

sustain him in his responsibilities. I thank the meeting for allowing me this opportunity of explaining the operation of the special fund. It is to enable his Lordship to provide an outfit, and to guarantee the maintenance, of a sufficient body of clergymen. We doubt not that six more, at least, will be required on the special fund; and it is a matter of great encouragement and hope, indeed, of national importance at this time, that there exists a spirit of devotion in a large body of clergymen who have offered to follow his Lordship to the new colony of British Columbia. At this present moment, if the funds were forthcoming, he could take out six, or seven, or even eight clergymen, men of learning, of judgment, and of Christian zeal, who are ready to go forth to this great work. It is a great encouragement that loving spirits are forthcoming, if only the wealthy Christian people of the city of London and other places would supply the means. This, then, is the practical exhibition of the special fund for the mission to Columbia. I hope the meeting will excuse the pressing nature of my remarks, and that they will give a proof, even before they separate, that the people of our Church and nation at home will not forget those who go out to Columbia. And now, my Lord Mayor, I wish to say a word in support of the resolution before the meeting. At the most busy season of the year, when engaged in the first arrangements for his year of office, at the moment when the Mansion House ought to be in the hands of those who had to prepare it for his year of occupancy, his Lordship, at the greatest possible sacrifice of convenience, has received the mission into the inmost recesses of the Mansion House, every thing has been placed at their disposal; I feel that this has been an act of kindness on the part of the Lord Mayor, which it is well that the meeting should gratefully acknowledge. As his Lordship is in the chair, I will now ask the meeting to hold up their hands in favour of the resolution. My Lord (continued the Rev. Gentleman, after the motion had been carried), I have great personal pleasure in