

enabled to report the following as the total of the statistical returns for the two Provinces:—

20 Churches; 12 Preaching Stations; 830 Members; 705 Children in Sabbath Schools; Accommodation for 7,570 persons.

The friends at Cornwallis have arranged to finish their Church during the Fall. The friends at Pleasant River have determined on the immediate erection of a Church in that Settlement. The friends at Mill Town have also determined on the erection of a Church, as early as practicable, in that locality.

Your Committee cannot present such a Report without expressions of grateful surprise; for small as the general result is, when compared with the returns of other Evangelical Denominations in these Provinces, it is certainly large, and highly encouraging, when compared with what was generally supposed to be the case, by themselves as well as others, no longer than two years ago.

In closing this Report, the Committee would respectfully and earnestly call upon their Brethren of the same faith and order throughout these two Provinces, to be faithful to those obligations which their principles, the state of religion within and around them, the advancement of these Colonies, and the general prospects of the Congregational Union involve.

Permit us to urge, in the name of our common Master, the absolute necessity of a revived tone of personal godliness in our respective Churches. Such is the nature of our polity, that our very existence and all our efficiency depend entirely upon the state of piety in our own hearts. Aided by no Provincial grants, and destitute of all the influence which an imposing hierarchy, or authoritative ecclesiastical assemblies may convey; our only resource is in the vitality of our godliness. Congregationalism can no more be regularly and efficiently worked without the life of God in the souls of its adherents, than the engine can be impelled without the presence of steam. Without piety, we can do nothing. Let our hearts glow with that love to Christ "which is shed abroad by the Holy Ghost given unto us"—and who can calculate the extent of our labours, or the rapidity of our progress? Be then earnest in prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit, set a watch over your own hearts, cultivate a close conformity to the word of God, and omit no scriptural means by which you may "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."—Cherishing as strongly as we do the scriptural principle of the self-government of Christian Churches, let it be unceasingly our aim to do justice to this principle by the utmost cultivation of *social* godliness; by fraternal watchfulness over one another; by cherishing brotherly love without dissimulation; by sympathy, mutual advice, and admonition; and by a strenuous "striving together for the faith that was once delivered to the saints." Surrounded as we are by Brethren in Christ of other Denominations, let us lose no

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