

The present organ's action converts each District Branch, and indeed each Parochial Committee, into a separate and almost independent Society for raising money, not to be employed in Missionary objects but to be expended on local wants. One fourth of all annual subscriptions which is all that is transmitted to the Parent Society, is not much more than sufficient to meet the necessary and unavoidable expenses of its machinery, and preventing the possibility of its entering with vigor and effect upon any really missionary enterprise.

Taking the income of the last two years at £4,000, it is evident that when out of the fourth of this sum, (or £1,000) the salary of its officers and the necessary expenses of the Society are taken, and the £1 5 for each clergyman in the Diocese has been transferred to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, there can be but a very trifling sum left, to be devoted to strictly Missionary purposes, even when to the balance thus remaining is added the proceeds of the usual collection made on behalf of Travelling Missionaries. Indeed it may be safely stated that the united sums expended within the Diocese, through the medium of the Church Society, for the relief of those who really are in spiritual destitution, does not greatly exceed £750, the contributions of the District Branches towards the support of travelling Missionaries not doing more than making up for the necessary expenditure of the Parent Society.

This then seems really to be all that is done for others, even by those 68 missions within whose limits the 81 Parochial Committees are in operation, the remainder of their contributions being altogether expended upon their own wants.

Small, however, as appear the sacrifices which even they make to relieve the wants of those who are in spiritual need, it is matter of deep regret to find that in 61 other Missions, nothing whatever is done (in the way of annual contribution to the Church Society) either for themselves or others.

To extend any of the benefits of the Society to such parishes, appears to your Committee manifestly unjust to those who exert themselves upon its behalf, and hence it is that they feel compelled to recommend their exclusion from any claim to such benefits, until they comply, to the extent of their ability, with its just and reasonable requirements.

Your Committee has already adverted to the fact of 23 Parochial Committees being in operation within 10 Missions,—and 5 of the 23 are embraced within the charge of a single travelling Missionary. This shows that even in those parishes where the present Parochial Committees exist, their number might be very considerably increased, because in every rural Mission there