

vision is occasionally forced upon the Church in a most painful manner. Under these circumstances, your Committee have decided upon making an effort to establish such a fund, and would feel themselves justified in appropriating the greater portion of the balance for some time past in the hands of the Treasurer towards such a scheme as will, it is to be hoped, come before the Society at no very distant period for sanction and adoption. Already, the sum of £75, paid by the Committee to the widow of the late Incumbent of St. John's, for that gentleman's services, and most generously returned by her, has been devoted to this Fund, so that the name of MOUNTAIN will be for ever identified with the Church of Newfoundland, and be remembered by those widows and orphans who may in the providence of God be benefitted by such a provision. The general plan of such Fund would be to apply the interest of a Capital sum, and the yearly subscriptions and collections made specially for such objects, in order to assist the families of such Clergymen as may die or be disabled in the service of the Church in Newfoundland. The provision it is to be feared will be, necessarily, small; but yet of sufficient value to be of importance to those who might otherwise have been totally destitute. The Secretary has been instructed to forward to all the Clergy the draft of a scheme for a "Widows' and Orphans' Fund" which has approved itself to the Sub-Committee appointed for that purpose; and it is hoped that during the next year the Clergy and Laity generally will be enabled to give the matter such consideration as will enable the subject to be discussed and finally agreed upon and put in operation at a public meeting to be held in St. John's during the visitation in 1858.

It can scarcely be necessary to inform this Meeting or the members of the Church generally in the Diocese, that the Lord Bishop has been detained almost