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Widows and Orphans'
Students' Fund 173;
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138 clergymen
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in their opinion, that they have made out a very
strong case, calling urgently for the adoption of
remedial measures.

In suggesting such measures, they would most
carefully guard against the possibility of its
being supposed that they for a moment overlook
the fact that the Church Society is a purely volun-
tary association, and that it has no power of
authoritatively requiring the clergy or laity to
comply with its regulations.

Omitting the obligations to support this Society
which may arise from the sanction and exhor-
tations of the ecclesiastical authorities and, for
the present, laying aside the consideration of the
spiritual wants of the country which constitute
so strong a necessity for General co-operation,
your Committee would remind the Members of
the Church at large that this Society possesses
the right, inherent in every such Institution, of
restricting the benefits which it is calculated to
confer, to those *alone* who comply with the
conditions which it shall deem necessary to enact.

The *justice and equity* of calling this right
into exercise can surely admit of no controversy.
The *necessity* for doing so must be abundantly
apparent to all who will only consider the facts
already enumerated.

On this principle, therefore, your Committee
are prepared to advise, that no application from
any Mission, praying for aid in carrying out any
Parochial object, shall be entertained by the So-
ciety, unless the mission so applying shall have
complied with all the requirements enumerated
in the Constitution and By-laws of this Corpora-
tion.

They are further prepared to recommend the
adoption of the same equitable principle in case
of applications for relief from the Widows and
Orphans' Fund. They would advise that no
such application be entertained by this Society,
unless the deceased Clerk shall, during his life-
time have faithfully complied with *all* the re-
quirements named by the Society.

These recommendations are of course subject
to certain exceptions to be hereinafter specified.

Your Committee have some further suggestions
to offer for the consideration of the Society, but
they will be more fitly adverted to in the course
of some remarks which they would very respect-
fully bring before the attention of the Board.

It appears to your Committee that in such an
Institution as the Church Society, it is a great
misfortune to have the Central Government in
a weak and uninfluential state; and, since in
Missionary, as in other objects, money is one
great source of power, the very limited amount
of Funds placed at the disposal of the Parent So-
ciety impairs, to a great degree, the efficiency of
the Institution at large, and almost destroys its
really Missionary character.