

APPENDIX H.

IBERVILLE.

THE PARSONAGE, HEMMINGFORD, June 15, 1864.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to report that our third Ruridecanal meeting was held in the Parsonage at Lacolle on the third Wednesday of March, and was attended by seven clergymen and two churchwardens. After reading such statistical information as had been received from the different parishes and missions, and considering some of the most urgent wants of the same, I directed the attention of the meeting to the New Mission Board, and the importance of giving it our hearty co-operation; and, I may here say, that two very successful meetings have already been held for the promotion of its objects.

John H. Winn, Esq., who had been nominated by me as a member of the Board, was re-appointed by the meeting.

As the better arrangement of existing missions, as well as the opening of new ones, are some of the subjects which came under our deliberations, it is now submitted that the vacant missions of Sherrington and Napierville, together with that portion of the missions of Lacolle and Hemmingford, known as Henrysburgh, be formed into a new mission, and that Douglas' Corners, which, since the opening of the new road, is equi-distant from Sherrington and Henrysburgh, be made the head-quarters of the missionary. There are still tolerably good congregations at both these places, and I am confident there would be no difficulty in their contributing \$100 *per annum* towards the support of a missionary. At Napierville there is a valuable glebe, which, at the lowest estimate, is worth \$4000, and which at present rents for the small sum of \$120 *per annum*. Could this be sold, and invested at the ordinary rate of interest, the stipend of the Incumbent of Lacolle need suffer no diminution, and there would be \$120 *per annum* for the new mission. With respect to the matter of local endowments only two parishes, Chambly and Lacolle, have as yet made any active move in this direction. The meeting, after giving the subject a careful and prolonged consideration, finally agreed that a deputation, consisting of the Rural Dean and three other clergymen, should visit the different parishes and missions for the purpose of promoting this important work.

It will be seen from the tabular statement accompanying this report, that out of the twenty churches and nine parsonages in this Deanery, only four churches and the same number of parsonages are insured. Many of the country churches are so com-