

in all—and not only so but with assurances from brethren of benefits derived from these reports from year to year—how that in their efforts to raise their people to a higher life they feel themselves backed by the Church, sustained and strengthened in their undertakings. They would here make grateful acknowledgments to several esteemed brethren for valuable suggestions on many important points connected with Church work, and for the better carrying on of that work they would recommend (1) that the Committee be re-constructed, (2) that Presbyteries take order that these questions bearing upon christian life and work be brought before each Congregation within their bounds, and that full returns be made to the same and forwarded in due time to the Convener from year to year, and (3) that the questions to be submitted from time to time to the Church in the first place meet with the sanction and authority of the Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted by

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Convener.

APPENDIX M.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON "THE PRESBYTERIAN" AND OFFICE OF THE SCHEMES FOR 1873.

I.

"THE PRESBYTERIAN."—The Editorial Committee beg leave to lay upon the table of the Synod Volume XXVI of "The Presbyterian" for 1873, pp. 304.

The total number of monthly parts printed during the year was 102,900, at a cost of \$2741.62.

In every instance the Magazine has been dispatched from the Office of Publication previous to the first day of the month, for which it was issued. The Committee gratefully acknowledge the courtesy of Presbytery Clerks and other kind friends in supplying them with information respecting the work and progress of the Church throughout its different sections, whereby, the Committee venture to hope, "The Presbyterian" may, in some measure, have fulfilled its mission as the accredited organ of the Church.

The average monthly issue for 1873 was 8575, from which, deducting single subscribers, exchanges, and stock kept on hand, the average number subscribed for by each of 126 Congregations was *sixty-five*.

Assuming the number of families connected with the Church to be over 12,000, there appears to be room for a considerable extension of the circulation of "The Presbyterian," and the Committee earnestly hope that Kirk-Sessions will not relax their efforts on its behalf until satisfied that it reaches every family of the Church. Your Committee believe that if Kirk-Sessions would in all cases defray the postage incurred—amounting only to \$5 per 100 copies per annum—it would tend materially towards the attainment of this object. Financially, "The Presbyterian" has been successful, especially the advertizing department.

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