

and do all they can to aid our present Immigration Chaplain, the Rev. J. F. Renaud, Rural Dean, that he may profit by the experience of his predecessor, and that the least possible loss may be felt in the work, a result which would certainly be agreeable to the pious and unselfish mind of our deceased brother.

We have been advised by the Trustees appointed under the will of the late E. E. Shelton, Esq., that no income from the "Shelton Fund" must be looked for during the coming year. I must urge therefore upon clergy and laity the necessity for increased contributions to the "Mission Fund," that we may not lose ground in the meantime, nor incur a load of debt, which for years may hamper us to pay. The Rev. Rural Dean Naylor enquires, in his Deanery report of last year, whether the Executive Committee will eventually make up the arrears of stipend due to the clergy in certain missions. The promise on the part of the people seems to be beyond performance, especially in the missions of Aylwin and Portage du Fort. They are in arrears \$298 and \$150 respectively, and these are of course constantly increasing amounts.

The balance in favor of the Mission Fund, which in 1883 amounted to \$4000, has steadily diminished until it is now only about \$400. There are many vacancies in the Diocese which ought to be filled, but I hesitate to appoint in such a state of the funds, and trust that a generous effort will be made in every church in the Diocese to increase the amount at the disposal of the Executive Committee for missionary purposes.

Nothing satisfactory has yet been arrived at in the matter of appointment to vacant rectories. It is most desirable that some word or sentence be introduced into the Canon on "Patronage of Rectories," whereby it shall be plain to all interested, that at least two of the names returned to the Bishop for selection shall be the names of clergymen quite agreeable to the vestry, and otherwise eligible, so that in choosing either of these names the Bishop may be sure, while in the exercise of his privilege of choice, that he is in sympathy with the vestry.

I desire to ask those who advocate, and those who contribute to the support of missions in the Northwest, when they appropriate their contributions, to bear in affectionate recollection the missions in the neighborhood of Moose Factory. These missions approach very nearly to our own Diocese, not only by contiguity of territory, but because one of our well-known and much loved Montreal clergy, the Rev. J. A. Newnham, has chosen the remote and inhospitable shores of Hudson Bay as the site of his labours in the Gospel field. Let us give him heartily of our prayers and good wishes, and let us no less heartily support his work, with our substance, out of our goodwill.