

Bishop of St. Asaph, however, seems to have been thwarted in his endeavors to obtain this reasonable assistance for his own declining years. Lord Westbury's transparently unreal plea, that he could not act on a statute that had been for three centuries in disuse, had not even the merit of historical accuracy to justify it: for one Suffragan Bishop at least was still acting in the 17th century: a fresh creation of them was urgently demanded by the Puritans themselves at a still later period. When such simple and well-founded requirements of the Church are dismissed with these miserable substitutes for argument, Churchmen are tempted to think that statesmen have lost their candour in the turmoil of public life, and that men who were once loyal to the Church have forgotten their loyalty in the excitement of political partisanship or the weariness of official toil.—*Guardian*.

### COLONIAL AND CONTINENTAL CHURCH SOCIETY.

THE Report of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, read at their annual meeting in St. James' Hall, London, on the 8th May last, contains the following matters of interest:—

“There has been an increase in the General Funds of £405 4s. 2d.; in the Special Funds of £1,489 5s. 8d. The increase in the last, though it in no way affects the ordinary working resources of the Society, is yet satisfactory, as implying a corresponding increase in the amount of work done through its instrumentality, apart from that carried on by means of the funds contributed for its general purposes. The Committee have thus entered on their new year with their Reserved Working Fund at £4,500, being within £500 of the £5,000 which it has so long been their desire and object to attain, and they may say that they have never begun a year more satisfactorily in a financial point of view. They report this all the more thankfully because at one time during the past year they feared a different result, and felt it necessary to issue an appeal for aid. Many of their friends by their response to that appeal have helped to place the Society in its present position, and to them and all their other supporters they return their hearty thanks. There has been, indeed, a decrease of £250 in the Association receipts as compared with last year, when it will be remembered they were higher than they had been for many years before. This deficiency, however, arises, the Committee have reason to believe, from temporary causes. They are conscious that it is to the receipts under this head they must look as the surest index of the progress or retrogression of the Society, and they once more appeal to their friends throughout the country to relax nothing of their efforts, and to the parochial clergy especially to second the exertions of their Association Secretaries that fresh openings may be secured, fresh Associations formed, and additional congregations have brought before them the cause of their countrymen abroad.

“The Committee have during the past year had a long and interesting correspondence with the Corresponding Committee in Montreal. They felt it their duty to ask questions the answers to which might show the good effected by the Society in this diocese. The result has been very full and satisfactory information, showing how much this part of Canada owes to this Society for the manner in which it has promoted and fostered the cause of sound scriptural education, first, by initiation of a normal-school system twelve years ago, and, since the work has been taken up by the Government, by the religious instruction which the Church of England teachers