

Whatever may be the condition of the Mission Fund at the close of the financial year it should not be forgotten that the Missionary Clergy have borne more than their reasonable share of the burden of sustaining the Missions of the Diocese.

The large number of vacancies in the Deanery has a depressing effect upon the neighbouring Missions, besides adding materially to the labours of the neighbouring Clergy, who are expected to visit the sick and bury the dead, oftentimes at a great sacrifice of time and strength—a sacrifice always cheerfully made.

The following changes have taken place during the past year, viz : The Rev. B. B. Smith, J. Seaman and E. Benedict have left the Deanery and Diocese; the Rev. W. R. Brown and Robert Ker have left the Deanery for other Cures in the Diocese; the Rev. H. S. Fuller has been removed from Thorne to North Wakefield; and the Rev. J. A. Newnham has been appointed to Onslow.

The Missions of Thorne, Bristol, Aylwin, Chelsea and Buckingham are vacant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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