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### CHURCH SOCIETY HELPERS.

In our last issue we stated the broad fact that the assessments of the Country Missions now in connection with our Diocesan Board amounted last year to about \$13,000, and that Clergymen's stipends, &c., paid for the same period amounted to about \$28,000, so that \$15,000 were actually expended by our Diocesan Board upon these Parishes over and above the whole amount received in assessments. We did not attempt to shew how the whole of this \$15,000 was made up; those who wish to know have only to examine the Revenue Account of the Diocesan Board, on pages 162-5 in the last Report of the Quebec Church Society. It will there be seen that a good deal of this money consisted of the interest of our own invested funds, and that another large sum came from the rapidly diminishing grant of the great English Missionary Society, the S. P. G., leaving about \$5,000, as having come from the Mission Fund of the Church Society.

It is, of course, this last \$5,000, which all members of the Church of England in this Diocese are deeply concerned to increase; for it is upon the increase of the annual sums raised for the Mission Fund of the Church Society, that we have to depend for the maintenance and growth of our Country Mission Work. We trust, therefore, that on the 29th of September, there was a liberal collection taken up for this Mission Fund. And now, in addition, we have to look forward to our other principal

source of revenue, and that is, to the House to House Collection, which is made already in Quebec City by the Church Helpers Association, and also by kind friends at Sherbrooke, Acton, Barford, Brompton and Windsor, Bury, Compton, Cookshire, Danville, Drummondville, Hatley, Kingsey, Lennoxville, Melbourne, Richmond, Waterville, Frampton, St. George (Beauce), Inverness, Ireland, Leeds, Louiseville, Levis, New Liverpool, Portneuf, Three Rivers, Malbaie, New Carlisle, Peninsula, Sandy Beach, Shigawake. Of our remaining twenty-two Parishes, eleven had Special Offerings in one or more of their Churches, but had no House to House Collection last Fall, while the remaining eleven Parishes, we regret to observe, had neither any Offerings in Church, nor yet any Collections made in the people's homes. With a view therefore to remedying all these inequalities, and with the object of helping each and every Parish to do all that can be done in this most important matter, the Bishop will shortly be sending to every Incumbent fuller and more definite information with regard to our position and immediate needs, and will also be asking those outside Quebec City for the names and addresses of some Ladies in every Parish who may be willing to undertake the House to House Collection for this year. These Ladies, it is proposed to band together into a New Society to be called "The Church Society Helpers of the Diocese of Quebec," and they will receive from the Bishop, from time to