

Members of the Church of England	230
Methodists	53
Roman Catholics	19
Pagans	522

The above statistics are taken from the published Report of the Commissioners who visited this Mission in the summer of 1857.

As is the case in many other Missions, I am not only a Missionary, but feel obliged often to act in the capacity of a Physician, Schoolmaster, Interpreter, and, not unfrequently, as a quasi-Magistrate, in short, I have had to make myself useful in a variety of ways. The small-pox, that deadly foe of the Indian, has visited the Island during my residence here, and all who were attacked by it died. Under the blessing of a kind Providence, its further progress was arrested by timely vaccination. Nearly 300 of the natives were vaccinated by my wife. Christians, Pagans, Conjurers, Medicine Men, old and young, flocked to the Mission House to obtain the antidote, and though several years have passed away since then, they often express gratitude to the white squaw.

Much of my attention has been given to the acquirement of the language. On my arrival, I knew nothing of it, but now I converse in it easily, and it is no small pleasure to be able to talk to my people, to counsel them, to reprimand them, or encourage them without the intervention of an interpreter. This power, of course, was not acquired without great labour. I have given my days and nights to the study of the Chippawa, and often in the early part of my career I would remain in their wigwams, seated on their mats for hours, watching them and listening to their conversation. My labour in this respect has not been lost, for I can now speak to them in their own tongue, of the unsearchable riches of Christ.

There is a very good school on the Island, taught by an Indian, a steady and respectable person, and who, in a great measure, has been educated by myself. He delights in teaching, and several of his pupils have made respectable progress. Many of the youth read easily in the New Testament, others write beautifully—good penmanship being easily acquired by