

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE SIXTEENTH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal, beg to submit to the Synod at its annual meeting in 1875, the following report of its operations during the preceding year 1874-75.

MEETINGS.

There were four regular quarterly meetings held; namely, on Aug. 12; Nov. 11; Feb. 3; and May 12; also one special meeting, Nov. 26; and one adjourned, June 3.

TREASURER'S STATEMENTS.

At each regular meeting a statement was presented to the Committee, showing the condition of the several funds to be satisfactory, with the exception of the Mission Fund. By the following memorandum from these statements, it may be seen that this most important fund is not in the position, in which the friends of missions would wish to see it.

At the August meeting there was reported a deficit of \$1128.43

Nov.	"	"	1484.18
Feb.	"	"	3178.86
May.	"	"	1026.78

Before the November report was made, the sum of \$2750 had just been transferred to the Mission Fund from the Clergy Trust and Sustentation Funds; and the May report included \$1700, transferred from the same funds.

Your Committee felt that such a state of things was most unsatisfactory, and a special committee, composed of the Committee on Missions and the following clergymen, Rev. D. Lindsay, J. Fulton, G. C. Robinson, W. C. Merrick, and R. Lindsay, were instructed to "revise the list of missions receiving grants from the fund, or to adopt such other means as they might deem wise, to produce a larger extent of self-support among the missions." And further, the Bishop was requested to write to the clergy, that the subscriptions should be taken up as soon as possible for the Mission Fund, the pressing wants of the fund being very strongly urged upon them.

The special Committee reported that the following missions or parishes fell short, last year, of the amounts proposed to be raised by them for the Mission Fund, viz., Christievill, Clarenceville, Dunham, Franklin, Hemmingford, Hull, Iron Hill, Kildare, Nelsonville, Ormstown, Philipsburgh, St. Andrews, Ste. Victoire, Thorne, and Vaudreuil. They considered that Hemmingford, Huntingdon, Ormstown, Philipsburgh and West Farnham, having received aid for so many years, ought to become self-supporting; and that the amounts contributed to the fund by

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St. Jam.
St. Joh.
St. Jud.
St. Luk.
St. Mar.
St. Steph.
St. Thon.
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Lachine,
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Longueuil.
Mascouche.
New Glass.
Rawdon...
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Ste. Victoi.
St. Vincent.