

much more, now that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel has actually commenced the long threatened withdrawal of the stipends formerly given to each and every Missionary in the Colony. The Clergyman appointed to succeed the late Archdeacon in St. John's will not, we are told, receive any stipend from that Society. The change is greatly to be deplored; but more for the effect it must have upon the amount available for the Out-harbours, and for the interference with the principle, so strongly advocated, of a common fund, than for any doubt, that the members of the Church in St. John's can and will make up the deficiency to their Minister or Ministers. But in truth it is not necessary to wait for further withdrawals or reductions in order to show the duty of further and general efforts for the support of the present, and a supply of additional labourers, in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. Too many, if we should not say all, of the present Clergy have but a miserable pittance, insufficient for the decent support of a family; while still there are many districts in which the visits of the Missionary are few and far between, and in which consequently more Clergymen are imperatively required.

What has been effected during the past year for the Church and Clergy of this Diocese through the direct agency of this Society, may be gathered from the Treasurer's account; as follows—

- (1) for assisting those Clergy, whose Collections have been forwarded to the Treasurer, £927 9s. 11d.
- (2) for aiding in the erection of Churches, £175
- (3) for purchasing, building or repairing of Parsonage Houses, £97 7s.
- (4) To Lay Readers £20
- (5) towards the expense of the Bishop's last voyage of Visitation £75.
- (6) towards the fitting up a new Depository in St. John's, for the sale of Bibles, Testaments, and Prayer Books, and other Religious and useful publications issued by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, £25.
- (7) the expense