

in the receipts over last year, which is, however, to be attributed to the before-mentioned large anonymous contributions received during the summer. Still the amount is very far from adequate to enable the Society to extend its Missionary operations into the newly opening settlements. Earnest appeals for aid are constantly being made to the Diocesan Board of Missions; in some instances the Board has been enabled to extend a helping hand, in too many cases it has been found impossible to occupy new ground. The church in this Diocese is in the truest sense of the term "a missionary church." In the Eastern Townships, opportunity after opportunity offers itself for advancing the interests of the church. Our Missionaries there are doing their utmost, though labouring under the difficulties arising from inadequate stipends. It is to be hoped, therefore, that better provision will be made for those who go forth to do their Master's work. The Society is justified in calling upon the members of our fold throughout the Diocese at large to strengthen the hands of the Diocesan Board in this respect. There seems to be, however, a worse evil falling upon us than the mere want of money. Earnest heroic men will labour for next to nothing through good report and evil report for Christ Jesus sake, but we have now to deplore the absolute want of men for the Mission Field. Yes, the Church at large and the Church of this Diocese want men. It is perhaps a good sign, in one respect, as it shows that the Church is very rapidly taking up new ground and fulfilling the injunction of Her Divine Head of carrying the Gospel into all lands; but it should also stir up the members of the Church amongst us to dedicate to the Sacred Ministry the best gifted and wisest of their sons. The harvest truly is plenteous, let us humbly trust that the Lord of the harvest will give heed to the earnest supplications of His Church throughout the world on the Day of Intercession for an increase of the Ministry, and that "He will send forth more Labourers into His Harvest."

It is gratifying to notice that the call for direct assistance to Heathen Missions has been responded to during the year by several of our congregations, a pledge that the Diocese will do its part in support of the work in the new Indian See of Algoma. A column will be re-opened in the next report for subscriptions of this character, in order that all moneys may pass through the hands of the Treasurer.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

It is much to be regretted that there is a decrease in the voluntary contributions to this fund for the year, but