

cesan collections, although the aggregate of the free-will contributions of the diocese is considerably less than of the previous year, being \$16,911.94 as compared with \$18,744.40 in 1888. But the special efforts made last year for the Synodical Jubilee Offertory, and for Mrs. Boomer's Jubilee Fund for Algoma, both of them exceptional in their character, more than accounted for the difference in the total receipts, and, therefore, on a review of the whole year's work, the Executive Committee have good cause to congratulate the Diocese on the results. The Clergy Maintenance and Mission Fund has now to its credit the sum of \$2,467.33; and this, too, after meeting all its ordinary claims, and paying in addition to the Widows' and Orphans' Funds the sum of \$1,576, to restore that fund to its proper basis, and comply with the requirements of the W. & O. Fund Canon, and paying off the over draft of last year of \$535.08.

It must, however, be borne in mind that several Missions are now vacant, and that had they been filled, as usual, the grants required for the support of clergymen would more than have exhausted the balance now at the credit of the Mission Fund.

Moreover, the subdivision of existing large Missions, and the occupation of new territory are urgently required. The Committee, therefore, reminded every member of the Church that the needs of the diocese demand that renewed efforts ought to be made to strengthen the resources of this fund, and enable the missionary work of the diocese to be fully maintained.

A debt of over \$14,000 on the See House was reported in this diocese.

BISHOP SULLIVAN, at the late Diocesan Council of his Diocese (Algoma) thus spoke on the Jesuit question:—

"I would be false to my own convictions and derelict to duty were I to pass over without note or comment the iniquitous bill by which a Provincial legislation voted, and the Dominion Government by its silence has endorsed, the payment of \$400,000 to the Jesuits as compensation for the losses sustained by the confiscation of their property. To say that this bill has outraged the social, civil and religious sensibilities of more than half the population of the Dominion but feebly expresses its effect on Canadian public opinion. Into the technicalities of the case I shall not enter. Suffice it to say that other and bolder demands will follow upon this as assuredly as the night the day, to be succeeded by others bolder still, unless earnest and vigorous protest convince the powers that there is a limit to the public patience, and that Canadian Protestantism will not submit to Roman arrogance and Papal dictation."

In the Synod of Ontario Mr. R. T. Walkem, treasurer, in his annual report, stated that there were no mortgages in arrears, and it was to be

hoped that no difficulty would be found in investing funds satisfactorily during the coming year. The diocese was in good financial position. The amount the Mission Board appropriated for grants was \$12,230; the capital of the Clergy Trust Fund was \$662,550, the income \$15,358. The income of the Episcopal Endowment Fund was \$3,323.23. The expenditure over income of the Widows and Orphans' Fund was \$385.05. The capital of the Divinity Students' Fund was \$5,850, the income \$1,040. Interest due on overdrawn accounts amounted to \$662.60. The capital of the Rectory Lands Fund was \$178,962.94. The capital of the Clergy Superannuation Fund was \$3,356.61.

THE Right Rev. Dr. Williams, Lord Bishop of Quebec, has returned from Europe, we are pleased to learn, in vigorous health. Mrs. Williams has also benefitted much by her stay in the south of France. The bishop has already commenced his visitation in the townships for the purpose of holding confirmations and performing Episcopal acts.

THE one hundred and eighty-eighth anniversary meeting for the Society of the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was held on Thursday afternoon in St. James' Hall, Piccadilly. The Archbishop of Canterbury presided. The Rev. A. W. Tucker read an abstract of the report for 1888, which stated that the gross income of the society for the year was £138,366, as compared with £109,765 for the year 1887. The bulk of this increase arose from a noble gift of £25,000 as a "thank-offering to Almighty God for the extension of the Church in the colonies and dependencies of the British Empire and beyond it." The number of ordained missionaries, including sixteen bishops, on the society's list was 637, there being 199 in Asia, 148 in Africa, 16 in Australia and in the Pacific, 204 in North America, 36 in the West Indies, and 34 in Europe. Of these 119 were natives in Asia, and 25 natives in Africa. There were also in the various missions about 2,300 lay teachers, 2,000 students in the society's colleges, and 38,000 children in the mission schools in Asia and Africa.

The donation of £25,000 was five-sixths of the property of a clergyman who desired his name to be withheld.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

Rural Deans.—The following appointments to this office have been made by the Bishop:—

For St. John, Rev. Dr. Brigstocke.
For Fredericton, Rev. H. Montgomery.
For Chatham, Rev. Canon Forsyth.
For Woodstock, Rev. Canon Neales.
For Kingston, Rev. Canon Medley.
For St. Andrews, Rev. R. E. Smith.
For Shediac, Rev. J. R. Campbell.

The Bishop has appointed Rev. D. Forsyth to a Canonry, in place of Rev. Canon Walkem, deceased.