

supplied by the Rev. L. C. Wurtele, who, being engaged in tuition at Lennoxville, is enabled to devote his Sundays to missionary work. For a few weeks he was on the footing of a Travelling Missionary in the St. Francis district; but since his establishment at Lennoxville, he has served, on three Sundays in the month, the settlements of Ely, Brompton, Durham Station, Windsor, and Hardwood Hill, to the north of Sherbrooke. For these places the Board are thankful to be able to state that there is a prospect of the speedy appointment of a Missionary who shall give his whole time to the work. Previously to the appointment of Mr. Richmond to Hereford, &c., Mr. Wurtele had visited those places also, under an arrangement with the Board, by which he gave all his Sundays to the work.

The Board have also continued during the year the arrangements mentioned in the last Report for providing a monthly service at Georgeville and the Outlet, besides contributing towards the maintenance of the three Missions, supported principally by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, of Frampton, Stoneham, and Inverness. From all these places returns have been received, of which some extracts will be published with this Report.

The Missionary department of the Society embraces, together with direct provision for Missionary labour, "the creation of a fund towards augmenting the stipends of Clergymen;" and this, which has unhappily become one of the most crying wants of the Diocese, has received the earnest consideration of the Board. In July last, the sum of \$500, remaining unexpended from the amount of a vote for Missionary purposes, was appropriated to meet a donation of a similar sum from the Bishop of the Diocese, towards increasing, for the current year, the stipends of fourteen Clergymen which fell below £100 sterling independently of local contributions. Six Clergymen received \$100, and eight Clergymen \$50 each. The Board renewed also for the year, the scheme agreed upon in 1859, under which it was hoped that the congregations of the different Missions might enable their pastors to receive the Society's special grant of £10 in aid of stipend; and though this plan has not been generally so successful as it was trusted would be the case, yet the number of Clergymen who have benefited by it is greater than in last year. It is but fair to state that this scheme submitted to the judgment of the Clergy and Churchwardens of the Diocese, and that not a single objection was offered to it, before the time fixed for its taking effect, while, on the other hand, expressions of approval were received even from localities where it was afterwards found impossible to comply with its terms.

The attention of the Board has also been directed to the desirableness of making a special effort to raise the stipends of all the Clergy to a minimum of \$600 per annum; and a return having been furnished, at their request, by the Lord Bishop, showing that there are twenty-one Missionaries in the Diocese whose incomes fall below that amount, and that a sum of about \$1800 per annum would be required to bring them up to it, the Board appointed a Committee to consider and report (which they are to do to-morrow) upon the best means to be adopted for carrying out this object. Its attainment is rendered more easy from his Lordship's having himself offered to contribute one-fourth of the required sum, on condition that the other three-fourths are raised by the Society. It is probable that, in exact accordance with the terms of the constitution, a special fund will be immediately open for this purpose.

The absolute necessity of improving the condition

of the Clergy actually labouring within the Diocese has been long felt to be an obstacle in the way of fresh undertakings, either for the extension of the Missionary operations of the Society, or for perpetuating the blessings of religion by means of endowments. This last-mentioned object, which is specially provided for in the fifth article of the Constitution, but which it may be more convenient to notice in this place, was brought prominently before the Society at its last anniversary. The subject received the earnest consideration of the Board, and after it had been fully discussed, it was resolved that a deputation should be appointed to visit the different Missions in the Diocese with the view of bringing it specially before the people; but "that instructions should be given to the deputation to give their first and prominent exertions to augment the salaries of the local Clergy to £160 per annum, and, secondly, to endeavour to create endowments wherever practicable." No deputation has as yet been appointed, but a proposal for engaging the services of a Clergyman who shall give his whole time to the work of the Society, and systematically visit all the Missions, is at present under the consideration of the Board. With reference to this subject, the Board also adopted a resolution, that it was desirable to send a deputation to England, for the purpose of bringing the peculiar claims of this Diocese before the members of the Church at large. In the meanwhile, although no progress has been made towards the formation of a general Endowment Fund for the Diocese, it is satisfactory to know that special efforts have been successfully made within the year, on a considerable scale, for procuring endowments for the Cathedral Church, and three of the Chapels within the parish of Quebec, independently of the fund for that object, noticed in former reports, with the management of which the Society is entrusted.

