

of the original 51, five, viz., Knowlton, Waterloo, Bedford, Granby, Phillipsburg, have also become Rectories. These were served by stipendiaries of the S. P. G. I do not find, however, that they have in all cases complied with the terms laid down in our constitution for the formation of a Rectory. But of this I will speak presently. The present system of Deanery Reports, while it appears to afford valuable statistics for the general information of the Church, does not give me exactly what I want to help in this matter of enquiry into self support. The grant from the Synod to the Mission precedes the statement from the Mission as to what it can promise in the future. As no uniform habit of report has been obtained, no comparison of Mission with Mission can be instituted. I am unwilling, of course, to interfere with any part of existing routine which is of value for general purposes, but I am tempted to ask for an additional report to be furnished to myself, by every church or mission receiving aid from the Mission Fund. What I want to know is the amount of money raised in the mission, actually raised, not promised or subscribed only, between Easter and Easter of each year, and what proportion of that amount was paid to the Missionary in charge. If I could have this information within a fortnight of each succeeding Easter Monday, I should know what to recommend as a suitable grant to be made at the meeting of the Synod in June, and I should like it further to be understood that any mission failing to make such report within the given time, will be at a disadvantage in the allotment of grants from the Mission Fund. Allow me also to call your attention to the state of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. It is not receiving the regular support which is its due. Few of our clergy can do more than provide for the needs of the day. It is therefore incumbent upon us carefully to maintain this particular fund, in order that our widows and orphans may not be neglected in the day of their necessity.

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The Parish of Trinity Church in this city has been unable to overcome its financial difficulties. In fact the beautiful edifice in St. Denis Street has ceased to be the property of the Church. I am much indebted to the Rev. Canon Henderson, who, at my request, sustained the services there for many months without remuneration of any kind. I hoped continually that a way would be found out of our embarrassment, but though many schemes for the payment of the debt have been set on foot, nothing has come to a satisfactory issue. It is not impossible that the question may be judicially dealt with before the next meeting of Synod, a seizure having already been made on the Episcopal endowment fund. While on the subject of Rectories I am bound to say that

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