also ministers constantly itinerating throughout the unsettled districts of Columbia. (Applause.) With regard to the natives we propose to have Christian settlements in the neighbourhood of Heathen villages, and there to teach industrial habits, to exhibit Christian sympathy and Christian worship, and at the same time to impart direct Christian instruction to them through their children, as also by direct application and preaching the Gospel to those adults who may be able to receive it. (Hear, hear.) I trust that by these means we may be able to cover the land with a religion which may bear testimony for Christ, and bring blessings of the highest kind both in the formation of society upon its proper basis among the heathen, and by informing their hearts with a knowledge of the way of salvation. For this object, Christian brethren, we seek to have your assistance. At present the difficulty of obtaining sustenance there is very great. Owing to the influx of settlers, and the want of previous preparation, there is a dearth of even the staff of life,—the common food of life; and it can only at present be obtained by a very great expenditure. The cost of living is consequently very great; and we cannot expect at first, among so unsettled a people, to find much local support. Of course we shall proceed upon the plan that the Christian Church is to be self-supporting as quickly as may be possible. There is no State aid granted to it. (Hear, hear.) We from the outset proceed, on the voluntary principle and