

the Colonies—a most gratifying and satisfactory proof that its operations and principles are more highly valued, as they become better known and understood. And in no portion of the extensive field in which the labours of the Society is carried on has this feeling prevailed more than in Nova Scotia. Early in the present year it became known that fears were entertained of a possible decrease in the usual support of the present staff of missionaries in the Society's service; owing to the more pressing and immediate demands occasioned by the war. To prevent such a result, and to mark their approbation of the Society's principles and objects, a few attached friends in this city contributed £161 as a special donation to its general funds; and your Committee are happy to state that notwithstanding the pressure of the times, through the goodness of God the Society has rather increased its operations than diminished them. It is such pleasing instances as these, that plainly show there exists a warm feeling of love and esteem for the mother country, which vibrating in the hearts of her sons in the dependencies of the Empire, only require the opportunity to manifest themselves, and which time will probably also serve to strengthen and consolidate.

The total number of the Society's agents are now about 180, forty of whom are missionary clergymen scattered over various parts of the world. The Society is thus taking its position as one of the great religious institutions of the age; and its objects being both Missionary and Educational, it is satisfactory to learn from the report of the Parent Society for the past year that it desires to occupy an enlarged "sphere in Colonies where the evangelical faithfulness of the Bishops affords a guarantee for unchanging adhesion to the fundamental principles of the Society."

It is also worthy of observation that those Dioceses on this continent which have hitherto enjoyed little of the Society's labours have recently sent "urgent applications for assistance coupled with the sanction of the highest authority;" another proof, if proof were wanted, that where the operations of the Society and its principles become known and understood it commends itself to the

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