

the globe. They therefore expect (and expect justly), that we should be up and stirring on our own behalf; for we should be preparing ourselves for that day, which cannot be far distant, when they will withdraw, at all events from the older settlements, that assistance which they at present render. You see, therefore, that neither from the government nor from the Missionary Societies of the Church in England, can we look for much further aid in supplying the spiritual wants of this diocese.

*Parish.*—That 's as plain as a pike-staff, as the saying is. But then, there are the Clergy Reserves you mentioned a little while since; you said that a part of them were left us; can we get *nothing* from that quarter?

*Par.*—It is useless to build our hopes upon the Clergy Reserves. A large portion of the most valuable of them have been sold, as you know, and the share of the funds arising from the sale which has been given to the Church, is far too small to meet even her present wants. As for those which remain unsold we have twice petitioned the government, that instead of selling the land they would give us the small share (little more than one quarter of the whole) which may belong to us, *in land*, and let us manage it the best way we could. This, however, they have refused to do; and the mode in which much of it is being disposed of, is such as to leave little hope of its proving of much service towards the extension of the Church.

*Parish.*—It does seem a hard case, that after taking away almost three-fourths of the most valuable of the Church's property, that the government should refuse to let her have the management of the remaining quarter. It seems a strange way for the Church to be treated by the State.

*Par.*—It does, indeed: however, we have nothing to do but to submit. They know that with us it is a religious principle, continually inculcated upon us by the Church, to obey the powers that be, even to our own deep disadvantage. The proper way for Churchmen to do now, is to act, with reference to the support and extension of the Church, as if there was no such thing as a Clergy Reserve in existence. It must now be evident to you, that we must depend neither upon the government, the Missionary Societies of the Church in England, nor the Clergy Reserve Fund, to supply the spiritual destitution of this diocese.

*Parish.*—It's a plain case, sir. There are not two ways about the fact, that whatever is done for the Church now, *must* be done by the Church folks themselves: but it will be hard to convince a deal of the folks of the truth of this. They have been so used at home to have all the blessings of the Church provided for them without cost, that it won't be easy to persuade them that here, *if they want them*, they must *pay for them*.

*Par.*—Still we must endeavour to convince them of that truth; for never, till the people understand the true position in which the Church stands, will they give that general and hearty support to the Church Society which is necessary to its success. And this I am sure of, that if intelligent laymen would make themselves acquainted with these things and with the nature and objects of the Church Society, they could most materially assist the clergy in overcoming the ignorance and prejudices of the people on these subjects.

*Parish.*—Very true, sir; and that reminds me that though you have explained to me the objects which the Society wishes to carry out, and