

III. They would also mention the fact that there are in the Diocese upwards of 200 Churches sufficiently complete to admit of Divine Service being regularly celebrated within them. There are also more than an equal number of Stations where the Offices of the Church are performed at stated periods. Yet from these (nearly) 500 places of worship, the whole number of Collections on behalf of the Church Society made during the last year was for the Widows and Orphans' Fund, 180; for the Bishops Students' Fund 173; for the Jubilee of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 165. Among the Collections thus made are many taken up at Stations, thus proving two facts: first, that at many of the Churches no Collections have been made; and secondly, that it is possible to make Collections at Stations. Looking back beyond the last year and considering what has been done in this particular, during the three years embraced by the Return, your Committee regret to find that the whole number of Missions where *all* the Collections appointed by the Society have been regularly made, is 44 out of the 129.

IV. It is (as your Committee believe) generally known, that the Society stands pledged to transfer from the General Purposes Fund to the Fund for the support of the Widows and Orphans, (if its resources will permit,) the sum of £1 5s. 0d., per annum for each Clergyman in the Diocese, on the understanding that he shall not only make the prescribed Collection for that object, but further, that he shall himself contribute a like sum to the General Purposes of the Parent Society. Notwithstanding this circumstance, your Committee regret to find, from the Return submitted to them, that out of the 138 Parochial Clergymen within the Diocese only 71 have paid the sum specified, into the hands of the Society. They would also call attention to the important fact in connection with this subject, that of the £1 5s 0d. thus paid, *one fourth* is all which, as a general rule, reaches the treasury of the Parent Society—the remaining three fourths being applied to local objects by the Parochial Committee, to whom it is usually paid.

V. Your Committee would further state as another result of their examination that out of 81, Parochial Committees at present in existence, only 44 have regularly remitted the one fourth of their Annual contributions to the parent Society, during the three years last past.

VI. Finally, they would call attention to the striking fact, proved by the Return submitted to their investigation, that out of the 138 clergymen holding parochial cure within this Diocese only *eleven* have in every particular complied with the requirements of the Society.

Your Committee are sanguine that all who will duly weigh these facts will agree with them