

I would once more emphasize a hope expressed some years ago, that some method could be adopted which would insure its gifts reaching their ultimate and proper destination *only through the clergyman*, and after confidential communication with him as to the needs and deserts of each case. In the great majority of cases these gifts are judiciously distributed and gratefully appreciated, but isolated instances occur in which they fall into the eager hands of those who are neither needy nor deserving. Possibly this occasional abuse cannot be wholly prevented, but it can easily be reduced to a minimum by a careful observance of the safeguard suggested above.

I deeply regret that I am not in a position to furnish (except in the case of Toronto) a statement of the total contributions received through each of the Diocesan branches of the W. A. during the year ending June 30th. My treasurer is unable to furnish this information, not having himself received it, for lack of sufficient accuracy in the description of the sources as well as objects of the funds forwarded to him. It will be understood, therefore, in the unavoidable absence of such separate designation, that all monies received from the W. A. during the past year are included in the amounts reported on page 60 as having been contributed by the several Dioceses.

DIOCESAN FUNDS.

The Mission Fund is the vexed and vexing problem of our missionary Diocese. It is, in a word, its General Maintenance Fund, providing for the payment of subsidies towards the stipends of the clergy and catechists—the erection of churches and parsonages, travelling expenses incurred by the Archdeacon and Rural Deans in their visitations, also by the clergy attending the Triennial Diocesan Council—special grants to sick missionaries, of whom there have been several—insurances, freight, duties, printing, stationery, and small salary to the Treasurer—all these are chargeable to the Mission Fund. On its sufficiency, therefore, depends, humanly speaking, the whole problem of the successful development of the Diocese.