

We admit, however, and the admission is made with feelings of devout thankfulness to God, that exceptions to the rule exist, and are, as this Report will shew, much on the increase. A sense of religious obligation in this behalf, has, it is to be believed, had its weight on the minds of many members of the Church in this Diocese, for during the past year, the appeal of the Clergy has been responded to by the laity, in a manner calculated to afford encouragement to increased exertions. Twenty-nine names, all of them except one, resident in Quebec, have been added to the list of life Subscriptions; and five of the old Members on that list, among whom is His Excellency the Governor General, have doubled their contributions. To the Quebec List of Annual Subscribers, of £1 5s. and upwards, forty-eight names have been added within the year:—so that the excess this year over the amount contributed in Quebec, in the year preceding our last anniversary, has been £588 5s. 1d., and the total amount collected in the Diocese exceeds that contributed last year by £561 15s. 1d.

These results encourage the pleasing hope that the efforts of this Society, to carry the bread of life to the famishing, will be more and more appreciated and seconded by all those of our Communion, to whom God has vouchsafed the means of aiding its operations.

For no one who considers the position of the Church in Canada, can fail to perceive the necessity that exists, for all who prize her Institutions, and would hand them down in all their integrity, to the generations to come, to rally round the Standard of this Society, and lend to it the aid of their earnest prayers, their vigorous exertions, and their liberal contributions.