

£200 in 1841 (its second year), to nearly £1,300 in 1855; more than one-third of that amount being collected in St. John's. This remark has reference only to the actual sum (£1,279 15s. 8d.) paid into the Treasurer's hands since the publication of the last Report, and does not include other sums, amounting to many hundred pounds, collected and retained in several Missions. The total of collections during the last twelve months will probably exceed £2,000. The Archdeacon constantly expressed his conviction that there ought to be, and would be, particularly in the capital, a further and considerable encrease. He hoped and believed that, when the necessity and obligation were better understood, and more assistance given in making the collections, three or four times the present amount would be realized.

It was not however merely as a means of collecting revenue for the support of the Church, however important and sacred such an object undoubtedly is, that he valued and upheld, laboured and suffered for, our Society. He regarded it also as a means, or instrument, of making the Clergy better acquainted with each other and each other's work: and of interesting the laity in the spiritual welfare and spiritual wants of the whole Diocese. It was chiefly perhaps with that view that he took upon himself, for a considerable time before his death, the onerous duties of Secretary, and in that capacity maintained an extensive correspondence on the affairs of the Society.

In grateful remembrance of these manifold labours and services, (believing that their sentiments would be fully appreciated, and responded to, by the whole Society,) the Committee on first assembling after his decease, before proceeding to other business, passed the following Resolution,—

"The Committee of the Church Society desire to place upon record, their deep sense of the loss the Church of England in this Colony has sustained by the death of the late Venerable Archdeacon BRIDGE. His indefatigable zeal in promoting the objects of our Society was beyond all praise."