

then newly-appointed Bishop of Brisbane will have arrived. The financial affairs of the Church in Newcastle have not yet been committed to a Synod. A Society has supplied its place, as a temporary arrangement. The history of that society, during the nine years of its existence, appears to have been marked by uninterrupted progress. At the close of the first year, its income was 551*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*; at the close of the ninth year it was 7,400*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.*, being an increase on the previous year of 550*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* This income appears to have been expended on six different objects. The largest amount, 5,187*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.*, is naturally that devoted to the Clergy Fund, which, however, includes 1,400*l.* subscribed by the Bishop and his friends towards the endowment of the bishopric. The next item in importance is the Building Fund, 1,709*l.* 5*s.*; and there are an Education Fund, a Book Fund, a Mission Fund, and a General Fund.

The most important works accomplished by the Church Society in Newcastle appear to have been the establishment of a Diocesan book depôt, and the endowment of the See. Great prominence was given to the former object, and our readers will like to learn from Newcastle how a prosperous Diocesan Depôt may be established. First, the Bishop advanced, in various sums, a capital of 1,600*l.*, with which a large and suitable stock was provided. This, however, had to be repaid, which was done in a very simple manner. "Year by year," says the Report, "the profits arising from the sale of books have enabled the managers to pay off 100*l.* of the principal, besides 100*l.* of the sum lent; and another 100*l.* has been granted by the committee in each year from the General Fund of the Society towards liquidating the debt." At length the debt has been completely cleared off. How the depôt does business may be inferred from the following brief summary of the accounts for the year.—Stock in depôt, 934*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*; stock in branch depôts, 86*l.* 2*s.*; debts, 245*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*; remitted to England for books, 318*l.*; credit account in bank, 19*l.*

Another good work completed is the endowment of the See. The original endowment was the same as that of Melbourne, viz., an annual payment of 333*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—the interest of a principal sum of 8,300*l.* invested in England. To this an additional sum of 12,000*l.* has now been added, by means of the Church Society; and whatever may happen, a suitable income has been secured *en permanence* to the Bishop of Newcastle.

We are not quite certain what support the Newcastle Clergy have from the State; but they must have some, for the rule of the Diocese is that each district shall raise the sum of 210*l.* in order to secure for their Clergymen an income of 300*l.* Of this amount 200*l.* is considered as contribution towards stipend, and 10*l.* towards the working expenses of the Church Society. The supplemental 100*l.* is provided, we presume, from the Government Grant. The aid from the State (*i. e.* New South Wales) is, however, diminished in amount—the "Additional Grant of 14,000*l.* for the support of the Clergy" having been withdrawn. The colony of Queensland has not, so far as we are informed, adopted any