

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee regrets that in some instances the direction of last Conference, viz., that the Chairman and Secretary of each District be a committee to prepare proper returns, and hand them to the Secretary of Conference in time for the first meeting of the Committee, was not very well carried out. Some of the schedules had to be filled up since Conference met. Decided advantage has been experienced from the explanations offered, adopted and printed in the Minutes regarding the filling up of the Circuit schedules, and your Committee would recommend that they be reprinted in connection with this Report this year. They are as follows:—

1. The column headed "Salary, Board and Fuel," should show the amount raised by the Circuit or Mission for these items only.

2. The column headed "Circuit Deficiency" should contain the amount (if any) which the Circuit falls short of its appropriation for salary, board and fuel, previously made by the Quarterly Official Board, and confirmed by the Financial District Meeting.

3. The column headed "Total Received" includes only the amount under the column for salary, board, etc., together with any additional sum received from the Contingent Fund or Missionary Society for salary, board and fuel.

4. The "Grand Total" is designed to show everything raised by the Circuit. The District Schedules should contain columns for totals raised for "Connexional Funds," "Circuit Purposes," "Ministerial Support," and "Grand Totals." At present special columns have to be added, which requires time that should be saved. We recommend drawing the attention of the Book Steward to this matter.

The present membership is: on trial, 563; full members, 6,447. Total, 7,010. Increase, 818.

Number of ministers and probationers, 81; increase, 9.

Total amount raised for all purposes, \$87,531.90; increase, \$22,003.51.

J. H. RUTTAN, *Chairman.*

ALFRED ANDREWS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee are glad to be able to note the fact that Sabbath desecration is becoming less prevalent from year to year. With the growth of interest manifested in Christian truth along the lines of settlement there is a proportionate loyalty in the observance of the Lord's day.

We regret, however, that still the peace and sanctity of this sacred day is too often violated by the running of trains, by various games, and by pleasure-seekers who seldom place themselves within the range of Christian influence. That our people may be guarded against this great evil, and that the families connected with our Church may grow up remembering the Sabbath-day to keep it holy, we would earnestly recommend

that our ministers urge upon all the Divine law.

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