

The Secretary's Report of the Church Helpers' Association.

During the past year there has been a greatly increased interest awakened in mission work within the Diocese.

An Association for furthering the work has been organized by the Church Women of this city: whose primary object is to aid the Church in the poorer parts of the Diocese, and improve the condition of the Clergy therein.

Circulars containing the Constitution and By-Laws, were sent to thirty-four of the clergy, only eleven of whom responded to the proffered aid.

Boxes of clothing, books, etc., have been sent to the parishes for distribution, but always with the suggestion that the clergyman's family would first take what would be of service to themselves. Labrador, Gaspé, Dixville, Maple Grove, Melbourne and Bury have been assisted in this way and most grateful letters received in reply. A Communion Service was sent to the Church at Portneuf, and a stole for the Clergyman, also a stole for the Incumbent at Dixville.

A very pleasing task was the furnishing of a Mission House at Labrador for the Rev. Mr. Sutherland. Many members contributed liberally to this, and if their energies could be enlisted as heartily in all calls upon us, the Association would have no doubts for its future prosperity.

Shortly after organizing, it was resolved that the Association should undertake the work of collecting for the Church Society. A leaflet was issued explaining the work of the Church Society, hoping that if the facts were brought before the members of the Church, they would not fail to respond with true Christian liberality. A change of collecting by streets instead of parishes as formerly, entailed some confusion this year, but the results were exceedingly satisfactory, and it is to be hoped in future the work will be more easily carried on.