

mainly for the increase in our Endowment Fund, as shewn by the fact that, during the last three years, but little has been contributed to it in Canada. I am well aware that this is not owing to indifference to our needs. It is due rather to the multiplicity of them, and the impossibility of obtaining from the Canadian Church of to-day, already heavily overburdened with the pressure of her own local claims, enough, not only for our current necessities, but for the permanent maintenance of the Episcopate of the Diocese through all the future. *A large percentage of our population is contributed by England*, and it is only reasonable to ask her to give us also, in part, at least, the means, for a time, of providing for their spiritual nurture.

ENGLISH SOCIETIES.

Algoma still continues to lie under a deep obligation to the English Societies, which have nursed so many Colonial Dioceses through their respective stages of weakness and dependence. But for their annual subsidies, our missionary work would be most seriously crippled. Distributed in small sums over 17 of our 24 Missions, they are invaluable in supplementing local contributions, so enabling us, with aid from the Mission Fund, to find stipends for as many missionaries. The withdrawal of even £50 by either Society would inevitably seal the doom of some one mission, and compel its abandonment. The "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel," over and above its past, and promised, aid to our Endowment Fund, grants £650, annually, for stipends, and £100 to the maintenance of the "Evangeline," to which it has also devoted its last Quarterly Leaflet. The "Colonial and Continental Church Society," out of its more limited income, contributes £285, and also kindly undertakes the transmission of boxes of clothing, books, etc., free of charge, as far as Montreal. The "Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge," over and above its grants for church building, which are always most promptly voted, on compliance with the proper and reasonable conditions attached to them, continues its periodic and liberal benefactions of Tracts, Service Books, Maps, Sunday School Libraries, etc., and also grants assistance to Theological students, in cases recommended by the bishop.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Very substantial progress has been made towards the solution of this important problem. Less than three years since, we were in possession of little more than conditional promises of £1,000 each, from the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel," the "Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge," and the Council of the "Colonial Bishops' Fund." The amounts required in the conditions attached to these promises have been raised, and the sum of \$25,000 has been securely invested at 4½ per cent. towards the support of the bishop of the diocese, the management of the fund being provided for by the execution of a trust

deed, which has been accepted by the donors of the grants above referred to, and according to which the Bishops of Toronto and Niagara, with the Treasurer of the Missionary Diocese, for the time being, are constituted Trustees. Whether the annual interest shall be allowed to swell the sum total, or become immediately available for the reduction of the several diocesan assessments towards the bishop's income, the Provincial Synod will, doubtless, determine.

The Synod will also be glad to learn that the 'S.P.G.' and 'S.P.C.K.' have responded favorably to my application for further aid to the same fund by each granting £500 more, to meet the balance of the second £5,000, to be obtained from other sources by December 31st, 1891. There is every reason to believe that the Council of the "Colonial Bishops' Fund" will grant the same additional aid. I trust that the generosity of these noble Societies will stimulate Canadian Churchmen to give this fund a place in the appropriation of their annual free-will offerings, and also to remember it in their last wills and testaments.

MISSION FUND.

This is, financially, the foundation stone of our missionary work. Whatever else be lacking, the stipends of our clergy must be forthcoming. Averaging, as they do, only about \$750 per annum, reasonable men will not consider such a sum extravagant, when told that out of it has to come, (1) the maintenance of a family, at more than ordinary expenses, owing to high retail prices, in out of the way places; (2) the rent, in many cases, of a house, at from \$60 to \$100 a year; (3) the keep of a horse, (from \$80 to \$100); (4) repair of summer and winter vehicles, and of harness; (5) the doctor's bill, and (6) the calls of charity, which knock, first of all, at the clergyman's door. Under such circumstances, it is imperative that the treasury be kept in a condition to meet the demands upon its resources. The priority of our claims on the Church in this Ecclesiastical Province is indisputable. They are founded in facts which, to every impartial mind, carry with them all the weight of a most righteous obligation. (1) The Provincial Synod called the Missionary Diocese of Algoma into being, and so bound itself, by all the laws of parental responsibility, to the duty of maintaining it during the period of its infancy. (2) This Synod gives Algoma its bishop, denying it alone, of all the dioceses, either vote or voice in the election of its head. (3) This Synod holds Algoma responsible to it in every department of its internal economy, and requires from its bishop a triennial report of its missionary work, as well as financial receipts and expenditures. These considerations applying, as they do, exclusively, to this alone of all our missionary dioceses, suffice to give it, not, indeed, an exclusive, but certainly a prior claim to the sympathy and substantial support of the eight independent, self-supporting dioceses of older Canada.