

within a circumference of a mile radius and assembling in one Church, than he can of 250 or 300 persons, within a circumference of 20 miles radius, and assembling in three or four Churches. It is evident that the extent of the Parishes forms an important item in estimating the efficiency of our parochial agencies. We regret that we are not in possession of any statistics which will enable us to introduce this element even approximately; to do so would require not only the length and breadth of each Parish, but also the distance of the various dwellings from the residence of the Clergyman. In fact each Parish would have to be examined separately and for this especial purpose. We must, therefore, for the present content ourselves with the County divisions, and the results of the late Census, making the moderate increase of one-fifteenth for the four years that have elapsed since the Census was taken.

We find that about 15,000 members of the Church, or three-fifths of the whole number, are to be found in the county of Halifax alone, and of these nearly 8000 are in the city of Halifax and in the town of Dartmouth. There are 15 Clergymen engaged in the active discharge of their duties in the county, giving an average of just 1000 to each.

In the county of Lunenburg, which comes next in point of numbers there are some 7500 members of the Church, or just half that of the county of Halifax, under the charge of eight Clergymen, each extending their labours over very large districts. This would give an average of 940 to each Clergyman, apparently less than in Halifax, but really requiring more labour to minister to them effectually: because, as we saw, more than half of the population of the latter county are congregated within a few square miles.

The extensive counties of Annapolis, Hants and Guysborough may be set down as having an average population of Churchmen of 3600, the total number given as above being 10,971; the Clergymen actually in charge of missions, being six in each of the counties of Annapolis and Hants, and four in that of Guysborough, exhibiting a very great disproportion against the latter.

We must rapidly sum up the remaining counties, apologizing for these dry details on the ground that they may be useful hereafter in the practical conclusions to be drawn from our condition.

Cumberland, Cape Breton and Digby each contains over 2200 each; the sum total being 6716, with four Clergymen in Cape Breton and three in each of the others.

The five counties of Colchester, Pictou, King's, Shelburne and Queen's give a total of 7222 Churchmen, or an average of 1450, Pictou and King's having three Clergymen and each of the others two.

The remaining five counties all average under 1000, the whole number of members of the Church being 2434. There are at present two Clergymen in the county of Yarmouth, one in each of the counties of Sydney and Richmond, and none in either Inverness or Victoria, although some of the Clergy in the adjoining counties occasionally extend their labours into these destitute localities.

We have thus briefly drawn the attention of our readers to the numbers and geographical position of the Church population. We shall endeavour in a future number to turn these details to some practical benefit. The only inference we propose to draw on the present occasion is one that can be reduced to practice without waiting for another article from our unworthy pen, and that is that 50,000 persons possessing such advantages, as we believe