

We all owe much gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his mercy in permitting us again to meet together and publicly testify that in very deed the Lord hath been gracious to his servants.

We offer to him our most humble and hearty thanks that he has so far graciously blessed our labors. We desire to express our sense of His protecting care which is manifested in the steady and regular increase of this Society, with regard to its numbers, its funds, the confidence with which it is regarded, and, we hope, its general usefulness.

Its arms are now extended to all parts of the Province. Every where an interest is taken in its proceedings. Everywhere it is held in affectionate esteem, and looked upon with feelings of confidence. From all the Local Committees which have been formed in the several missions we hear of the increasing attention which is given to this Society; while many testify by their contributions that their interest in its operations is not diminished, and that they are ready both with will and deed to further the good cause which it has undertaken. We have much pleasure in noticing the interest which it has awakened among the students of Kings College, Windsor, who have as a body contributed to our funds through the Rector of that parish.

Through the channel of this Society the bond of unity is strengthened throughout our land; while the weak are aided by their stronger brethren in those things which tend to their mutual welfare.

We also record our thanks to the Almighty that we have been enabled, through the increase of our means, somewhat to extend the objects of this Society, while we humbly and confidently rely upon his gracious assistance to accomplish those intentions.

One further object to which this Society has turned its attention is the provision for assistant Clergymen in the larger missions.

In many places the increasing duties of the Missionary make it impossible for him to attend to the spiritual wants of all his people, and to nourish the good seed already sown throughout the widely extended flock over which he presides.

Churches have been built whose doors would be but seldom opened if some encouragement to local exertion should not be offered by this Society.

We hope that the day may not be far distant when in every Church within the Province divine service may be performed at the least on every Lord's Day.