

Now when you are asked to contribute to the General Fund, you should understand that you are helping : (1) the building of Churches , (2) the erection of Parsonages ; (3) the providing of special outfits for our younger Clergy, when they are entering upon their first Parish ; and (4) the maintenance of Protestant Day Schools in our poorest districts. These are all grand objects ; and, consequently, I trust that, when our Lady Collector calls upon you, you will be glad to contribute according to your means towards our General Fund.

And you may also be glad to give, secondly, something towards our Clergy Pension Fund, from which our Clergy, when they are no longer able to continue their work, if they have laboured twenty years or more in the Diocese, receive pensions of \$400 to \$600 per annum. There are six of our older Clergy who are receiving these pensions at the present time. And what a grand arrangement it is to give to those who have laboured long their pensions, and to call young and energetic men into their Parishes, rather than that these older men should go on labouring, when they are no longer able to perform their duty efficiently. The plan is certainly a good one and well deserving of our utmost support.

The same remark applies to the Clergy Widows and Orphans' Fund ; for nothing helps a Clergyman so much as the knowledge that those who are nearest and dearest to him are duly provided for. But, in case you should feel unable to contribute towards all our Church Society Funds, you might well omit the Widows and Orphans' Fund, because, owing to the loving sympathy of good friends, this Fund has already a very considerable invested Capital, sufficient, it is hoped, to meet all possible contingencies.

There is one other way, however, of assisting our Clergy, in which I would gladly enlist your sympathy and cooper-

ation, and that is, through our Education Fund. From this Fund grants are made to enable our Clergy to send their boys and girls to Lennoxville and Compton : and so convinced is Mr. Robert Hamilton, who is one of our greatest benefactors, of the value of this kind of assistance, that he most generously doubles all our grants, and the result is that our Clergy have to pay a very small sum indeed. And certainly our Clergy do greatly value the opportunity thus afforded them of giving to their children a good and suitable education, for a good education is the best possible start in life. We ought more of us, therefore, to try to do something for this Fund, remembering that, besides helping our Clergy, we are training good and successful citizens, and at the same time rearing, as we trust, good and earnest Christians.

And, now, lastly I have to bring before you the most important Fund of all, *i.e.* the Mission Fund of the Church Society—the Fund, with which we meet the assessments of our poorer Parishes and enable them to enjoy and benefit by the ministrations of religion. We have, as you know, a considerable number of these very poor Parishes, and last year we spent upon them \$600 more than all we received from every source. This year, therefore, with our grant from the S.P.G. rapidly diminishing and with the interest on our invested Capital suffering a very considerable shrinkage, we *must* make a very great effort to raise, by donations and subscriptions, a much larger sum than heretofore. For we can only lessen our expenditure by withdrawing Clergymen from some of our Parishes, and in no case can this be done without grievous injury to our common work. And, indeed, instead of contracting, there is great need that we should extend our efforts; and already, with the help of the Hon. E. J. Price and Mr. Robert Hamilton and other friends, I have undertaken in several directions new work, which it was quite impossible