

Your Committee are of opinion, that in the great majority of cases, the safety of the Society will require, that, when it undertakes to pay a stipend to a clergyman in lieu of direct contribution from his parishioners, the amount to be paid to the general mission Fund of the Society from such parishes shall be previously secured, and if possible for a period of three years, by an agreement signed by some substantial members of the congregation who will kindly undertake, that if the Church Society shall pay to their clergyman the sum named by the Bishop, the amount shall be remitted by them to the Society, which amount they would then of course exert themselves to collect from the congregation.

(4.) From some acquaintance with the rural neighbourhoods of this Diocese, your Committee are convinced that in many well settled parts of the country, it would be difficult, and in some cases perhaps impossible, to comply with the requirements of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, if the amount of contributions expected from such neighbourhoods were required to be paid in money.

They would consequently suggest that every reasonable facility ought to be afforded to the system of contributing in kind, and they conceive that such facility might be offered without in any degree interfering with the system of contributions to a general fund which is advocated in this report, by simply requiring the Churchwardens to transmit a receipt from the clergyman for the value of such contributions as had been made in kind; which receipt would be received by the Treasurer of the Society, and credited to the mission as if it was a payment made in money; and charged to the Clergyman as so much paid to him by the Society.

(5.) Another point which though almost self evident, would still have to be clearly understood is, that the Society could assume no further responsibility than would be warranted by the express obligations received from the several missions, and that if on the expiration of such obligation, the Churchwardens or other parishioners shall decline to renew it, the clergyman of such parish or mission shall have no claim upon the Society for the continuance of his stipend, but shall lay his case before the Bishop for the time being, to be dealt with according to his discretion.

(6.) Your Committee would further suggest that it should be very explicitly understood, that though the Church Society would thus become the medium through which the stipends of the clergy would be paid, that circumstance would in no respect influence the disposal or appointment of them to their several spheres of duty, but that the nomination to, or patronage of all ecclesiastical preferments will of course rest as it does at present.

(7.) It now remains for your Committee to express their views upon the last clause of the resolution which has called them to the performance of their present duties, and which requires them to direct their attention to the question "whether in some cases it might not be expedient to support a clergyman for a time, depending upon his exertions to secure subscriptions to the society from the mission to which he is appointed."

Your Committee are aware that cases are not unfrequent where neighbourhoods originally settled by a large proportion of the members of the Church, in consequence of long but unavoidable neglect have become indifferent to her ministrations, and have grown reconciled to their state of spiritual destitution. To expect them while in this state of apathy, to make the exertions required by the recent rules of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; in order to supply that which they have almost ceased to regard as a want, is scarcely reasonable. Could they, however, enjoy, though but for a season, those spiritual privileges from which they have been so long debarred; it would rekindle their love for the ordinances of God's Church, and incline them to make suitable exertions to secure their continuance. Influenced by these considerations your Committee desire to suggest that it appears to them highly expedient that the Bishop should be enabled by this Society, to send a clergyman to such localities, for the space of one or two years, on the conditions contemplated by the resolution, giving the members of the Church distinctly to understand, that at the con-