

member of our Church Society by his or her offerings. Our clergy and lay collectors should see to this. Those offerings are Church dues. We should also endeavour to raise the different local committees, appointed under art. xiv of the Diocesan Church Society, from the great apathy in which they seem half buried. This will perhaps be done as missionary intelligence is distributed throughout the parish, as the laity are interested in the collecting as well as the giving of the subscriptions, and when the clergy unflinchingly and repeatedly speak "as unto wise men," concerning their duty to supply many of those wants and necessities of the Church, which it does not require words to point out.

A continual dropping will wear the hardest stone. Or when those efforts are mixed with the regular services of the Church, and the earnest prayers of Christ's members, the "continual dew" of God's blessing will descend upon all portions of His Vineyard.

We have no space for more at present than the following words of one of our oldest colonial bishops. The Bishop of Toronto in his charge of the year 1851 truthfully says:—

"There is an energy indigenous to new countries which, if directed under the influence of religion, can do wonders.

The self-reliance and enterprise which enable an emigrant to quit the endear-

ments of his home, and the comforts of more civilised society, for a life in the woods of America, amid wild animals, sometimes wilder men, pestilential marshes, and innumerable privations, are of themselves a basis upon which we may securely build. Such men soon learn to disregard difficulties, to surmount obstacles which in other states of society would repel them, and to do many things which in happier circumstances they would expect others to do for them.

We must therefore teach our people to exercise the same energy, self-reliance and enterprise in the cause of religion, which they exhibit in their private and domestic affairs. * * *

Thus, when a new church is called for, we must induce them to consider whether they can build it without help. For to lean upon others is to a true settler offensive, and such a spirit when roused often leads them to discover that they can accomplish by their own efforts what at first they dared not hope for.

Moreover the solitude of the forest is favorable to reflection, and if improved it leads to the feeling that religion is necessary even to the temporal well-being of society. Hence, we have some elements furnished in the most unpromising localities, which, if tenderly touched with humble reliance on our Lord and Saviour, may be followed with abundant fruit."

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD IN JESUS CHRIST.—No. 2.

GOD'S ACRE. Yes! that is the name for the resting-place of the bodies of those who fall asleep in the Lord. How quiet our speech, how subdued our minds, when we walk in the garden where the bodies of the Faithful rest in peace! Why, the very monuments speak. And yet alas, not all, for some are engraved with words of the world, even in this unworldly spot. The stones in God's Acre ought themselves to tell the sanctity of the place, that it is a CHRISTIAN's rest. The letters we carve on them will hardly be read by our children's children, but the symbol of our redemption, "the sign of the Son of Man," may be there,—then the very stones will immediately cry out, and declare that it is a CHRISTIAN's burial place, although the name of the de-

ceased has become time-worn and vegetated so as not to be revealed.

Reader, it may fall to your lot, God only knows how soon, to lay some loved one in mother earth. Now what self-denial will you not show for the memory of a brother or sister in Christ? Of course the near of kin will arrange that some mark shall identify the spot where the cold body was lowered. (O would that we might feel as certain about a faithful, humble, inscription); but Christian reader, do not lay this short paper aside before allowing it to present to your mind one or two considerations.

1. Has the Church where you were admitted into the "Congregation of Christ's flock" no FONT? Then in memory of a departed friend, would not such an offering prove acceptable to our common Lord, in token of His