

S. P. C. K., as to the amount toward which they should contribute. He named £4,000, toward which the S.P.C.K. kindly promised to contribute an amount not exceeding £500. This it to be paid in instalments of £100, for every £150 raised. The amounts now in the hands of the Trustees is about £3,225.

There are certain undesignated contributions for the general work of the Diocese, including a yearly grant from the Board of Missions, averageing \$200. But for this, we should some time since have come to a financial dead-lock. I carefully nurse it, but each year brings increasing demands upon it.

At one time, our account with the C. M. S., generally showed a good balance in hand at the end of the year. In 1898 however, I had to meet a shortage in the C. M. S. account of \$100, last year of \$592.

On looking carefully through the statement of expenditure for 1899, I find items to the amount of \$115:91, which have been met outside the lump grant, and expect it will be heavier this year.

I have long felt that the Society's lump grant is not sufficient for the needs of the work, but they resolutely decline to increase it. It was based on our needs, when not more than four Missions where in existence. Now there are eight, I would urge the need of more punctuality and thoroughness in the preparation of statistics. They are required by the C. M. S. They are also asked for by the Provincial Synod, and by the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions. A form for Statistics will be supplied you. It was printed, as adopted by motion, at our first Synod, and I must earnestly request you to fill up yearly these forms and send them to me, always keeping a copy on file. This should be done any time in December.