

“ to examine the mission. After giving in his report, the Committee decided to send one on the mission, if money could be collected to make up the salary. Mr. Lindsay, with an untiring zeal, undertook this work, which he accomplished. He got \$50 from Mr. Coffin; \$50 from Boston's heirs; from the people \$40; Church Society \$50, and \$20 from private individuals, making \$210 in all; the rest is made up by the Sabrevois Mission. I have four regular stations in my care; Boscobel as being the centre and my place of residence for the present. Congregation from 20 to 25. Macfarlane's settlement, N. Stukely—congregation 30 to 35. Clarke's settlement, 10 to 15. Davidson's settlement in Ely 25 to 30. I have also a small Sunday school in Boscobel, number of scholars 10 to 15.” Notwithstanding however the opening of these two new missions, the total number of parishes and missions in the Deanery is only *seventeen* against *sixteen*, as mentioned in last year's report. This is caused by the consolidation of Milton and South Roxton into the neighbouring missions of Abbotsford and Granby, so that more ground is covered without increasing the number of the clergy. In the present state of the finances of the church this would seem to be desirable, as it is impossible that small and weak missions, unless under some very peculiar circumstances, should continue to receive the services of a clergyman when so much ground remains to be occupied.

From these *seventeen* missions, *sixteen* reports have been received.

Some particulars in the statistics of these reports deserve more special notice.

For instance it appears somewhat singular in looking over the tabular statement which accompanies this report, that the number of families returned as “identifying themselves with the Church” should be less this year than last, although it is evident that the Church has made considerable progress in that time. The number last year was 923—this year 861—being a difference of 62 families. This however is accounted for by the fact that no returns have been made from St. Hyacinthe, Upton, and Sutton under this head. These three localities would have returned at least 130 families, which would have made the number *greater* this year than last. This is undoubtedly an important item in our Church statistics, and the returns under this head should be made with the greatest possible care.

It is gratifying to observe an increase of 80 communicants over the returns of last year, and this notwithstanding the absence of any return under this head from three missions in the Deanery.

The number of baptisms, especially of adults, was greater in the returns of last year than this, the number being 257 infants and 64 adults in 1863, against 231 infants and 37 adults in 1864.