

sum, required to sustain their own Pastor, it must surely be felt that they who themselves receive such benefits, are bound by every principle of gratitude as well as duty, to aid their brethren who are less highly favoured.

Such considerations have induced your Committee to recommend that, with certain exceptions to be hereinafter provided for, the Parochial Committees be called upon to pay into the Treasury of the Parent Society, the *one-half*, instead of the *one-fourth* of their annual subscriptions.

To the subject of the Widows and Orphans' Fund your Committee have given their gravest consideration.

While participating in the apprehension that unless very energetically supported, it will ere long be unable to meet the demands likely to be made upon its resources, your Committee are not prepared to advise any material change in the general principles of its management and appropriation.

It appears to your Committee, that the prosperity of this Fund is—like all the other objects of this Society.—dependent to a great degree upon the general extension and support accorded to the Society itself; and it is this consideration that has induced them to recommend that no application for relief from the Fund in question be entertained, unless the Clergyman deceased shall have complied, not only with the requirements of the Society touching this particular object, but with all such rules and bye-laws as are already in force or shall be from time to time enacted by this Corporation.

The ability of the Society to redeem its pledge, of paying to this Fund, for every parochial Clergyman in the Diocese the sum of £1 5s. annually from its general resources, must of course depend upon those general resources being well sustained. In addition, therefore, to their previous recommendation of *one-half* of all annual subscriptions being paid to the Parent Society, instead of the present proportion of *one-fourth*, your Committee would further suggest the necessity of requiring that the amount of the Clergyman's subscription be paid to the Treasurer of the Parent Society, to be by him transferred to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, instead of into the hands of the parochial Committee, which is at present the custom wherever such Parochial Committee exists.

For the Society to continue annually to transfer to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, from its general resources, the sum of £1 5s. for every Clergyman in the Diocese, while the majority of such Clergymen contribute to those resources only one-fourth of that sum, 6s. 3d., must eventually injure its prosperity, and cause the very extension of the Society to tend to its disruption.

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