

Sunday Schools are not doing the work they can, and ought to do. In this, the centennial year of Sunday Schools, the subject must not be overlooked, and I have remitted the matter to a committee for action. We ought at least to institute enquiry into our own proficiency or neglect. Pending discussion, let me recommend that where schools cannot be organized, and teachers cannot be obtained, the pastors of the several congregations carefully instruct the children of their flock at stated times in public. Let them see that at least (using the language of the Prayer Book) "The Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health," are taught them while they are young, that their moral and religious education may be one in accordance with scripture, and the doctrine of our own Church. Those who can go beyond this (and I know that some have) and open classes for regular Bible instruction, should do so. I know there are difficulties in the country with which those in the city are unacquainted, and I believe mutual assistance and information would be gained by thoughtful conference, could opportunity be made for this purpose, as I hope it will before long. This is not the time to discuss "preaching," "parochial visiting," and such like duties, and yet I feel a general interchange of thought would, just now, be invaluable to both me and the clergy.

SELF-SUPPORT.

Although our matters financial are on a better footing than last year in some respects, they cannot be considered altogether satisfactory. Several of our missions are vacant because a suitable stipend cannot be raised, and many of our clergy are suffering, silently and cheerfully, but still suffering, from a galling and hopeless poverty. By degrees \$600 has come to be thought the maximum, instead of the minimum, sum per annum to be provided. In this it is high time that we devised more liberal things. An attempt has been made to classify missions. In one particular we remain, I am sorry to say, where we were last year, only two of the missions, so far as I know, have made any progress towards self-support, viz., Lacolle and Berthier. If blame there be, I cannot tell to whom it attaches, but I own to a feeling of disappointment. In his primary address to Synod in 1870, Bishop Oxenden states the number of the country missions to have been fifty-one, of which twenty-six received aid from the Mission Fund. Now, in 1880, the missions are forty-nine in number, thirty-eight receiving grants from the Mission Fund, and of these twenty-two belong to the original twenty-six; four, Sutton, Cowansville, Lacolle and Berthier having raised themselves to the dignity and privileges of Rectories. Besides,