

On both points the Society could, at the beginning of each year, obtain sufficient information from the Land and Emigration Commissioners.

The second and third points must partly be considered together; that is to say, the amount which the Society could and ought to pay depends *partly* upon the degree to which the Colonies would be prepared to meet us with corresponding efforts on their part. But before we can make any overture to the Colonies on this point, we must arrive at some idea as to what we are ourselves, with reference to this country and our own resources, in a condition to undertake. This inquiry connects itself with those modifying circumstances to which I have already alluded, as restraining the action of the Society in the direction which, in the abstract, it might be most advisable to follow. The existing income of the Society is already, for the most part, pledged to certain payments. On this head I will only remark, first, that I hope the Society will, on every occasion of being released from obligations in British North America or Australia, bear in mind the principle which has been laid down, in respect of the sum thus set free; secondly, that I hope it will always be made a matter of as accurate calculation as possible, what amount of the Society's income is thus pledged by actual obligation, and what is not.

But there are other considerations besides those of the present income of the Society. The first is that which has been suggested, that a special effort should be made to raise funds for this specific object, the care of our Emigrants. On this I will remark further