

VII. All applications from any Parish or Mission to the Endowment Sub-Committee for aid, shall be signed by the Rector and Church Wardens of such Parish, or by the resident Missionary, accompanied by a Resolution of the Local Committee of the Diocesan Church Society in its favor, in such Mission; and shall state the nature, situation, value, and annual profits of the investment desired to be made, the names of those in whose behalf it is to be made, the office where it should be duly registered, the sums that are contributed for its purchase, and all other particulars which may enable the Endowment Sub-Committee to form a correct judgment. All such applications to be made to the Secretary of the Diocesan Church Society, who is ex-officio Secretary of the Endowment Sub-Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE UPON PROVISION FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF THE CLERGY.

THE Sub-Committee upon Provision for the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy, have great pleasure in stating that the past year has not produced any demand upon the fund under their charge, and they trust that, if in the mercy of God, another year should pass over without any death among those insured, they will be able to make a small increase in the amount of the pension promised.

The total receipts for the fund up to the end of 1856 were £1344 15s 7d., including interest. The income of the Society during the past year, arising from the interest of the money collected, the premiums of the Clergy, and the collections at the Annual Sermons in each Parish, amounted to £235 5s. 8d. We may safely count upon an equal amount in each year.

The Committee regret that they have not been able to find a satisfactory investment for the money, and that it is as yet yielding but four per cent.

Certificates are now held by thirty-seven clergymen, whose united premiums amount to £117 10s. 8d.

As the calculations upon which the scheme was based were made with the understanding that there should be annual collections in each parish for the benefit of the fund, the Bishop of the Diocese has requested the Clergy to make such annual collections. This request has been in almost every instance complied with.

Your Committee would remark that a wish has frequently been expressed by the Clergy that the pension should be continued to the Orphans somewhat longer than is provided for by the 14th and 15th Rules.

As the Rules of the fund have been printed in the last two Reports, it is thought they may be omitted from the next.

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