

public acknowledgment of the patience with which the body of our missionary clergy have borne their privations, and also of the help which kind-hearted individuals have rendered by increasing their gifts to the Mission Fund. I wish we could originate a method for the more prompt and regular payment of the stipends promised to our country clergy; and until something better can be devised, I would willingly see what is known as the "Quebec plan" in operation amongst us.

While on the subject of missions it is my duty to remind you that every day brings us nearer to the time when the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel will withdraw the assistance so long and so liberally accorded. The Diocesan Sustentation Fund to which chiefly we must look in the future for the means to extend our work, over the very large tracts of country which still remain to be possessed, does not receive that attention which in my judgment it deserves. Much has been said and written in the past about the necessity for local endowments, especially in those places now served by S. P. G. missionaries; and all that has been said and written on the subject I would be understood heartily to endorse. Still in most of these particular missions a very long time must elapse before a sufficient capital sum can be raised to render them independent. When they lose the services of the present incumbents either the churches must be closed, or a grant be made from the Mission Fund. It is most advisable, therefore, that these, at least, should make an annual collection on behalf of the Sustentation Fund upon which they will, so soon, have to lean for support.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

You will naturally question the wisdom of additional appeals and collections while we have already so many. But it occurs to me that our sermon appointments might possibly be improved by revision. All our work on behalf of missions outside the limits of our own Diocese, might be brought forward during the week specially appointed for intercessory prayer and alms-giving, and this under the direction of a board of "Foreign Missions," to be appointed by the Synod. Some such organization would, I believe, bring new workers into the field, extend our usefulness and stimulate liberal action, and at the same time leave us space and opportunity to make just and honorable provision for our own needs, and those of our people.

DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

As an institution which has given me great satisfaction and afforded me active assistance in the mission field, I am bound to make grateful mention of the Diocesan Theological College. It is now incorporated