

This committee consisted of eight members (three clergymen and five laymen), and was elected yearly. The assessment suggested by them is submitted to the vote of the General Committee, who have the power of altering it after discussion. In 1875 the name "Schedule Committee" was altered to "The Board of Home Missions," and five years later the number of elected members was increased to twelve, seven of whom were to be laymen.

The natural growth of work and the gradual withdrawal of the grants of the S. P. G. have so increased the pressure on the funds that of late no grant has been made from the general funds of the society for any object except the maintenance of the stipends of the clergy. All subscriptions which are not restricted to any particular object are paid into the general fund, which at present is not nearly so large as is required to keep up the necessary work of the diocese.

Thus the society has carried out the object for which it was formed; it embraces all the objects of the two great societies in England, and is practically the representative of them both in the diocese. By its means a depository of S. P. C. K. books has been started, and is flourishing, in St. John, and thus Bibles, Prayer Books, books and tracts are disseminated. By its means the grant of the S. P. G. is distributed, of which great society the D. C. S. is, as it were, the handmaid in the Province.

The following table will show the growth of the subscriptions to the society, and the gradual diminution of the grant from the S. P. G.:

A. D.	D. C. S. SUBSCRIPTIONS.	S. P. G. GRANT.	TOTAL.
1836	\$1,660 32		
1846	2,654 75		
1849	4,884 17		
1859	4,850 97		
1869	4,555 84	\$13,976 73	\$18,532 57
1879	6,694 15	10,122 80	16,816 95
1880	5,695 45	10,006 77	15,702 22
1881	7,159 83	9,488 89	16,648 72
1882	6,214 13	8,622 88	14,837 01