

mitting to them the "plan," which, after much deliberation, had been allowed and approved by the Committee of the "Church Society."—The Committee so allowing and approving the plan, were the Hon. Messrs. W. Thomas (Treasurer), C. F. Bennett, T. Bennett, and B. Robinson, and E. M. Archibald, G. H. Dunscomb, B. G. Garrett, A. Hogsett, H. W. Hoyles, G. Mellersh, N. Mudge, J. M. Rendell, T. Row, H. Stabb, M.D., and H. P. Thomas, Esquires.

Under date of the 15th September, 1846, the Lord Bishop addressed a second Pastoral Letter to the Clergy, communicating the before-mentioned Resolution of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and again recommending "the proposed plan of collections." In that Letter His Lordship decreed,—“at the end of these three years—(the three years allowed by the Society before the reduction)—the payment can hardly be considered voluntary; I mean, that though the Church will be closed against none, and the poor and destitute will ever be ministered to cheerfully without cost or charge, yet others can hardly expect visits of a Clergyman or the offices of the Church, who do not make their due and required contributions. Is this demand unreasonable or irreligious? Contrary to Scripture or the practice of other Churches? What says the Apostle?—“Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel, should live of the Gospel.” And though it will be hard and painful to appear to expect payment for services which you would gladly render, if it were possible, “without money and without price,” yet you will not forget that much of your present Salary is drawn from the contributions of those, many of them poor in this world, who derive no benefit from your ministry.”

*refutation* Surely there is no true member of the Church of England but must entirely approve of and concur in these principles and rules! This Committee may safely challenge a ~~repetition~~ of them, on many grounds of Holy Scripture, or of reason and justice; and they are fully persuaded that the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland has not at any subsequent period, either publicly or in any communication with or to any private person, sanctioned a departure from them;—certainly his Lordship has not done so in the 2d letter referred to by His Excellency, as estab-