

We see that none of these three can be depended on for an increased supply of Clergy. We turn therefore to our remaining resource, the Diocesan Church Society, which we have purposely placed last, from the conviction that it must be the instrument for effecting the progress of the Church. Of course we do not lose sight of Parochial efforts, such as offertory collections, and endowments: any scheme which ignores these is deficient in an essential element of vigour and success. It is the wise part of the D. C. S. to foster and encourage such efforts to the utmost of its power.

In order to form a correct opinion as to the aid to be derived from this Society it will be necessary to review the Report for 1864 recently published by the Executive Committee. In doing so we must confine ourselves to those parts of it which refer to the contributions for general purposes.

We extract the following clauses as containing the most important information on the subject:

"The Executive Committee of the D. C. S. have endeavoured to make good use of the funds at their disposal for carrying out the recognized objects of the Society. They regret to say that, though much interest is shown in the Society, yet its general income does not increase in proportion to the demands upon it and the work to be done. In fact the income during 1864 for general purposes is less than in 1862 or 1863.

"The Committee hope that means may be adopted for bringing this subject more definitely home to the minds of Churchmen, and setting forth the Society's claims and their duty.

"The Committee have much satisfaction in noting that several missions which were vacant when the last Report was issued, are now supplied with Clergymen, while one new field of labor has been undertaken with aid from the D. C. S.

"The amount for general purposes is \$36 64 less than in the preceding year. The subscription lists for 1864 amounted to \$5300; but a larger amount than usual being for special purposes, left \$3485.18 for support of missionaries and other general objects. The whole income of the Society was \$8636.73."

Now remembering that there are about 8000 Church families in the Province, and that in many, if not in most places, some of the wealthiest inhabitants, or those in most comfortable circumstances, are members of the Church, we see that the amount raised for general purposes averages about \$0.40 per family, and cannot help thinking this too little. True we must bear in mind that the amount contributed to the D. C. S. is by no means all that is given by Church people. There are clergymen's salaries, building and repair of churches and parsonages, and other similar objects. Still, after making all allowance, it does not seem too much to expect that each family might contribute on the average \$1. This would give an income to the Society of \$8000 for general purposes, and enable it effectually to carry out many objects which it now can only partially accomplish. Upon a review of the whole subject, we see that while our position is in many respects an encouraging one, while our numbers are increasing, and there are many signs of greater earnestness and activity among both laity and clergy, still much yet is to be done. And it only can be done by each member of the Church, whatever may be his position, endeavouring as far as in him lies to advance her interests, assured that in so doing he will best advance his own. And in this the first step is, by the help of God's grace, to bring his life into union with her teaching, and then because he will have felt the benefit within himself that is to be derived from the use of the means of grace, he will not shrink from self-denial in order that they may be continued to himself and extended to others.