

unless the fund can be relieved of some of the ordinary working expenses. Your Board, however, hopes that the clergy and laity of the Diocese will spare no effort to place this fund in a more satisfactory condition.

MISSION FUND.

(Devoted to the payment of the Stipends of Missionaries in conjunction with the Annual grant from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and assessments from Rural Missions.)

The increase in this Fund stands at \$129.20 over the receipts in 1876. For a full report of the Society's Missionary operations, your Board begs to refer to the report of the Diocesan Board.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

During the year a very important change has been effected in the By-law controlling this Fund, by the adoption, after mature deliberation, of a new By-law, more liberal in its provisions towards those who are participants in its benefits. In fact, a more generous By-law could scarcely be framed than the present one, which has placed this Diocese pre-eminent amongst the Canadian Dioceses in its care for the widows and orphans of the Clergy.

It is also gratifying to observe the hold this Fund has upon the affections of churchmen, as evinced by the fact that, notwithstanding the discontinuance of the Annual Sermon on its behalf, and the oft-repeated notices of the very healthy condition of the Fund, contributions still continue to be made from all parts of the Diocese, giving an increase over last report of \$25.93.

The following clergymen have, according to the provisions of the new By-law, made the required number of