

is made unmistakeably plain by the statement that its treasurers, after special appeals made to the Church of England, have been obliged to propose to borrow £12,000 to meet the grants to which it is pledged for the current year. The deficiency which will be created by the approaching reduction in the grant to this diocese can be provided for only by increased exertions among ourselves. With scarcely three or four exceptions out of Quebec, all local efforts, however severely strained, for the maintenance of the Church are undeniably insufficient. The only remaining resource is the Church Society.

The Central Board ventures to remind the members of the Society that "grants to be made from time to time" from the general fund constitute one of the sources on which, according to the By-laws of the Society, the Diocesan Board is to depend for its income, and which it is to take into account in calculating its expenditure; and it is plain that unless a character of something like permanence is given to its income, it cannot sustain the missions which are already on its list, much less can it indulge any reasonable hope of entering into the fields which "are white already to harvest." The Central Board is thankful to observe that the claim of such destitute places is not altogether overlooked by Churchmen, and to record a donation of \$500 for the special purpose of opening new missions, from one who is already a subscriber of upwards of \$400 per annum to the Society, and the donor of \$200 to each of the endowment funds placed, or to be placed, under its charge. The congregation of St. Matthew's Chapel, Quebec, have also been permitted, by a vote of the Board, to appropriate their annual subscriptions to this object.

The Board, in October last, placed the sum of \$100 at the disposal of the Lord Bishop for one year, on the application of the Reverend E. C. Parkin, for the purpose of affording the ministrations of the Church to a new settlement of Germans and Norwegians in the township of Ditton.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Widows' and Orphans' Fund has been increased during the year by \$1567.15, and now amounts to \$22512.29. The existing claims upon it amount to \$200 per annum.

The Board regrets to observe that several of the Clergy who are subscribers to this fund have not been sufficiently careful to comply with the requirements of the By-Law