

the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop "had availed himself of the circumstance of so many of the Clergy being in St. John's to ascertain from them the difficulties which had hitherto prevented them from forwarding to the Treasurer the collections made in their Missions; and that much and careful deliberation and discussion had taken place, and the result would be embodied in certain Rules to be submitted to a general meeting." This special general meeting was held on July 16, 1858, and such alterations made in the Rules as, it was hoped, would be followed by an immediate union with the Society, on the part of several important places. Your Committee, however, greatly regret to state that such has not been the result. It cannot be supposed that there is any want of confidence in the Society on the part of the Clergy of those Missions, as in every such case there has been an application for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans Fund, which owes its existence to the Society, and whose capital was, moreover, originally contributed by those who from the beginning have steadily adhered to its rules. It is earnestly put to all who really have the welfare of the Church at heart to consider whether we can more effectually strengthen the hands of our revered Diocesan, and better extend the ministrations of pure religion, than by uniting our alms as well as our prayers in behalf of our Church Society.

The actual net income of the Society for 1858 is £1243 16s. 3d. This sum is a little less than last year; but in explanation it must be stated that the new Rules require only *one fourth* of the sum collected to be transmitted to the Treasurer: and though some Missions have sent the whole, many have not. Taking this fact into consideration there is certainly no decrease of income, but the contrary. Indeed, the gross income as compared with that of last year is increased £400: while there is also much