

and unquestionably ought to, be sustained largely at the cost of its members. But this local Society, instead of affectionately and rightfully eliciting the offerings of the people, does, in effect, erroneously check or reject many of them.

18.—The liberality of the Propagation Society, which furnishes the only regular resources of the Church of England in this colony, exempts the Clergy from entire dependence upon the people for support, and ought to free them from the temptation to misemploy their function. But these advantages are neglected or misused through the local system which is put in force; the clerical office itself is thereby degraded by converting the Ministers of a Missionary Church into rigid tax-fixers and tax-collectors; while the bounty of the Society is intercepted, and its beneficent designs are liable to be frustrated,

19.—Our attention must not be withdrawn from the root of these serious evils by minor points put forward in certain "Reports" recently published under the direction of the Committee of the Newfoundland Church Society; which, whatever they may have "triumphantly refuted," do not touch "the principle involved," nor shew that the evils I have adverted to have been checked in their operation. Indeed, I am quite willing to allow the whole question to rest upon the Bishop's own letter to Mr. Collett.

20.—I must not conclude this letter without a few words respecting the much maligned author of the pamphlet in question. His sturdy and genuine sentiments coming into collision with the views of a Theologian evidently of a peculiar school, have caused Mr. Collett to come under the imputation of "opposing Christ's Ministers," and have subjected him to shameful abuse from other quarters—abuse declared, however, by the authors of it, with admirable and characteristic consistency, to be "aspersions." This amende honorable I trust Mr. Collett will accept, for it certainly is explicit and comprehensive, and was made with but brief delay. To Mr.