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### CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

In accordance with the resolution of Synod, Statistical Schedules have been sent to each Minister of the Church, and also to the Representative Elders of vacant Charges. If any of these have miscarried, other copies can be had by application to the Convener of the Committee.

Seeing that the onerous duty of laying before Synod a statistical report of the state of our Churches has been imposed upon the Committee "this year also," it is to be hoped that Sessions and Managers or Trustees will remit their Schedules fully and accurately filled up to the Clerks of their respective Presbyteries, not later than the 15th day of March.

### THE HOME MISSION, ITS PROGRESS.

The appointments of meetings to be held on behalf of this important Fund, intimated in last issue, were interfered with by the extraordinarily tempestuous character of the winter, which for days arrested all railway communication. Notwithstanding several of the members of the Deputations were enabled to enter upon their important work, and have persevered in its discharge notwithstanding the difficulties in the way of travelling. A Deputation also undertook

the duty of visiting the Presbytery of Kingston.

Before this number reaches our subscribers, we believe that most, if not all, of the Congregations in the Presbyteries of Bathurst and Kingston will have been visited. So the work is steadily advancing. The Congregations in Eastern Canada and the easterly portions of Western Canada, exclusively of the Ottawa country, have now been appealed to, to aid the extension of the Church.

We doubt not these Congregations will do their duty by the scheme, and support it liberally. The West will doubtless in due course respond to the claims of the effort, when presented hereafter. Meanwhile let us hope that the Congregations visited will encourage the hearts and stimulate the zeal of the well-wishers of our Zion by active work and liberal gifts to the noble enterprise. On the return of the Deputations we hope to be able to communicate full details of their progress and reception.

### THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOLS, HAMILTON. ANNUAL SOIREE.

On Tuesday, the 8th January last, the Annual Meeting of the children of the

Congregational and Mission Sabbath Schools connected with this Church was held in the Lecture room of the Church, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion. About 200 children were present.

The scholars met at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5 o'clock and were bountifully regaled with coffee and the usual accompaniments by their teachers, to all of which due honour was done: the Congregation and their friends met at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6, at which hour the spacious lecture-room was quite filled. The pastor, the Rev. Robert Burnet, presided. After the opening prayer and the singing of one of Bateman's beautiful hymns by the children, an appropriate address was delivered by the chairman, who afterwards called upon the Rev. Mr. Inglis, pastor of the Macnab Street Free Church, to address the meeting, which he did in his usual impressive manner, to both of which addresses the young people listened with marked attention. After one or two additional hymns had been sung, the superintendent of the Congregational School read the annual report. (See page 34.)

After the reading of the report the children were again regaled with refreshments and joined in singing another hymn, after which the superintendent of the Morning School, Mr. Leggat, delivered a short and entertaining address.