

and no means therefore remains for giving aid to new Congregations in the support of their Ministers, or for giving to the Ministers themselves that independent position which is so desirable for the right discharge of the duties of their office that they should have, which in ordinary circumstances can only be secured by a moderate endowment. It was from the first foreseen that, if the Church were to increase with the increasing population of the Province, the Fund must prove inadequate for these ends; and the Synod recorded a resolution to call upon the laity to contribute according to their ability to the increase of it; nothing doubting their readiness to follow the example set before them, or their zeal to extend the Church and provide for the reasonable support of its Ministers. And it has only been in hopes of more favorable times for a great and united effort that the call has been delayed.

It is our privilege to belong to a Church Scriptural in its doctrine, and constituted in accordance with the simplicity of primitive and Apostolic order. The blessings which during a long series of years it has conferred upon the land of our forefathers are the best pledge of what it will accomplish, if placed in favorable circumstances here. To extend it, and especially among the scattered Presbyterian population of the Province, is a debt of gratitude due to that gracious Providence which has placed us within its pale, and preserved us in the enjoyment of the ordinances which it dispenses; and it is a work of Christian charity, than which none can be more important in itself, or on which the blessing of God may more surely be expected. For to establish the Gospel Ministry in any neighborhood, and to make such provisions as shall, under Providence, secure its permanent continuance, is to sow the seed from which a harvest of good, temporal and spiritual, will not cease to be reaped through successive generations. Nor can we better show our affiance to Him whom we all acknowledge as King and Head of the Church, or our regard for the immortal souls whom He died to save, than by taking measures which shall have this result, not in one locality only but throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The members of the Church have just reason for devout thankfulness that, notwithstanding many difficulties and discouragements, and one grievous division, which, it is to be hoped, will yet be healed, so much has been already and within no long period of time accomplished in the establishment within this Province of our branch of the Church. We now number over 100 congregations. We have a University for General and Theological education, conducted by 11 able and well qualified professors. We have a Fund, well supported, for the Widows and Orphans of our Ministers. We are training young men for the Ministry in Queen's College, and receiving Missionaries from Scotland. We have entered upon the field of Foreign Missions. We have many able and zealous Laymen taking a deep interest in the efficiency and extension of the Church, and lending a helping hand in the management of its business.