

pleasure, I am more than ever confirmed in the same from my experience in the past year, when making the collection from the Cathedral Congregation singlehanded and alone. In the first place, the collection has never been made with sufficient system and management to include all the members of the Congregation. This Archdeacon Bridge always felt and lamented, but it is needless to add in speaking of him that it was no lack of anxiety or energy which prevented his doing more than lament the same, but that incessant pressure of toil, and burden of care and anxiety, for (may I not say?) the higher and more purely spiritual duties of his charge for which he was pre-eminent himself, and of his friends and flock pre-eminentely beloved and sorrowed after on his removal from the scene of his earthly labours to, we may hope and trust, his rest and his reward.

It will be seen that many new names have this year been added to the list, though many more I am well aware are yet wanting. Many of the new contributors are far from being new comers to the town, and far from having been previously unknown to the Archdeacon or myself. These men could doubtless have given before as they have readily given this year, had they but been called upon; and there are many more whom I at this moment have upon my mind from whom had I been able to call upon them contributions might have been obtained. I mention this not as making an excuse for such, as they all ought if not called upon and without waiting to be called upon to bring their payments as and when they are able, but in explanation of the cause why their monies have not been given. I am sure the Church Society will understand that living nine miles away from St. John's and with separate duties of my own, it has been impossible to do all I could have wished, and I am sure that due allowance will be made for my difficulties and deficiencies. This then is one cause why the St. John's collection is not and has not been what it might and ought to be. Others also exist, one of which perhaps I may be permitted to refer to, and this one which not only the Clergy in St. John's have ever been sensible of, but also many among the Laity. Of St. John's itself, I may also say, what I have already said in reference to my own people, viz., that while some do not give at all, more do not do what they might and ought. What ought to be given there I am far from being able to say. At present, difference of numbers being taken to account, St. John's contributes to the Church Society not quite four times as much as does my own poor Mission. You will observe, I say, to the Church Society, and this I say advisedly, as I am well aware that in past years large contributions have been made for the Orphan Asylum, for the New Organ in the Cathedral, for the benefit of the family of the late Archdeacon, and for the New Church to be built on the South Side. But these things instead of being reasons why the Church Society's collection has not been more in times past, as some perhaps are disposed to regard them, shew rather that it might and ought to be more in time to come. Doubtless the St. John's people have done well in these matters, and I hope I shall be the last to detract from their