

We have also, during the last two years, sent Clergy to work as Assistants in the following Missions:—

Labrador.

Magdalen Islands.

Ireland.

Waterville; where the Assistant's work is more particularly for the benefit of the Swedish Settlers; but I fear it is hardly likely to be permanent.

As an experiment, we have given Alderly, which belonged to Ireland, to Inverness in exchange for Kinnear's Mills, which we have given to Ireland, while we have also taken from Leeds and added to Ireland (in consideration of there being now two Clergy there) Broughton, and also the duty of taking fortnightly Services at Beattie's Settlement.

As to the general progress of our work, much I think may be gathered from the following table for the years ending:—

	Nines 1891	Nines 1894	Easter 1895	Easter 1896	Easter 1897
Total souls	18,850	21,396	21,426	20,265	20,430
Baptisms	737	775	818	749	789
Confirmed	1,100	185	602	668	306
Communicants	6,750	7,327	7,666	7,099	7,257
Marriages	147	169	187	184	176
Burials	424	453	481	434	453
Sunday Scholars	3,131	3,374	3,285	3,396	3,405
Parish Helpers	1,185	1,417	1,542	1,650	1,907

Money raised by Parishes

for themselves \$58,996 \$60,587 \$59,505 \$61,080* \$107,689

Money raised by Parishes

for Diocese \$33,153 \$14,521 \$7,031 \$10,910 \$8,881

Money raised by Parishes

for outside the Diocese \$4,760 \$5,634 \$1,298 \$4,210 \$6,296

Totals raised \$96,909 \$80,742 \$71,834 \$76,200 \$122,866

* Of this sum, \$1,791 form part of the Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Jubilee Fund.

† Of this sum, \$30,971 form part of the Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Jubilee Fund.

With regard to these figures, the apparent diminution of our Church of England population is caused by the fact that for 1896, we have deducted the population of all the summer resorts and also by the fact that the Clergy are continually taking a stricter view as to those who belong to them. But the Returns of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages and Burials are quite reliable, and show that we are in every way holding our own. I trust that in every case, before Clergymen