

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1872.

In submitting the thirty-first Annual Report of the Society for the information of the members of the Church; it is perhaps sufficient to refer to the chief objects which have occupied the attention of the Society during the year.

From the following comparative statement of voluntary contributions for 1871 and 1872, it will be seen that, though there is a decrease in some of the Funds of the Society, yet the total receipts shew an increase. This is so far satisfactory, but it must be borne in mind that, as last year, the increase is mainly due to several munificent anonymous contributions for mission work. It is much to be regretted that there is a deficiency in the receipts of the General Fund, in comparison with last year, while the claims upon that Fund have considerably increased, in consequence of the Block-grant of the Venerable Society for Promoting Christian knowledge, for special purposes, having been exhausted.

Unless a deeper interest is taken in raising subscriptions for the General Fund, during the ensuing year, many very excellent objects, especially that of education in the poorer Missions, must remain in abeyance.

The attention of the Clergy in the Districts of Gaspé and Megantic is drawn to the absolute necessity of transmitting their annual contributions from their missions to the Treasurer, before the 31st of December.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1871.	1872.	Increase.	Decrease.
General Fund.....	\$1559.26	\$1279.75		\$270.51
Mission Fund.....	2718.09	3698.30	\$980.23	
W. and O. Fund	913.99	720.94		193.05
Pension Fund.....	395.41	539.04	143.63	
Labrador Mission F'd	13.33	23.13	9.80	
Total increase.....			\$670.10	

MISSION FUND.

In referring the Society to the Reports of the Diocesan Board and Clergy for an account of Mission work, it is very gratifying to learn that there has been an increase of \$980.23