

The total receipts of this Society, during 1856, amounted to £2201 10 6.
Viz. :—

Widows & Orphans Fund	£341 13 3
Bishopric Endowment	109 9 1
Endowment of Parishes	649 6 11
Superannuation Fund	45 6 4
Colporteur Account	121 11 2
Donations to be funded	20 4 0
General purposes	913 19 9

The amounts received for the *Widows and Orphans Fund*, and for the *Endowment of Parishes*, have been intrusted to the respective Committees appointed for those objects. Their Reports (printed in the Appendix) will give all necessary information.

The Bishopric Endowment Fund, amounting in all to about £1700 is held in trust by this Society, the annual interest to be paid to the incumbent of the Bishopric.

The small amount to the credit of the superannuation fund has been contributed by a few who think that some provision should be made for Clergymen who may, either by age or infirmity, be incapacitated for further labor. A benevolent lady in Halifax had the honor of contributing the first five pounds to the fund. It is to be hoped that the Society may be enabled to adopt it as one of its objects, in the same way as it did the Widows and Orphans fund. Meantime the amount is held in trust by the Society, under a Resolution permitting it so to hold any money given for Church purposes, and to apply the interest in accordance with the wish of the donor. The Colporteur account was created by a grant of £70 from the N. S. Foreign Dist. Com. of S. P. C. K., and the sum of £40 stg. set apart by this Society for that purpose.

Agreeably to a Resolution passed at a General Meeting of this Society, in October, 1855, all donations of £10 and over are funded, and the interest only applied to general purposes. From this source has arisen the £20 4s. above mentioned.

The Executive Committee submit the following account of the expenditure for the various objects of the Society :—

MISSIONARIES.

During the year 1856 the sum of £587 10s. has been paid towards the support of Missionaries in the following places :—

Bridgewater, a Travelling Missionary on the Western Coast, Newport, Annapolis, Albion Mines, Pugwash, Chester, Westport, Milford, Musquodoboit; also to the Rev. J. Breeding on the Eastern shore, and to the Rev. W. G. Jarvis at Guysboro.

The Executive Committee has also made grants of £40 to Maitland and £20 to Rawdon, to assist them in maintaining their Missionaries, whose incomes were quite inadequate to their necessity.

The question must soon be considered by the Society, whether we are able to assist the poorer parishes, in proportion to the withdrawal of aid from the S. P. G.

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