

have travelled upwards of 53,775 miles. The number of communicants reported in 79 of those parishes and missions is 6,809, with an average attendance of 2,581; there were 865 new communicants, and 497 died or removed from the parishes; 2,762 were admitted into the Church by baptism, 137 of whom were adults, and 2,625 infants; 1,120 ratified their baptismal vows in the rite of Confirmation; 641 marriages were solemnized; 1,610 persons were consigned to their last resting-places according to the rites of our Church; and 30,169 ministerial visits were paid.

**FINANCES.** From the incompleteness of many of the returns on the subject of finance, it is impossible to gain a correct idea of the actual financial condition of the parishes or missions, or of the aggregate sum paid towards ministerial stipends, or even to arrive at an approximation thereto: it is satisfactory, however, to see that in the large majority of the parishes reported the minister's stipend is fully paid; some few appear to be defaulters, and several are heavily in arrears to their Incumbents. The amount of revenue received in the reporting parishes from Endowments, Pewrents, Offertory, and Subscriptions to Ministers' Stipend was \$86,049.46, from which was paid for ministerial services the sum of \$50,920.83. The Christmas Offertory, which, by vote of Synod, is paid to the Incumbent, reached, in those parishes, the sum of \$2,965.76.

**PARSONAGES.** In 45 parishes or missions there have been parsonages erected or purchased: of these 16 are brick edifices, 4 stone, 21 frame, 3 log, and 1 concrete, of an aggregate value of \$79,400. In 4 parishes, in which are no parsonages, the parishioners pay the rent of the Incumbents' residences. As the stipends of the Clergy are in general very small, the committee venture to express the hope that the Christian liberality of members of the Church may be largely put forth in the erection or purchase of parsonages as provided in the Canon passed by the Synod on this subject.\*

### III. ASSESSMENT.

As the assessments of previous years were based on no fixed principle, and struck from the real or supposed knowledge of the parishes or missions by members of the committee, many anomalies occurred, through the overcharge of feeble parishes, or the insufficient assessment of parishes that were capable of paying a much larger sum than was laid upon them, and numerous objections were consequently made by such parishes as thought that they were too heavily assessed; the committee therefore took the matter into consideration, and after mature reflection, arrived at what they thought an equitable principle on which to strike an assessment. This principle is that of a graduated scale of the several parishes and missions, based on the total income arising from Endowments, Pewrent, Offertory, Subscriptions to Ministers' Stipend, Clerical Commutation, and the Mission Fund grant. As a great number of the returns sent in last year gave no information on these points, the committee issued a circular requesting such information, and on the receipt of replies from 96 out of the 134 parishes in the Diocese, proceeded to strike the assessment, grounding their conclusions with regard to those that made no returns on such information as they could procure from other sources. As only two parishes, one of which is in the Diocese of Niagara, have made any objections to the amount for which they were assessed, the committee consider that the principle on which the assessment was struck has met with the general approval of the parishes of the Diocese.

As upwards of 40 of the parishes that were thus assessed have, since the striking of the assessment, been set apart as the Diocese of Niagara, the committee consider that those parishes should not be liable to the full year's assessment, but only to such a proportion as shall cover the period from the commencement of the Synod year to the consecration of the Bishop of that Diocese, together with their share of the arrearage of former years; they therefore recommend that, in accordance with the precedent laid down at the formation of the other Dioceses, the balance of the assessment for the period between the date of the consecration of their Bishop and

\* For convenience of future reference the committee append a schedule of the statistics of the Diocese of Toronto as at present constituted, and of the Diocese of Niagara, as derived from their respective reports.