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## Fifty-Second Report of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec.

## FIRST NOTICE.

There has lately been issued in good form from the Quebec Morning Chronicle Office, the Fifty-second Annual Report of the Church Society of our Diocese. This report has grown to be a volume of nearly three hundred closely pages, and it is a most interesting, well as a most important record our Diocesan Church life and work. this time parcels of these Reports have reached all our Clergy, who are no doubt distributing them among their people. therefore, there are any of our readers who have not had a copy, and who would like to have one, they should at once ask their Clergyman for it, and as they read it, they should consider what a blessing the e-istence of such a Society is to their own and every other Parish in the Diocese. For, from the very first page we gather that the Society, which was founded in 1842, has six different objects, all of which must commend themselves to the heart and mind of every earnest Churchman as tending to promote good, sound, solid work. For this month we shall speak only of one single department of the Society's labours i.e. the Mission Fur d, which is raised to meet

the contributions or assessments made up in the Parishes towards the support of their Clergymen. Now, when it is known that we have thirty-six Parishes or Missions which must have aid from the Mission Fund, if the work of our beloved Church is to be continued in them, and when it is remembered that we spent last year on Stipends for Clergy and Lay Readers for these and three self-supporting Parishes under our Board about \$26,600.00, while the assessments in all these Districts only amounted to a little over \$12,000.00, it will at once be seen how vit lly important it is, that every friend of our Church work should subscribe regularly and liberally to our Mission Fund. We are aware that there are some who are unwilling, for one reason or another, to contribute as they ought to outside Missionary work. say that charity begins at home, and that they do not know what is done with their money in far off lands. Be it so: here is an opportunity, although the work is most truly of a Missionary character, and although the Fund is called our Mission Fund, for those, who feel such scruples, to pour their gifts bountifully into our treasury, in order to enable us to continue our good work in our own Parishes under the direction and care of our own Bishop. Indeed, owing to the fact, that the help which we have for many years received from the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is now fast shrinking and will soon cease, in order to enable the Society to renderaid in other directions, and owing also to the fact, that the interest of money is falling, and consequently our income derived from