



Poor Benefice Fund Grants

On the 16th inst a meeting of the subscribers and donors of the Poor Benefice Fund took place in the Board room, the chair being occupied by the Archdeacon of Sarum.

Five grants were made to meet local benefactions, which, joined together, would be doubled by Queen Anne's Bounty or the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The first application was on behalf of Ansty, a parish quite disendowed. The local benefaction was £100, and the meeting made a grant of £100, and further undertook to double any sum not exceeding £150 which might be locally collected for the parish before the end of October.

An application from West Lulworth, for £100 had also been locally collected, was dealt with in the same manner. The parish of Cerne Abbas asked for assistance⁴ to raise £300 to obtain a grant of £200 from Queen Anne's Bounty, reporting that they had £225 in hand. The meeting made a grant of £75.

The parish of Studley St. John's, Trowbridge, received a grant of £200 to meet a local benefaction of land and money amounting to £300, and to the parish of Chittoe a grant of the same amount was made in aid of £500, to be raised by the incumbent, and £150 given by the patron, on which sums the Ecclesiastical Commissioners raised the living from £160 to £300 a year.

A resolution was passed, thanking the Spiritual Aid Board for the information which it had placed at their disposal, and the recommendations it had made of some parishes especially needing assistance, and further expressed their readiness to continue, as long as possible, to make grants on the same terms to livings in public patronage, viz., £200 to meet £300 locally collected, on their recommendation, and to consider, even beyond this, whether any steps could be taken to promote the object in view. A vote of thanks was then passed to the Treasurer and Secretaries, with a request to continue their services.

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