

sional services at many of the stations, while the Missionaries must be subjected to unduly severe toil. The great poverty of the people, however, precludes the hope of any increase in the number of labourers, unless the Board should have, in the future, far more ample funds at its disposal. If the work is to be done effectually, several travelling Missionaries should be employed in this field.

DEANERY OF DURHAM AND VICTORIA.

There are four Missions in this Deanery receiving aid from the Board :—

1. *Bobcaygeon*, in which Mission there are two Churches, one at Bobcaygeon and the other at Dunsford. Services are held fortnightly at the Thompson Settlement on Tuesdays, and a monthly service at Bolton's and Taylor's Settlements.

2. *Cameron*, where there are five stations, Cameron, Rosedale, Coboconk, Cambridge, Victoria Road, and Norland. The only Church in the Mission is at Cameron.

3. *Manvers*. Here there are three stations. There are two Churches, one at Manvers, and another (built during the past year) at Bethany.

4. *Perrytown*. There are Churches at Perrytown and Elizabethtown, and service is also held at Clarke in a school house.

The Rural Dean adds other particulars which indicate the zealous labours of the several Missionaries, of whom he speaks in high terms of commendation.

It may be inferred from the number of stations occupied in the Missions of Bobcaygeon and Cameron, that it is highly desirable that these Missions should be divided at no distant period.

With regard to grants to Missions from the Mission Fund, the Synod, in June, 1876, resolved that Missions hereafter placed on the pay-list should be referred by the Mission Board, at their discretion, to one of the following schedules :

Schedule A. to receive a grant for ten years, \$200 for the first three years, reduced by \$25 every subsequent year, thus leaving the grant of the tenth year only \$25.

Schedule B. to receive a grant for seven years, \$200 for the first three years, reduced by \$40 every subsequent year, thus leaving the grant for the seventh year only \$40.

Schedule C. to receive a grant for five years, \$200 for the first three years, \$125 for the fourth year, \$50 for the fifth year.

Schedule D. Exceptional cases not included under the above, in which the reduction shall be in similar proportions.

If in any instance the original grant be more than \$200, the annual reduction shall be in proportion.

Travelling Missions shall be maintained at the discretion of the Board at an annual grant not exceeding \$600.

Missions already on the list may be subjected, from July, 1877, to reduction at the rate of Schedule A., B. or C., or to larger reduction, as the Board may deem expedient.

The Missions now on the Mission Board pay-list have been placed amongst the several schedules in the following manner :—

In *Schedule A.* Norwood, Westwood and Belmont.

In *Schedule B.* Bobcaygeon and Dunsford, Hastings and Alnwick, Innisfil, North Essa.

In *Schedule C.* Albion and Mono (subject to information regarding Endowment), Bolton and Sandhill (subject to information regarding Endowment), Credit, Holland Landing, Leslieville, Lloydtown, Manvers, Mulmur, North Douro, Seymour and Percy, Shanty Bay, Stayner and Creemore.

Exceptional Cases.—Alliston, placed in Schedule B., grant for seven years, \$300 for first three years, reduced by \$60 every subsequent year, leaving grant for seventh year only \$60.

Batteaux, (increased by Mission Board to \$400) placed in Schedule B., reduction in fourth year and every subsequent year \$80, leaving grant for seventh year only \$80.

Bradford, placed in Schedule C., but first reduction next July to \$125; July, 1878, to \$50.