

The report also touched upon the resignation of the Rev. Canon Richardson as Secretary of the Church Society and the election of Rev. A. J. Balfour, M.A., as his successor. Amongst those whose deaths are noticed in the report are Viscount Monk, a former Governor-General of Canada and life member of the Church Society, Rev. Dr. Ker, W. G. Wente, Esq., and Mrs. Williams.

THE DIOCESAN BOARD.

The report of this Board shows \$26,405.74 paid out in stipends to Missionary Clergy, \$643 for pensions, \$933 for special missionary work, showing a balance of only \$650, which the report states, ought to be at least \$2,000 in order punctually to meet quarterly drafts of the Clergy before the assessments are received in full. The following is the concluding portion of this interesting report:—

“Besides the reports of the clergy, which contain full and most interesting details of the work which is being carried on in the various Missions of the Diocese, and to which members of the Church are referred, for instances of persevering and successful labour in the midst of many difficulties, your Board would draw pointed attention to a Paper read by the Venerable Archdeacon of Quebec at Sherbrooke in December last, on the expansion of the Church in the S. Francis district, published in the last number of the *Diocesan Gazette*. The account there given of steady, continuous advancement during the last twenty-seven years is most interesting, and shows how greatly blessed the missionary work of that district has been during that period of time.

But while we have reason to thank God for the many proofs of advancement the Diocese presents, we ought not to remain unmindful of one very great need—the need of improvement in the stipends of clergy. It is a matter of painful regret that the want of means should so generally compel the clergy to devote time and energy to the performance of necessary manual labour, which would otherwise be given up to study and other duties of a more spiritual character. When we look around and observe men past the meridian of life still under the necessity of grooming their horses, lighting their fires and preparing their fuel, returning to their homes cold and tired after a winter's

journey in their parishes, and obliged first of all to care for the faithful animal which has carried them through the deep snows, besides attending to other incidental chores, it is obvious that whatever is possible to ameliorate this state of things ought to be attempted. The Church Society, at its last annual meeting, gave expression to its sense of this need by adopting a resolution instructing your Board to take the matter into consideration. The want of means, as the financial statement just read shews, has thus far rendered any practical steps impossible. So soon, however, as the resources of the Diocesan Board are sufficiently increased to permit of it without hindering its necessary work, your Board will count it an obligation of the first importance to improve the scale of stipends. The attainment of this object, it is obvious, rests with the members of the Church everywhere throughout the Diocese, since the necessary increase of funds can only be secured by large contributions to the Mission Fund of the Church Society and additions to the assessments.”

Since the last report, by the formation of Montmorency, Stoneham and Lake Beauport into a separate Mission, the number on the list has been increased to thirty-four, exclusive of the four self-supporting parishes,

The congregations of Sandhill and Johnville together with Milby, which last is a part of the parish of Lennoxville and therefore unconnected with the Board, are served by the Clergy of Bishop's College. They all, however, contribute an annual assessment towards the necessary expenses.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members of the Corporation of the Society were elected:

Life Members—Messrs. H. Atkinson, J. S. Fry and E. E. Webb, Rev. E. A. Dunn, Mrs. Torre and Mrs. Hunter Dunn.

Ordinary Members—Rev. Professor Wilkinson, Rev. R. A. Parrock, Rev. G. T. Harding, Rev. T. Rudd, Rev. I. N. Kerr, Mr. Wm. Tofield, Mr. J. S. Dunbar, Mr. J. Brooke, Mr. Russell Hale, Mr. Wm. Elliott, Mr. A. E. Hooks, Mrs. E. T. D. Chambers, Mrs. P. P. Hall, Miss Munro, Miss Forsyth, Miss Annie Tozer, Mrs. Von Iffland, Mrs. P. A. Shaw, Mrs. E. Pope, Mrs. Laurie, Mrs. Teakle, Mrs.