

bear against every form of sin, the gratifying fact is emphasized in many of these reports, and distinctly stated or implied in them all, that all the outward and ordinary means which God has appointed to be used in His Church, and which He has been pleased to bless to her growth and purity, have everywhere been faithfully administered. With comparatively few exceptions, all our churches are supplied, more or less frequently, with the ordinances of God's house. Parents, more generally than heretofore, have been faithful in presenting their children for baptism. *Attendance upon the services of the sanctuary* is represented as improving. Efforts for the *evangelization of the coloured people* have been made wherever a disposition has been manifested to receive the ministration of the word from us. A growing interest in *Sabbath Schools* is reported by many Presbyteries; and this important nursery of the Church is not only organized in every place where it is practicable, but is industriously worked, and with gratifying results; one Presbytery (Augusta) reporting that a large proportion of those added to the rolls of its churches during the year were received from the Sabbath School. These schools are for the most part under the control of the Session, and in all of them, so far as reported, the Shorter Catechism is taught.

GENERAL VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (SOUTH).

Synods	12
Presbyteries	64
Ministers and Licentiates	1,117
Candidates	145
Churches	1,878
Licensures	41
Ordinations	55
Installations	71
Pastoral relations dissolved	49
Churches organized	47
Churches dissolved	24
Churches received from other denominations ..	2
Churches dismissed to other denominations ...	3
Ministers received from other denominations ...	7
Ministers dismissed to other denominations ...	5
Number of Ruling Elders	5,428
Number of Deacons	3,452
Members added on examination	6,375
Members added on certificate	3,471
Whole number of communicants	114,578
Adults baptized	2,135
Infants baptized	4,561
Number of baptized non-communicants	24,968
Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes..	68,121

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Sustentation	\$27,327
Evangelistic Fund	12,689
Invalid Fund	9,042