

THE MISSION FUND.

In order to supply information for those whose duty it will be to make the "parochial collections" for the Mission Fund, the secretaries have issued a circular which we reprint here, as it contains many facts worthy of a permanent record.

"The object of this most important fund is to furnish the means of supplying the services of the Church in those districts where her members are not in a position to provide entirely for the necessary support of their Clergymen.

At the present time, 1892, 12 Clergymen (24 congregations) are more or less dependent upon assistance from this fund.

The Mission Fund is administered by the Synod, which is composed of the Bishop, the Clergy and the lay representatives duly elected from each parish, and the apportionment of the fund is made to the best of their judgment.

The income of the fund is derived from the interest of the invested capital (now \$30,000) of the Clergy Endowment Fund, the offertories in the churches on certain stated occasions, the proceeds of the annual missionary meetings and the annual subscriptions of the clergy and laity throughout the Diocese.

At the annual meetings collectors should be appointed to obtain subscriptions from every member of the church in each parish, and these with a list of the subscribers' names should be sent to the secretaries of the Synod.

The following is the list of the grants made by the Synod for the current year :

Comox.....	\$ 500	Northfield	\$ 500
Cedar Hill.....	500	Metchosin	400
Cowichan.....	250	St. Barnabas, Victoria...	250
Saanich	500	St. Saviour's, Victoria...	250
Chemainus.....	400	Salt Spring Island.....	500
Cedar Districts.....	500		
Wellington	500		\$5,050

These grants are based on the understanding that by means of the above organization the necessary income of the Mission Fund will be supplemented by voluntary annual subscriptions from members of the Church, both clerical and lay, in every parish of the Diocese.

The following is the estimate of income :

Interest from Clergy Endowment Fund.....	\$2,000
Ladies' Aid Society, Cathedral, Victoria	500
Three Sunday offertories.....	600
Missionary Meetings	200
Annual subscriptions throughout the Diocese.....	1,750
	\$5,050