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was founded on a misconception of the wishes of the Board. the Memorial has again been referred to the consideration of the Venerable Society. Your Board cannot leave this subject without again placing on record the expression of their deep regret at the steps which the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel have thought it their duty to take for the gradual withdrawal of the aid hitherto afforded by them to this Diocese. They have no wish to repeat the unanswerable arguments, which have been from time to time addressed to that Venerable Body, but they feel confident that very many of the supporters of that Society would be found unwilling to give their assent to this measure, were they made familiar with the annual influx of poor emigrants from the Mother Country to this Province, who are wholly unable to provide for themselves the Ministrations of the Church. Your Board are further of opinion that if proper representation were publicly made in England as to the extreme poverty of the Church of England population here, as well as the peculiar position of our Church with regard to the richly endowed Church of Rome, large sums would flow into the Diocese from the sympathy of our Protestant brethren at home; and that other kindred institutions would be found ready to help us in this our day of need and emergency.

The former system of annual Gratuities having been found to work injuriously to the interests of the Society, the following alteration of the system, after considerable discussion, was adopted.—That every Clergyman, whose fixed income derived from salary from any Society, Endowments, and Pew-Rents, does not exceed \$500 per annum, shall be entitled on the 1st of January, in each year, to receive a gratuity equal to one half of the amount paid in by him to the hands of the Treasurer at Quebec during the preceding year, as proceeds of Collections, Subscriptions or Donations—where the salary does not exceed \$400, the gratuity shall equal three-fourths of the amount so paid in,—and where it is under \$300, it shall be lawful for the Central Board, to make the gratuity equal to the whole amount paid in, exclusive of collections or do-