

Your Board would take this opportunity of urging the members of the Church throughout the Diocese to increase their subscriptions to the Mission Fund and bring it up during the current year to the standard of 1877 at least. No increase can be made in the assessments, as a general rule, till 1881, and should the two missions now vacant, Labrador and Stoneham, be filled, of which there is a very good prospect, the expenditure of the Diocesan Board will be considerably augmented. The Mission Fund then must come to our aid or we shall inevitably fall into debt.

Your Board as administrator of the grant S. P. G. desires to urge upon the clergy serving in connection with the Board the duty of compliance with that Society's rule in regard to collections.

The interest taken by the S. P. G. in the Diocese is being gravely imperilled through the neglect of the clergy in this respect. If this neglect is persisted in it cannot fail to promote the views of those who maintain that the time has arrived when the S. P. G. should cease entirely to grant aid to the Diocese.

That any reduction in the Society's aid occasions a pressure which the Diocese can with difficulty bear, the experience of the past year proves conclusively; and the clergy themselves will be the first to exclaim against the hardships which a further reduction would unavoidably entail. Surely, then, it behooves them to give no cause of complaint in this matter, but, on the contrary, to respect the request of the S. P. G., by forwarding regularly those collections which that Society requires as one of the conditions on which aid is granted. Inasmuch as the Board is required to forward annually to the Society a list of the Missions in which collections have been taken up, the Board requests that in all cases they be forwarded through the Treasurer of the Church Society.