

Church administered by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; for many years has this fostering care been exercised; and it was not until the innate energy of our race opened for that venerable Society new fields of labour, most pressing in their nature, that she was constrained, though reluctantly, to withdraw from the Church in Newfoundland, in common with all the other North American Colonies, a portion of that support which had been so long and so liberally accorded. At the same time, though this Diocese has not felt the diminution of income in anything like the degree experienced by the Canadas, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, yet there has been brought out clearly this great truth, which it were well for all ever to bear in mind, that a Church to be on a safe footing must be self sustaining, in order to adapt herself to the variety of circumstances with which at any time she may find herself surrounded, and to fit her for those multiform changes which the course of the world continually brings about. It may, certainly, be thought of with pleasure, that though the duty is not recognised by any means so universally, or to such an extent, as the importance of the subject demands, yet that still year by year we have abundant proof that the truth of the Holy Scripture is being felt, "that a labourer is worthy of his hire," and that "they who sow to us spiritual things" should in return "reap our worldly things."

Your Committee feel that this very important subject cannot be too frequently alluded to; and for this reason, that in all the more lately formed colonies the principle of self-support is acted upon to a much greater degree than in this. In Australia, especially, this is the case; and it naturally tends to deepen the interest of all in the welfare of their religion. There cannot, it is thought, be much doubt that it is the positive duty of all, high and low, rich and poor, to contribute to the support of the worship of