

throughout the Island. The Committee are not aware that the former of these Societies has signified its intention of making any reduction in regard to the pecuniary aid afforded to this Island, though it is but reasonable to suppose that such modifications as have been made in Nova Scotia will also affect us here; nor can they hope that the Societies will always continue to make (at the present ratio) the grants which, for many years, we have annually received.

The Committee are aware that the conviction is daily growing that, as the Colonies are now aspiring to independence, the day is not very distant when the Church in England will feel that she is politically and religiously absolved from the obligations of extending to us more than that Christian fellowship from which she would not desire to be free; and that *Heathen* lands are the spheres to which her sympathy and her aid should hereafter be extended. With this prospect before us, the Committee would again suggest to the Clergy and Members of the Church, whether Committees might not be formed in the various sections into which each Mission might be divided—for the more practicable working of the plan—to collect subscriptions towards the formation of an Endowment Fund.

Each District might have its quarterly meeting; and at the Annual Meeting, when the members of the several Committees would meet, sermons relating to Church Missionary operations might be preached, and such other means adopted as to inspire the people generally with a more lively interest in the welfare of our Church.

In accordance with a Resolution passed at the meeting in the Masonic Hall, on 2nd August, 1866, at which the Bishop presided, viz: "That each Congregation do send one Delegate—except Charlottetown, which shall send three—to meet the Bishop and report the opinions of the people respecting the Synod,—at such time as his lordship shall appoint,—the Election of such Delegates to take place at the Easter Meeting of 1867," the Secretary of the meeting sent printed circulars to the Clergy, directing their attention to this Resolution, and also copies of a "Declaration of Principles" as assented to by the Synod of Nova Scotia.

The Committee understand, that meetings were held in all the Parishes, and that generally, Delegates were elected in accordance with the Resolution. At the Easter Meeting in