

Mr. Boulton's Charges.

Statement of Committee.

from the Church Society, as the administrator of that fund, a plain statement of what disposition has been made of it, I feel it due to the members of the Church, and especially to the clergy who made this provision, to lay before them an account of this fund, so far as I am able, from printed reports of the Society and from other reliable information, in the hope that a deeper interest will be created in its management, and that ere it is too late steps may be taken to prevent its being wholly wasted, and preserve what yet remains for the purposes contemplated by those who so generously created the fund.

2. In doing this, I feel that statements must be made that may reflect on individuals, and a publicity given to the proceedings of the Society that some may disapprove. Should such be the case, the responsibility must rest with those who have forced me to this course, after I have exhausted every method to procure what any other corporation would, as a matter of course, have unhesitatingly submitted to its members, viz., a plain statement of its receipts and expenditure, when called upon to do so; and I shall console myself with feeling that I have merely discharged a duty—a duty which it would be criminal for me to avoid.

3. The Church Society was incorporated in 1848, for promoting, amongst other objects, the encouragement and support of missionaries and clergymen of the Church of England within the Diocese of Toronto, and for creating a fund towards the augmentation of the stipends of poor clergymen, and towards making provision for those who may be incapacitated by age or infirmity, and for the widows and orphans of the clergy of the said Church in the said Diocese.

4. By its by-laws, the Corporation is to consist of the Bishop of Toronto, of the members appointed by the charter, and members of the corporation to be elected by ballot, who shall annually pay the sum of 25 shillings to the fund of the Society.

5. It is also at its meeting in the first Wednesday in June, in each year, to choose one or more treasurer or treasurers, two or more auditors, one secretary, and such other officers or officers as shall be thought convenient.

6. The accounts of the Society are to be closed on the 30th April, in each year, and the same are to be audited within one month from that date.

7. The Society possess large quantities of lands given by members of the Church for various purposes, and for which it acts as trustee. It also possesses considerable funds, such as the Students' Fund, Widows and Orphans' Fund, Widows and Orphans' Investment Fund, Mission Fund, &c.

2. No reply required.

3-7. These clauses merely state facts connected with the constitution of the Church Society, with which all are familiar.