

churches, furnishing them with books for service, libraries, and Sunday-schools.

*Parish.*—It's a great pity all this is not better known among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that scarce one in a hundred knows the rights of the case; why they say that you all draw great salaries from the public money, and I don't know what else. I am sure we church people ought to be greatly beholden to the Societies in England which you have mentioned, though I, for one, knew very little about them, or what they are doing for us, until now. But surely these Societies, if they knew how badly the people in the back settlements were off, would not refuse to help them.

*Par.*—They are well aware of the spiritual destitution which exists, for our bishop is in continual communication with them; but though they are very willing, (as their deeds show), to supply our wants as far as they are able, yet there are many reasons which prevent them from assisting us to a greater extent than they already do.

*Parish.*—What are those reasons?

*Par.*—The first is, that a large share of their funds comes from the free-will offerings of people who are really much poorer than ourselves. I have heard it stated that one of the Missionary Societies in England receives 15,000*l.* a-year from the penny-a-week subscriptions of the labouring poor. Now, there is no comparison between the wealth of an English labourer and that of the bulk of the people in this colony. We are far more able to help ourselves than they are to help us; and I suppose you will admit it to be unreasonable that the poor should help those who are comparatively rich.

*Parish.*—There is no disputing that, sir, it's true; but then if we are better able to help some of the people at home than they are to help us, still, there are thousands of rich people there who could do a deal for us without feeling it.

*Par.*—Very true: but if those rich people, of whom you speak, see that though we *could* do a great deal for ourselves, we put our hands behind us and wait for them to do everything, do you think *that* a likely way to secure their sympathy or assistance?

*Parish.*—Why, no.—We don't deserve that they should lend us a helping hand if we don't put our own shoulder to the wheel.

*Par.*—Exactly, Mr. Heyric; and it is in order to enable us to put our shoulder to the wheel with effect that the Church Society was formed.—However, besides those which I have mentioned, there is another still more sufficient reason for their not rendering us more assistance than they do already, and that is,—that, though willing to do so, they are not able. It is not very long since there were only six bishops in all the colonies of Great Britain, and *now*, as you would see by the interesting and very valuable list of dioceses of the reformed branches of the Catholic Church, at page 88 in the Appendix to the Annual Report of the Church Society, there are twenty-one; and in the course of another year or so, there will probably be upwards of twenty-five. Now, for the support of the Church and clergy in these dioceses, the Societies in England are to a greater or less extent looked to; and if their income was double what it is, they could not answer so many demands made upon them from every quarter of