

done, by the fact that forty-four missionaries are now aided through these voluntary annual contributions; and that consequently just so many parishes are supplied with the ministrations of the Church, which, without that aid, could not be afforded to them.

This is an appeal to the liberality of churchmen, which, we cannot but feel, will be generously met. They will not, if they can help it, allow so good a cause to languish—so noble an undertaking to fail of support. We trust then, that, in order to maintain our present missionary staff, and, as all desire, to increase the number of our labourers, not only will the usual contributions without abatement be given, but that in many quarters they will be largely increased.

The other appeal to which I have referred, is made through the "Finance Committee" appointed by the Synod. They have been called upon to devise the ways and means by which all the ordinary and incidental expenses of the Synod may be met,—namely, for salaries, printing, office expenses, &c. They have carefully computed the amount that will be required for this purpose; and in order to obtain it, have laid upon each parish in the Diocese a proportionate and fair assessment.

As the amount thus demanded from the parishes seems large as compared with the requirements of former years, it has been wisely suggested that when the collections for Missionary objects are being made throughout the Diocese, each subscriber to this fund should add a small contribution in order to make up the amount of parochial assessment. If one-fourth, or even one-fifth, more than has ordinarily been contributed should thus be given, we may fairly conclude that the whole amount of assessment for current expenses would be met.

In former years it was the rule to deduct one-fourth from the amount raised for Missionary objects, in order to sustain the machinery of the Church Society. It would be unfortunate if we should be obliged to adhere to this rule, especially when so large a deduction may be avoided by an addition comparatively trifling to the subscriptions annually given by the several members of the Church in the Diocese. Taking the subscriptions in late years as our basis, we may safely conclude that, through the saving to the Mission Fund thus effected, we should be able to make grants, to the extent of \$200 per annum to ten additional Missionaries.

I trust, brethren, that we shall not appeal to you in vain for such little addition to your annual donations in this behalf as will, in the several parishes, meet the amount of assessment which the Finance Committee have felt it their duty to impose. Great interests will be promoted by it,—interests the most near, we believe, to the hearts of Churchmen. We have to look back with gratitude upon bounties of Providence to our land almost unprecedented; and if we are to look forward with hope to the continuance of such blessings from the Almighty, we must bear in mind, and faithfully act upon this injunction,—“Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thy increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”

I remain, my dear brethren,

Your faithful and affectionate servant in Christ,

A. N. TORONTO.

Toronto, December 27, 1869.

### SYNOD NOTICE.

*January Collection.—Mission Fund.*

The Clergy are respectfully reminded of the collection to be made during this month in aid of the *Mission Fund*. They will please remit the proceeds to the undersigned *before the close of the month*.

WM. P. ATKINSON, Secretary-Treasurer.

Synod Office, Toronto, January 1st, 1870.