

and while they gratefully record them, they would remind the clergy generally, that, though much has been done, much remains to do; or rather, that "naught has been done while aught remains to do."

The Committee feel that they would fail in the duty especially imposed on them did they neglect to advert to the all-important question of the future maintenance of the Church in this Island, and hence they offer no apology in again pressing this subject on the attention of all who are well-wishers of our Zion. The time cannot be far distant when, left to our unaided resources, we shall have to do *that*, for the accomplishment of which we have hitherto almost entirely depended on others, and the Diocesan Church Society must become the sole instrument by which the very existence of the Church *is to be maintained in this Island*. The diocese, we believe, has closed with the offer of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel, and accepted the sum of £4000, so that in the course of a few years from hence all such pecuniary help from England will be among the things that are past.

The terms at present proposed to the sister diocese of Fredericton, are—that "after January 1st, 1866, no Missionary on the list of the S. P. G. is to draw directly on that Society for his stipend, but on the Church Society of the Province. In lieu of the present stipends paid by the Society for the propagation of the Gospel, the Society entrust to the Bishop and the Church Society the sum of £2860 sterling, leaving it to *them* to arrange with the clergy, the sums to be paid to them." This grant of £2860 is to remain undiminished for the next three years; but when these three years are expired, and the pensions to two clergymen and seven widows shall have ceased, this diocese also will have no further claim on the S. P. G.

The Colonial and Continental Church Society, which still aids the missionary cause in this Island, has not, it is true, signified its intention of withdrawing its support; but, as observed in the report of last year, it is probable that this Society, as well as the older one, may ere long conclude that these Provinces no longer need the fostering