

forms of worship to which they have been accustomed, and to which they are so much attached. This season, from all appearances, we may look for a large accession to our population, and it is to be hoped that the increase in our Missionary Fund will go on until we may have to report an amount collected in the Diocese something in proportion to what should be contributed by a people so signally blessed as we have been with all the gifts of a bountiful Providence.

The Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, to whom the plantations and colonies of Great Britain have always looked for aid, has been under the necessity of reducing the grant which we received from it for several years, and now we are informed that a further reduction is to take place in the grant for the coming year. We think that these reductions, if it could be avoided, have been made too soon, and that while England sends us her superabundant population, she ought also to assist us in extending to them the ministrations of our church.

The Sustentation Fund, which amounted at our last meeting to "nearly \$30,000," has now, I am thankful to say, reached nearly \$60,000. This result is mainly due to the zeal and energy of the agents employed to collect the fund. The Rev. Mr. DesBarres, who has devoted himself to this work with his whole heart, has earned the gratitude and esteem of the whole church, and when he has fulfilled his task and retired again into the life-promised position of a parochial minister, he will carry with him the esteem of all the well-wishers of our church, and he will have the pleasing confirmation in his own mind that he has been the instrument of performing a work the value of which cannot be over-estimated, and the beneficial effects of which, upon the churches, will be felt for all time to come.

It has often been remarked that much loss is to be expected in a fund made up of subscriptions as this Sustentation Fund is, more especially when notes are given for payments at long intervals. But we trust that such will not be the case with this Fund, but that all who have given their notes for sums, whether they be small or large, will be found ready to meet their payments as the notes fall due, and thus give full effect to the good intention towards the Church which they entertained when the notes were given. Should this be done, the original object of the Fund will be answered, and reductions of the grant from the Society for Propagating the Gospel will be met by the interest of the payments made from year to year. There is a trite and true saying, that he gives twice who gives promptly, and in the case of our Sustentation Fund it will be found that he who pays punctually his engagements to the Fund, will confer a double benefit upon the church. The motives by which I would endeavour to enforce upon all Clergy and Laity, devotedness