

PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CLERGY OF THE  
DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

SEE HOUSE, MONTREAL,  
Aug. 15, 1868.

REVD. AND DEAR BRETHREN,

Since the amalgamation of the Diocesan Church Society with the Synod, now an incorporated body, all the financial business connected with the missions and salaries of the clergy, which used to be transacted by the Church Society, is transferred to the Synod. On the Synod devolves the duty of providing for the payment of all engagements undertaken by the Church Society, and also of extending the work in those places which require, but are not yet supplied, with the services of a clergyman. The funds which the Synod will have to administer are derived from three sources:

1. The grant from the S. P. G.
2. The income arising from the capital received for commutation of life-interest in the Clergy Reserves.
3. Annual subscriptions, collection in churches, &c.

Of these, the grant from the S. P. G. is, as you well know, in course of gradual withdrawal. I have just received notice that £180 sterling will be taken off from the grant next year; and it will be subject to further diminution every year until the whole is withdrawn. Out of what we do