

ships in the harbor of Sydney. The contrast between the unhappy persons who were then landed on the shores of New South Wales and the present prosperity of our Australian Colonies is a striking result of a hundred years of colonization. Hardly less striking is the spiritual contrast. The first immigrants had none of the consolations of religion, save such as were afforded by a single clergyman who voluntarily gave himself to the work. In 1793 the Society sent its first agents to Australia, and now at the end of its first century the Australian Church numbers thirteen Dioceses and nearly seven hundred Clergy.

The Society in June, 1887, voted grants to the amount of £13,445 for 1888, viz.:—

Montreal, £620; Quebec, £1,500; Toronto, £35; Algoma, £778; Fredericton, £1,252; Nova Scotia, £1,165; Newfoundland, £2,931; Rupert's Land, £1,571; Qu'Appelle, £1,428; Saskatchewan, £1,328; Caledonia, £200; New Westminster, £640.

The following contributions to the Society's Funds were received by the treasurers on account of 1887:—From the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada—representing the Dioceses of Nova Scotia, Quebec, Toronto, Fredericton, Montreal, Huron, Ontario, Algoma, Niagara—£699 13s. 11d.; and in addition (sent direct from the undermentioned Dioceses):—Quebec, £2 15s.; Fredericton, £23 9s.; Nova Scotia, £5 3s. 4d.; Rupert's Land, £9 7s. 5d.; Columbia, £12 5s. 4d.; New Westminster, £12 11s. 4d.; Newfoundland, £94 13s. 10d. (including £76 3s. 8d. from Bermuda).

ERRATUM.

DEAR EDITOR,—There is a mistake in the article in your last number on St. John's Church, Ancaster. Either the Rev. Ralph Leeming came out later than 1818 or he was not from St. Bees' College, (not St. Bee's), for Bishop Daw opened that college in 1819. If he came out in 1818 as stated, it is quite possible he was from St. Bees' Grammar School, founded by Archbishop Grindal, from which many were ordained before the opening of the Theological college. A special class for 'Priest Eyes' as they were called, being maintained therein.

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SHORT SIGHTED POLICY.

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WHILE it is true and much to be regretted that certain persons who readily give money to Domestic and Foreign Missions, do not support their own missionary clergyman as they should and could, may we not well ask: Would any system of coercion make a change? Would these people do any more for home if asked to do less abroad?

This is the real and practical question. I confess my views have somewhat been modified on this point. The experience of ten years has taught me first, that the Church's cause, which is Christ's cause, generally gains nothing by the effort to coerce her children to make all her contributions flow in one channel; and secondly, that just in proportion as we encourage people to take an interest in and give to Christ's work outside their own horizon, so will they become interested in and actively support the claims at their door. Some may doubt this and try to account for it as they please. The fact remains all the same. We have proved the truth of my statement in our Ontario diocese. For many years we had eminent brethren, clerical as well as lay, objecting on the same grounds to the formation of a Board of Foreign Missions. We needed, they said, all the money we could get, and more for our pressing home necessities. At last a few of us succeeded in having our Canon passed, almost, I may say, surreptitiously. With what result? The Church has gained in every way. From the very time that we had begun to work as a diocese for Christ abroad, we have been steadily increasing in prosperity within our own borders. When the Provincial Synod organized the General Board, we were ready heartily to co-operate. Year after year our funds have gone on increasing. In 1877 we reported, as a cheering success, that we received \$887 as a result of our first year's work. Since then not only have our local wants been supplied, and our diocesan missionaries, *real missionaries*, had their numbers increased, but we left off this May at the close of the financial year with a surplus of \$2,000. We are about now to augment considerably our missionary staff, and place men where we have long been desirous of giving regular ministrations with settled pastors, subdividing existing large missions. Thank God we now have the means of doing this. But at the same time our funds for Domestic and Foreign Missions have grown from \$887 to over \$5,000, making our total contributions for Church Missionary Work last year about \$18,000. Now, with facts like these before us, any argument on the other side must go for little. In the reports just presented independently by the respective chairmen of the Diocesan and Foreign Mission Boards, one of them stated that we had verified the truth of the inspired Old Testament proverb, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth;" while the other declared that the Divine New Testament precept and promise had been abundantly fulfilled, "Give and it shall be given unto you." It can not surely be regarded, as one of our Church papers lately has stated, that our Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society is an "imperium in imperio." The Board of Management of that society is composed of all the Bishops of the Province, and of clerical and lay delegates from each Diocesan Synod. When the Provincial Synod meets, the Board has to give a strict account of its stewardship. The question also is asked, "What machinery is there for bringing the Board