

Bishop received a communication from the Society for Propagating the Gospel announcing their determination at the end of 1864 to cut off the sum of £75 from the aggregate stipends of eight of their missionaries, and at the end of 1865 to make a further reduction of £100 in the amount of their grants, (reserving the salaries of certain of the elder clergy, who are named,) and that this reduction would be continued at the rate of £100 per annum.

This letter from the Rev. Canon Hawkins was laid before the General Committee of the Church Society, and was printed in the Report of 1864. As would be supposed, the subject was gravely considered, and a committee appointed to confer with the Bishop, and make such arrangements with the Propagation Society as might be thought necessary. Negotiations have been going on since then, and his lordship thought that on his visit to England he might be able to secure more advantageous terms. That he has been partially successful, the following abstract of the resolutions of the Society for Propagating the Gospel will show:

1. No missionary is to draw separately on the Propagation Society after Dec. 31. 1865.

2. Grants to certain elder missionaries (six in number,) of £150 per annum, to be continued for life.

3. A block grant of £2,860 for three years, to be placed at the disposal of the Bishop and Church Society, they undertaking all the pecuniary responsibilities of the Propagation Society to missionaries within the diocese, including all future claims for pensions.

4. Present pensions will be continued and paid by the Propagation Society.

5. The salaries of the eight missionaries specified in Canon Hawkins's letter, (see the Diocesan Church Society's Report for 1864, page 33,) are to continue until July 1, 1865, without abatement. From July 1, 1865, to Jan. 1, 1866, an aggregate sum of £250 will be allowed towards the support of these eight clergymen: after that date their salaries will come into the block grant.

6. Grant of £120 per annum for Divinity Students renewed for three years, and at the disposal of the Bishop.

There are various matters of detail, connected with the above, which need not be here quoted, but which we intend to publish as soon as the Propa-

gation Society has issued its proceedings of Committee. In the meantime, these resolutions will serve to show to every Churchman the great necessity there is for increased exertions and enlarged contributions, if the ministrations of religion are to be maintained on their present footing. Whether the object to be striven for is to be a general endowment, or an enlarged sphere for the Diocesan Church Society, or parochial endowment, must be, and probably will be, determined by-and-bye. One thing is certain, that more *general* as well as increased contributions will have to be made among the members of the church in this diocese.

We say more *general* contributions, and we say this advisedly. Looking at the last Report there appear to be about two thousand five hundred subscribers to the Church Society. How far this is commensurate with the number of professed Church people in this province any one can judge? The truth is, and there is no use in trying to conceal the fact, there are hundreds of people who do not contribute to the funds of the Church Society at all. Now this is a state of things which all who wish for the maintenance and extension of the Church would desire to see remedied; and which must be remedied, if the Diocesan Church Society is to take the place of that benevolent association to which we have hitherto been so largely indebted for the support of religion among us.

We earnestly commend, then, the claims of the Church Society to *every* member of the Church in this diocese, not so much asking those who contribute to increase their subscriptions, as to induce all of their friends and neighbours who have not yet subscribed to begin doing so. It is by thus enrolling *all*, "high and low, rich and poor, one with another," that we may hope to see increased provision for the extension of our holy religion.

We trust before long to return to the consideration of this subject. In the meantime, we beg every one under whose eye these lines may fall to bring the claims of the Diocesan Church Society to the notice of all his friends, and to use his utmost endeavours in all proper ways to increase its funds, that the blessings of true religion may be extended to the most remote corners of the diocese.