

Society; their duty is simply to prepare matters for its consideration; and the practice of the Society is to refer all applications for grants of money to this committee, for it to report upon. The standing committee also examines all the accounts before they are submitted to the Society for payment.

*Parish.*—I am sure we could not trust what we have to give to better hands. If there is so much consideration used in expending it, we may be sure it will be laid out to the best advantage.

*Par.*—We have every reason to expect so; and the Society is most jealously careful that all its doings, and particularly all its money matters, should be open to the world.

*Parish.*—But, sir, some of the townships may be so badly off themselves, for means to build or finish their own churches, that I am afraid they won't like to send much money out of their own neighbourhood. The Church Society won't get much in such places.

*Par.*—By subscribing to the Church Society such parishes not only do good to others, but they benefit themselves. The people would not, as a general rule, give the money which they subscribe to the Church Society to any other charitable object; they would not think it worth while to give a quarter, or half, or even a whole dollar towards building or finishing a church, but they would often give such a small sum to the Society. Well, these small sums, when collected from many persons, come to something; and when it is gathered together and sent to the Treasurer, they have the power of calling back three-fourths of the sum, to be expended in their own parish: they may spend it upon their church, or their Sunday-school, or any such purpose they please, so long as it is included in the objects of the Church Society.

*Parish.*—He was a wise man that framed that plan, that's a sure case. When the folks understand that it is to do good to themselves as well as to others, they won't be backward in subscribing: I see plainly that this Church Society is a fine thing.

*Par.*—No doubt of it, Mr. Heyric: it is from the funds of our Parochial Association that our Sunday-school has been supported, prizes bought, our church insured, and our library increased. The three-fourths of whatever we raise is always at our command, if we require it; so that, in fact, it is only one-fourth that goes away from the parish, and is applied to the general purposes of this Society.

*Parish.*—The only thing, sir, that I am afraid of is, that if it does so much good to ourselves, it will not be of much use to others; one-fourth of the funds received is a small portion to support travelling Missionaries, and the widows and orphans of the clergy, and those of the clergy themselves who are worn-out in the service, besides the other objects you mentioned.

*Par.*—That is a very just remark; and if all looked upon it in the same light, it would render them more willing than they often are to fall in with the other means which the Society takes for increasing the funds for carrying out its general objects. If is one of the laws of the Society that in every church in the diocese there shall be four collections made every year, and over the proceeds of these collections the congregations which make them have no control; two of these collections go towards the support of travelling