The Board have also been engaged with the consideration of a plan for making provision for the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy, by means of a general scheme of Life Insurance. But nothing has yet been matured on this point, sufficient time not having been given for procuring all the information on which the necessary calculations must be based. The existing Fund, however, continues in a flourishing condition, and it is a matter of thankfulness that there has been no increase in the demands upon it. It has received some additions during the year from the proceeds of sermons, which, however, have created, as the Board regret to observe, a diminution in the Mission Fund, one object having in most instances been substituted for the other; whereas, by the resolution of the Board of last year, the Lord Bishop was requested to recommend the Clergy to preach an annual sermon for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in addition to that already established for the Mission Fund. It will be difficult for the Society to meet its engagements in this last-mentioned department without the aid of annual collections throughout the Diocese.

II. The second object of the Society's incorporation is, "the encouragement of education, and the support of day schools and Sunday schools in the Diocese, in conformity with the principles of the Church," towards the accomplishment of which the Board have granted aid to schools at Portneuf, Bourg-Louis, Bury, Stanton, Valcartier, and Lake Beauport, and in order to secure, as far as possible, a judicious expenditure of their grants, a form of return has been prepared, which must be filled up by all applicants for aid, showing the state and progress of each school. A Special Committee on Education has also been appointed, whose duty it is to examine such returns, and provision has been made for the inspection of

all schools receiving aid from the Society. The Board have continued the grant of £50 per annum towards the education of the sons of Clergymen at the grammar school at Lennoxville, the number on the list being now full. By means of this grant, the third object of the Constitution, viz., assistance, where it may be necessary, to those who may be preparing for the ministry of the Gospel, has, also, in one instance, been provided for—one of the recipients being of a sufficient age to be regarded as a candidate for Holy Orders.

IV. The Depository Committee exhibits a return of Bibles sold, 53; ditto, given gratuitously, 12; Testaments, sold, 48; given, 12; Prayer Books, 192; given gratuitously, or for sale at reduced prices, 105. Other Books sold, 140; Tracts, value \$9.80; Books and Tracts given away to the value of \$31.

Total amount of sales, \$268.18.

The usefulness of this department might be much increased if it were in the power of the Board to make a larger appropriation for its objects—its only resources to meet free grants, and sales at reduced prices, being the annual vote of \$100, and the proceeds of an annual sermon in the Cathedral. A varied selection of very interesting works has been imported during the year.

V. The Board have made grants to the following Churches and Parsonages;—

CHURCHES:	East Frampton.....	\$60
	Lambie's Mills.....	20
	New Liverpool.....	60
	Stanton.....	100
	Gould.....	70
PARSONAGES:	Compton.....	60
	Point Levi.....	100
	Inverness—a grant of £25, made in 1856, renewed.....	100

The Board are called upon to report a change in the office of Treasurer, the resignation of which, by Henry S. Scott, Esq., in January last, was a subject of strong and universal regret. At the last annual meeting for the transaction of business the Society placed on record the expression of its sense of Mr. Scott's unwearied exertions in its cause, and requested him to accept office as a Vice-President. The Board were fortunate enough to secure the services, as successor to Mr. Scott, of H. N. Jones, Esq., who has already earned the gratitude of the Society by the kindness and efficiency with which he has discharged the duties of his office. The Secretary of the Society, having been disabled by a serious illness, applied to the Board for leave of absence till July next, which was readily granted, provision having been made by him for the performance of his duties. Dr. Percy, being one of the Clergy who have claims on the Clergy Trust Fund, proposed to the Board an arrangement by which that fund might be relieved from all further charge on his account, and he himself enabled to take up his permanent residence in a more favorable climate. The Board, however, felt that it was not competent for them to entertain this proposal, which was accordingly brought before a special meeting of the Society, and finally agreed to in October last, to take effect on Dr. Percy's resigning his appointments in the Diocese.

Before proceeding to state the amount of the Society's income during the past year, the Board would again advert to the fact that a large amount is annually raised for Church purposes within the Diocese, independently of direct contributions to the Society. Two undertakings in particular (besides the appeals for endowment already mentioned) have been prominently brought forward during the past year, which demanded and received support on an unusually