

the Parent Church, those brethren, who had been joined by Mr. William Fraser, one of the present Clerks of your Court, were erected into a Presbytery, under the title of the "Missionary Presbytery of the Canadas," in connection with the United Associate Synod of the Secession Church in Scotland. Ten years afterwards, the number of ministers had increased to eighteen, when they formed themselves into the Synod of Canada, with twenty vacant congregations, besides those under the oversight of fixed pastors. At the Union, in 1861, these had increased to sixty-eight ministers and thirty-two vacancies, arranged in nine Presbyteries, under the Synod, as it was then called, of the United Presbyterian Church, with two ministers without charge, and sixteen probationers. The number of members on the roll of reporting congregations was 8,316, but as twenty congregations had not reported, we may safely assume that there were fully 10,000 then in the Church, spread through 121 congregations. The following figures give some idea of the financial position and work of the Church for the year before the Union:—Total reported income, \$52,016.13½; expenditure on Stipend, \$28,686.76; on Church Property, \$18,725.39; on Home Missions, \$2,630.87; on other Missions, \$684.45; and other items for Theological, Synod. Presbytery, and other funds, amounted to \$5,430.61; making altogether upwards of \$56,152.08½.

In noticing the other branch of the Church entering into the Union, we do not think it necessary to go further back than 1844, as that was the year in which it was formed, in consequence of what is popularly known as the Disruption. On the 10th day of July, in that year, nineteen ministers and five elders, "heretofore members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, but who had just withdrawn from said Synod under the several protests," met in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wellington Street, Kingston, and constituted themselves into a Synod, under the designation of "The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada," and erected four Presbyteries, that of Hamilton and Toronto, with fourteen ministers; that of Cobourg, with four ministers; that of Kingston, with three; that of Montreal, with two; the number of congregations being the same in each case, or, in all, 23 ministers and 23 congregations. At a meeting of Synod, held in Toronto, in October of the same year, 32 ministers with their congregations were reported, and 21 vacancies and overtures were made from the Niagara Presbytery, which consisted of seven ministers, having charge of fifteen congregations, for a union, but no final action was taken. Coming down, now, to the year 1861, we find that the roll of the Synod embraced 158 ministers, three of whom were without charge, three Professors in College, and one Agent of the Church, with 21 vacancies and 31 Mission Stations, with five ordained ministers resident within bounds, and nine probationers, employed in missionary labour in the several Presbyteries. The Roll of the United Church had thus on it, at the time of the Union, the names of 226 ministers. From reports presented at the meeting of the Presbyterian Synod, immediately before the union was consummated, we ascertain that there were 14,460 families, 21,616 communicants, 789 elders, 1,220 deacons and other office-bearers, with an average attendance of 10,743. Seventeen settled charges and nineteen vacancies had not reported. When allowance is made for these, it will be seen that God had granted this section of his Zion abundant prosperity since the year of the Disruption.

STATISTICAL.

From the Statistical Returns presented to the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, extending from the 6th June, 1861, to the 30th April, 1862, it appears that the number of Ministers was 223, three fewer than at the Union; that the number of Communicants was 30,450; that the number in Sabbath Schools was 14,065, and in Bible Classes, 4,604; and there were reported to be 1,164 Elders, and 1,953 other office bearers, while there were 57 Congregations, including vacancies that had not reported.