

From the foregoing statement it will be seen that the hope entertained last year, as to an increase in the receipts of the General Fund, has not been realized. In explanation of the apparent falling off in the receipts of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, it may be mentioned that last year this fund benefited by special donations to the amount of \$330; and that this year it has doubtless been affected by the interest which has been generally manifested in the new Pension Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen. To the same cause may probably be referred the diminution in the revenue of the Mission Fund. At the same time your Board feel bound to express their strong regret that the proceeds of Sermons in behalf of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund should this year have fallen short of last year by \$240.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

PENSION FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN.

Sunday, the 7th day of July last, being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formation of the Church Society, and also the anniversary of the foundation of the See of Quebec by the consecration of the first Bishop Mountain, it was thought desirable that advantage should be taken of so marked a period in the history of the Diocese, by endeavouring to increase the interest of Churchmen in the Society's operations, as well as to shew our thankfulness for the success which has hitherto attended its labours. Accordingly, in compliance with the wishes of the Central Board, the Bishop was pleased to instruct his Clergy to bring before their flocks, on that day, the claims of the Society and the work of the Church at large. It was also determined to hold public meetings throughout the Diocese; and, at the desire of your Board, there was drawn up in a very satisfactory manner, by the Rev. A. W. Mountain, for general circulation, a brief statement of the Society's objects and position. In