

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

The making some provision for the widows and orphans of the clergy who may die in the discharge of their pastoral duties in this Diocese, appears from the amount collected for the purpose in the different Districts, to be one of the most popular of the objects of the Society, and bids fair for years to come, to enable you to help the widow to maintain her fatherless children, and to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the God of their fathers. The sum invested for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund being at present £1750, beside which, there remains in the hands of the Treasurer, waiting for a favorable opportunity for investment, £131 7s 8d.

DEPOSITORY.

The sales at the Depository for the last six months have amounted to £23 2s 5½d. A selection of Bibles, Prayer Books, and other valuable publications has been obtained from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, imported and placed upon the shelves of the Depository for sale. It is hoped that additional accommodation may be provided for this portion of the Society's establishment, at a trifling increase of annual expense, and that, in consequence, a larger sum will be realised by sales in future years. Grants have been made to several schools, missions, and lending libraries, of Bibles, Prayer Books, and miscellaneous literature. Altogether, there have been circulated by this means during the last six months:—

Bibles, 127.

Testaments, 42.

Prayer Books, 162.

Other publications of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge 151.

Though one of the great objects for which the Church Society was incorporated, was "the encouragement of Education and the support of Day Schools and Sunday Schools, "yet, from the peculiar difficulties which surround the subject, your Board has hitherto found itself unable to engage in any organized system of education; still, however, the subject is being carefully weighed, information has been sought for from every clergyman in the diocese, and no exertion shall be spared by your Board in their endeavors to discover and to avail themselves of such a system as shall combine an ordinary secular education with daily religious instruction in the Holy Scriptures, the Liturgy, and the Catechism. It may reasonably be hoped, that the time is not distant when such assistance shall be obtained for secular education as can be made available consistently with the teaching of the Church, and that the same privileges will be, ere long, conceded to the Church of the Empire, as are now in this colony granted only to the members of the Church of Rome.

INCOME FOR SIX MONTHS.

On account of the Fund for general purposes, exclusive of remittances from District Associations	£322	9	10
On account of Widows and Orphans' Fund	223	7	11
On account of the Book and Tract Fund	48	0	0
Total	£593	17	9
Amount received from District Associations	91	11	7
Gross income	£685	9	4