

bers to the Newfoundland Church Society before; but I missed the January mail, and since then we have been blockaded with ice. While I cannot boast of any increase this year over last in the amount collected, I am glad to say we have not gone back; although I have lost several good Subscribers by removal to distant Missions and death.

"Besides which, I have collected £6 for the Clergy Widows and Orphans Fund, making in all £89 1s. 0d. for Church purposes, independent of my offertory Collections.

"Yet when I answer the question put by the Home Society, whether my people are doing all they can, I feel that many are a very long way from doing what they may, and some, as I have said upon a former occasion, do nothing at all. Numbers could I feel sure (with the catch of fish they have lately had) as easily give Twenty Shillings as they could have given Ten Shillings some little time ago. But still, I must not complain, for I frequently meet with much kindness from many of my people."

It had for a long time been felt that it was desirable to form in this Diocese a fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy; and last year the Church Society, on the recommendation of the Committee, devoted £500 towards this object. Rules for the government of the Fund, which had been previously discussed, were submitted to a general meeting and adopted. It is a source of great satisfaction to know that in many instances the Clergy have gladly and thankfully availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the Society of securing a small pension of £30 for their Widows and Children. Thirty-one Clergymen have enrolled themselves Members, and have paid their own annual premium; while the Congregations of their respective Missions have in nearly every case most liberally supported the Fund by their contributions. Happily, during the past year, there has been no claim, and the whole annual income has been added to the Capital, which, together with several generous donations, now amounts to upwards of £1,000. The Society will be thankful that they are thus permitted to lighten the burden and cares of the Clergy, by enabling them to