

by simply discharging that duty which is upon us, and which Christian people must feel to be their duty,—maintaining our own religion and extending it in our own immediate neighbourhood; so that the funds which we consume may be employed in the Propagation of Christianity in heathen lands.

Your Committee cannot but notice that in the adjoining Diocese of Nova Scotia during the last year the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel has thought proper, to make a further reduction in their grant. Their allowance to that Diocese is paid as one sum to the Diocesan Church Society, and this year the gross amount has been reduced £100, and a like reduction will take place every year until the Church there will be entirely on its own resources. Similar reductions are everywhere taking place in the Colonial Church as the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is gradually assuming a more distinctly Missionary character than heretofore. Nay, for some time past the large and important Diocese of Toronto, the number of whose Clergy is fast increasing, has been entirely on its own resources, and seems in a most remarkable manner to have been blessed of God and endued with fresh vigour and life: while the accounts which we receive from Australia and the Cape, from Dioceses which were created long after this, shew that there is nothing which brings down the blessing of God so abundantly as endeavours made for the maintenance and extension of His Church among ourselves. These facts are mentioned that all here may more clearly see the necessity of availing themselves of the system of the Church Society in placing the Church in Newfoundland upon the only firm basis,—that of the support of its living members.

It was intimated to the members of the Newfoundland Church Society at the last annual Meeting that