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Our Prospects and our Duty.

It is one of our greatest wishes that all our readers should get to understand what our Church Society of Quebec really is to our Diocese. Unfortunately the leading idea in most minds is that the Diocesan Board of our Church Society is constantly receiving large sums from our Parishes in the shape of assessments. But how few there are, who really lay hold of the great fact that, while we received last year about \$13,000 in assessments, we paid upwards of \$28,000 for the same period in Clergymen's Stipends, &c., and that, in doing this, we paid away upwards of \$600 more than our whole income. Now here we have two facts, which really ought to attract us. The first is that \$15,000 were actually expended by the Diocesan Board over and above the \$13,000 which were received in assessments, and that therefore the ministrations of our Clergy in those of our Parishes, which are connected with our Diocesan Board, were supported to the extent of more than one-half of their cost by the Church Society apart from the Parish assessments. And the second fact is this, viz., that we were obliged last year to spend \$600 more than our whole income, and that thus we diminished, instead of increasing, our working balance,

and this, in spite of the fact that our Bishop, out of special funds at his disposal, bore the expense of the work done in several new fields of labor, which the Diocesan Board has for the present been unable to touch.

Surely, then, our Church Society ought to be regarded as *the* great Missionary agency, whereby we minister to our own people through the length and breadth of our Diocese; and surely every Church member should be glad to give—and to give liberally and systematically—to our Church Society's Mission Fund.

Now the day appointed for Collections to be made in all our Churches for this Fund is the Sunday next to Michaelmas; and this year, since S. Michael and all Angels' Day falls upon a Sunday (September 29th), the Clergy and Church-Wardens will no doubt arrange that this collection shall be made as far as possible on this day, and if there are any Churches in which there is no Service on that day, then we trust that the opportunity will be given on the following Sunday. We hope, too, that the Clergy will all try in their sermons to impress upon their people the importance of rendering really self-denying and liberal assistance. And we would further add that this is a matter which should not be left entirely to the Clergy, but