

adopted in this Deanery without serious injury to the interests of the Church.

III. Moved by the Rev. W. B. LONGHURST, seconded by R. H. CONROY, Esq., and

Resolved, That this Deanery implores the consideration of the Bishop and Synod to the perilous condition into which more than one-half of its Missions have been thrown, by the continued reductions of grants made from the Mission Fund, and firmly insists upon the absolute necessity of the Church in this Deanery receiving increased and immediate aid from that Fund, in order simply to secure, in many cases, an occasional service to struggling congregations heretofore enjoying the Church's full ministrations, even although for this end grants made to Missions in other more thickly populated places have to be decreased, or altogether withdrawn.

IV. *Resolved*, That the Rural Dean be requested to confer with the Bishop respecting some remuneration to the Rev. W. H. Naylor, out of the Bristol grant, for services rendered by him to the congregations of that Mission for the last nine months; and, further, with a view of securing the temporary services of the Rev. T. Everett for that Mission.

From some of the Missions no reports were received; from others the returns were incomplete. This is to be regretted, as it is most desirable the circumstances and capabilities of each Mission should be accurately known.

The returns presented showed that contributions to Clerical stipends were in some instances below the amounts contributed last year, increasing the difficulties of the Clergy interested, who were already suffering from reduced grants. Special efforts were made in some Missions to make up to the Clergy the loss of grant, but generally without effect. One principal cause of this is found in the poverty of the country.

From the same cause contributions to the Mission Fund were below expectation, although due efforts were made in most Missions to collect for that Fund. It is to be remembered, however, that the list of "proposed contributions" adopted last year, was contingent upon no reduction of regular grants being made. It was to be expected that each Mission would make its Clergyman's stipend, instead of the Mission Fund, its first care.

Although the Deanery has not contributed very largely to the Mission Fund in a direct manner, the Clergy of the Deanery have contributed indirectly to an extent out of all proportion to their means. The reduction of grants to this Deanery during the past year amounted to nearly \$1,500. This includes the "supplemental" grants, which were fairly regarded as a portion of the Clergyman's income, and without which it was impossible to bring Clerical stipends up to the standard set by Synod.

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