

you some of the words with which our venerable Bishop commends this object to our notice, and let those who have so freely received, freely give.

"I cannot, on such an occasion, direct their attention to a more fitting object for which to bestow their alms and offerings, on the day of General Thanksgiving, than the SUSTENTATION FUND, which, nearly a year ago, was inaugurated in this Diocese. Its object, as my circular at the time stated, is to afford a small stipend to such of the Clergy as have not the benefit of a salary from the Commutation Fund, or from any other source, independent of the voluntary contributions of the Congregations to whom they minister.

"About £450 were raised in answer to the appeal I then put forth; and although the sum is not very large, it has, I am happy to say, been made to contribute to the comfort of a very considerable number of Clergymen, and to the relief and benefit of many congregations in the Diocese. Under the direction of the Board appointed by me for this purpose, a grant at the rate of £37 10s. per annum has been made to *thirteen* Clergymen;—nine from the 1st January last, and four from the 1st July. Care has been taken to distribute these grants as equitably as possible.

"Both you and your congregations will share with me, I am sure, the anxiety I feel that these stipends should be kept up; for the disappointment of those who have been thus assisted would be very grievous if it should be found necessary to reduce them. I hope, however, for even more than this; and rely upon the liberality of our people on the day of General Thanksgiving, to add to the number of those who shall be benefited from this fund, and even to increase the annual amount of grant to each.

"While our congregations in general were last year liberal in their contributions to this good object, I grieve to observe that, in some cases, no collection whatever was made. I should rather give to such the opportunity of retrieving this error, than animadvert upon it in the manner it deserves. I cannot but feel a confidence that,