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## Fifty Second Report of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec.

### THIRD NOTICE.

In our two previous Notices, we have drawn attention to the Mission Fund and General Fund of our Church Society. We now propose to say something concerning three different Funds, which have all been established partly for the benefit of our Clergy and partly with a view to securing the best interests of the Church.

First of all, we would mention the Pension Fund, which is derived (1) from annual subscriptions, (2) from the offerings throughout the Diocese on Thanksgiving Day, and (3) from the interest on its accumulated capital. From this fund all those of our Clergy who serve twenty years or upwards in our Diocese, when they become unable any longer to continue their labors, receive pensions varying according to their length of service, from \$400 to \$600 per annum. It is, of course, a great comfort to our Clergy, to know that there is, at any rate, this modest certainty awaiting them, whenever they may be obliged to retire from active work. It is also a great step towards maintaining efficiency in the working of our parishes, that men, who are really unable any longer to do the work, that is required of them, need not be retained simply because, if they gave up their work, they would be entirely without provision. We are sure that when this is thoroughly understood, there are many who, when they are making their offering on Thanksgiving Day, or when they are

subscribing to the Church Society, will not forget the Pension Fund.

Another privilege open to our Clergy is that provided by the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. What a comfort it must be to the hard-worked Clergyman to know that, although his stipend is so narrow, that he cannot possibly make any saving, yet, in case he should be removed by death, those who are near and dear to him will be cared for. Towards this Fund, our Clergy make a small annual payment, and there are also a few subscribers, but this fund has now so large an accumulated capital that, when our friends cannot subscribe to each and every department of our work, they may, without shewing any want of sympathy with a good cause, choose other objects rather than this one, and especially the Mission Fund.

A third help, which is within the reach of those of our Clergy who have boys and girls of school age, is the Fund for the Education of their Children. Nothing can be more saddening to an educated man than to see and know that he cannot possibly afford to give to his children a liberal education, such as will fit them for a like position in life with himself. And yet it often happens that our Clergy, for want of means, are obliged to be content to send their children to the common country schools. It is to meet and alter this sad state of things, that, amongst our Church Society objects, we have now a special fund out of which grants are made to enable our Clergy to send their children to Bishop's College School, Lennoxville, and to the Ladies' College, Compton. Unfortunately, the fund is far smaller than it ought to be, and it would have been