

all probability be finally disposed of immediately after the next meeting of the Synod, and the action to be taken by that body on the subject.

It is proposed to include among the duties of this Board the object which the Central Board have much at heart, of taking measures for increasing the stipends of the clergy now doing duty in the Diocese. The Central Board regret to be obliged to report that their efforts in this direction have not been so successful during the past year as had been hoped. The Committee appointed to suggest the steps to be taken for raising three-fourths of the sum of £452 13s. 4d, mentioned in the last Report as required for the purpose of bringing the incomes of the clergy up to \$600 per annum, in order to enable the Society to avail itself of the conditional offer of the Lord Bishop to contribute the remaining fourth, reported that in their opinion \$800 per annum should be raised in Quebec, and the balance in other parts of the Diocese. A good beginning was made in this city, and the acting Secretary visited most of the Missions in the districts of Quebec and St. Francis, in the early part of the year, for the purpose of bringing the subject before the members of the Church generally. But neither in Quebec nor elsewhere has the necessary amount been received, and the Board, for the year 1861, has been obliged to renew the system of grants of \$40 to meet a like sum from the people, of which several clergymen have been enabled by their congregations to avail themselves.

In the department of Education the Board have continued their operations under more systematic management than heretofore. The Special Committee has been entrusted with an annual sum of \$300 for this department of the Society's work, and they have reported an expenditure of \$272.

The Depository Committee exhibits a return of Bibles sold, 87 ; ditto, given gratuitously 25 ; Testaments sold, 40, given