

There is no sense in these statements, and we call upon the clergy of the Deanery of St. John to be faithful to their ordination vows,—to awake to a sense of their responsibility in the present crisis of the Church in this province, and to try and disabuse the minds of those among their parishioners who now entertain such erroneous impressions about the management of the Church Society.

After all, (if they would only choose to act up to their privileges in this, and in all Church matters), it is the *laity* who have, and can, exercise the chief voice in the disposal of the funds of the Diocesan Church Society. Numerous deaths and removals from the diocese, added to the stringency of the times, will in a great measure account for the falling off in the total amount of the subscriptions as compared with the amount subscribed last year. Surely those who are still able to give should see if they cannot give a little—nay, a great deal—more, but there can be no excuse for those who wilfully withdraw their aid in this righteous cause.

Let us all, therefore, both clergy and laity, join hand-in-hand and do what we can for the Anglican Church in New Brunswick.

D. C. S MEETINGS.—On the Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of the 2nd and 3rd of July the business meetings of the Church Society were held in the Madras School-room, Fredericton. We take the following extracts respecting the anniversary meeting on Thursday, 4th of July, from the *Head Quarters*:—

His Lordship, in opening the meeting from the chair, referred to what had been done during the last year, and to the manner in which the funds raised by the Society had been expended.

Amidst all the changes that had taken place, the Society had progressed, and steadily prospered. But there was an immense deal of work to be done, and exertions must not be relaxed.

His lordship then made some observations with regard to the salary given the clergymen, and by the dry way in which he put the matter made his hearers smile, though some of the clergy who joined may have thought it no laughing matter. £150 a year, he thought, after all, was a very small sum to give a man for devoting his whole time and attentions to so arduous and exacting a profession. It was not enough to tempt any one to enter the ministry. It was certainly doing the work cheaply, at as reasonable a rate, at any rate, as could be expected. But he was of the opinion that an addition would not be ill bestowed. At the present time, at least fifty of their sixty clergymen were working for that pittance. £2,860 had been drawn in block quarterly sums of £750, last year, from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and this sum was raised at home, not from the nobility or wealthy of the land, but chiefly from the clergy and the poor working classes, the artisans and laborers. This fact should appeal strongly to them, and strengthen their endeavours to make the Church of England here independent of home aid. With regard to the Diocesan Society, his Lordship said the late Archdeacon Coster and his brother had started it. At first the subscriptions had amounted to £200, and when he came to this province they were only between £300 and £400. Now the subscriptions from all sources amounted to \$21,000. During last year \$20,50 had been expended for Missionary purposes. The salary of officer for auditing accounts, &c., was \$100, contingencies \$200.

The Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Ketchum, then read several parts of the Report. By it, it appears that the total amount received up to the present time is somewhat less than the amount of last year. The deficiency is small and will be made up when all the subscriptions are in. The largest increase came from St. Paul's (Valley) Church, St. John, and amounts to \$500. There has been, owing to the deaths of late prominent supporters and other causes, a falling off from Trinity Church, (St. John). A tribute of respect is paid to the memory of the late Canon Coster.

On the motion of the Hon. Attorney General the report was received, and on that of Mr. Seeley that it be adopted, printed and published.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Vilmot, seconded by Judge Allen, a resolution was adopted to the effect that the meeting desired to record their estimation of the labors of the late Canon Coster, and that the resolution should be communicated to Mrs. Coster.

Wm. Carman, Esq., then spoke to an amendment he intended to move at the next meeting of the Society, to the 10th section of the Constitution of the Society.

Mr. Frith, of St. John, gave notice of a motion he intended to move, to change the time of the annual meeting of the Society to the first Thursday in October, or to meet at any other time, as the meeting might determine. He made a most graceful and elegant speech, spoke of the harmony that had characterised the meeting, and of the success