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Synod will desire to express their deep gratitude for this kind thoughtfulness and generous gift.

But, valuable as the service is, which we can look for from the clergy at the centre, we must not overrate it. Occasional Sunday services, and still more occasional visiting, will never build up strong congregations. They will simply supply the services of the church to those who prefer them, and so in a measure maintain our position till we can find means for a settled ministry. We must, therefore, regard it as essential for the progress and success of the church to secure through the country as many effective missionaries as possible. How is this to be done?

We must first of all develop as much as possible local efforts. The arrangements made at last Synod did not work well. It was hoped that under them the clergy would feel more free to urge on their people the duty of contributing. But too long an interval was allowed before a mission in arrears was dealt with. The result was nearly disastrous. The arrears by the end of the year reached \$2,000—an extraordinary amount in view of our small income. We only in fact escaped a serious disorganization of our finances, which would have weakened us in the future with a burden of debt, from our being unable, for want of men, to fill all the missions we proposed. The practical result, therefore, was that the old mission swallowed up not only their own grants, but the funds with which we had hoped to aid the other localities. The Executive Committee has placed before you a set of regulations very carefully prepared by the mission board. We hope they may secure that every mission aided shall do its part so that our funds shall go as far as possible.

But the time has come when much more might be done by ourselves, if there was an officer of the Synod free to look after the financial arrangements. Such an officer would promote the formation and working of parish associations. He would visit the missionaries, when necessary, as for settling with the people the aid they should give, or in the case of financial difficulties or misunderstandings, meeting the clergyman and his vestry of people. He would have in fact as his duty and object, the raising of funds for all church work. He might when necessary represent the church for any special effect in Canada and England. It is not desirable that the Bishop should be practically this officer. His office is quite distinct from that of a financial secretary—a superintendent of missions. The twelve apostles said to the disciples in the first days of the church, "It is not reason that we should leave the