

It will be seen from this that in fourteen years the grant from the S. P. G. in England has decreased \$5,354, while the subscriptions to the D. C. S. have only increased in the same period \$1,659. The deficiency has been partly made up by an increase in the assessment of the various parishes, partly by the revenue arising from some bequests which have fallen in, and partly, sad to say, by withdrawing grants from at least five missions, which have been closed, while other work, which would be entered upon if there were means, is left untouched.

At the present moment there are sixty-five clergy engaged in parochial and missionary work in the diocese. Of these nineteen receive no help from the society, one draws his stipend from the S. P. G. grant (his congregation support an assistant), forty-three receive a graduated grant from the society, while the remaining two are partly supported from another source.

OUR PRESENT NEEDS.

From the foregoing sketch it will be seen that all the money subscribed to the general fund of the D. C. S. is apportioned according to the needs of each parish by the Board of Home Missions, consisting of five clergymen and seven laymen (elected every year by the General Committee), with the bishop as chairman. The board cannot apportion more money than is at their disposal, and this year thus far the subscriptions, instead of increasing, as was necessary, have fallen off. A very earnest appeal is therefore made to the laity to enlarge their subscriptions, and to the clergy to hold meetings to explain the working and the needs of the society, and to take up collections in their churches. At the request of the Executive Committee, a deputation, consisting of the bishop-coadjutor and a layman, will be ready during the summer to visit any parish where arrangements for a meeting have been made.