

“revise the By-laws, particularly those
“which related to the Widows and Or-
“phans’ Fund.

“A mere glance at the pages of the ap-
“pendix containing the summary of contri-
“butions and collections made in behalf of
“the several objects of the Society ought to
“convince the most sceptical of this—if they
“have been accustomed to examine the cor-
“responding pages in former years.”

Your Committee would express an earnest
hope that the collection of this Association
for the present year may be taken up with
increased vigour. By the quotations they
have made above from the General Report,
it will be seen that the Church at large
throughout the Diocese is becoming more
and more aroused to the work—while the
contributions of this Association, although not
behind those of former years, still would not
show that our zeal has kept pace with that
of other, perhaps less favoured, districts.

May we be inclined during the present
year to strive for the mastery. If ever there
was a time for strenuous exertion that time
has arrived. The year that has just closed
has seen the bursting of that dark cloud
which has so long hung over the Church in
the secularization of the Clergy Reserves,
and shorn thus of her heritage, it more than
ever becomes Churchmen to rally round her
altars, and with numbled spirit offer of their
substance to the Glory of God, that the light
of Israel be not quenched in our land. In
this Parish much has been done, and al-
though, our local claims still exist, and that
in no small degree and form our first care
and duty, still, your Committee feel that we