

For this, indeed, in a Colony like this there are many causes. From continual immigration, the state of society is not so settled among us as in older countries. It takes a long time before our people recover from the struggles and privations incident to their new position, and it is not unnatural that there should be among them a desire to guide the minds of their youth to such employments as tend most rapidly and effectually to advance their physical improvement and social comforts. This will account for the fact, that so few from amongst the settled inhabitants of the Province, of that class from which candidates for the Ministry are in other countries usually derived, are found to offer themselves for that sacred office.

Hence it becomes the more necessary to encourage what, in Colonies, may be termed the middle classes of society; that is, the sons of respectable farmers and tradesmen, who, if they should be furnished in other respects with the requisite qualifications, are more likely to be able to contend successfully with the toils and difficulties incident to Missionary life in this Diocese, and to be content with the very frugal provision allowed them.

There is, however, another class of persons whom, in reference to this great object, it is particularly desirable to encourage. It is well known that amongst the emigrants from the Mother Country there are many families who have occupied respectable stations in society, and who have been induced to leave their native land mainly from the hope of securing to their children, in a new and less populous country, a decent provision and satisfactory settlement in life. Many of these naturally direct their attention to the learned professions, and some to the sacred Ministry. It is likewise a fact not to be overlooked, that a considerable number of those who are looking for a comfortable maintenance in the Colonies are the sons of Clergymen, settled in various parts of the United Kingdom, whose means have not enabled them to do more perhaps for any of their children, than secure them a good