

less than that, the column for arrears should give the deficiency. It is only in some cases this is done.

It is recommended further that greater accuracy be enjoined upon both congregations and presbyteries. The column headed "Total contributions for strictly congregational purposes" should comprise the amounts paid as stipends, expended on church or manse, and all other incidental contributions for congregational purposes. The one for "Total contributions to the schemes of the church," should present the aggregate of what was given to each. And the one for "Total contributions for all purposes," should give the sum obtained by adding the payments for strictly congregational purposes, for the schemes of the church, for other benevolent objects, and for college building fund. Plain directions to this effect are given in the blank forms supplied to congregations, and a note stating that Presbyteries were enjoined by the General Assembly to procure and make full and accurate returns was printed in the forms prepared for presbyteries. Testing the returns it is found that there is scarcely a single instance of freedom from error in the sums given as total expenditure for congregational or for all purposes—to specify only these—the difference in the latter from what it should be, according to the other entries, being as great in one case as nearly \$12,000. The addition, too, of the sums for schemes is often incorrect.

Among the average contributions by Sabbath schools and Bible classes, the Presbytery of Montreal deserves mention as the highest, the amount being 42c. per pupil. Next ranks the Presbytery of Toronto, the average being 18c. Next that of Hamilton, 16c. Next that of Simcoe, 14c. nearly, and so down until it gets as low as one cent. An obvious reflection suggested on inspecting that column, is that in some of the presbyteries sufficient efforts are not being used to train the young in contributing to the missions of the church.

The largest average per Family and Communicants paid by congregations is in the Presbytery of Montreal. Hamilton stands second per family, and Kingston second per communicant. Toronto stands third per family, and Bruce third per communicant. Paris fourth per family, and Chatham fourth per communicant. The lowest average per family is in the Presbytery of Cobourg, and the lowest per communicant is in the Presbytery of Guelph. The largest average per family and communicant for all purposes is in the Presbytery of Montreal. Hamilton ranks second per family, and Kingston second per communicant. Cobourg is lowest per family, and Huron per communicant.

GENERAL REPORT.

Your Committee have thought, that on an occasion so interesting and memorable in the history, not only of the Canada Presbyterian Church, but of the Presbyterian Church in different sections throughout the Dominion, it would be acceptable to the Assembly if they presented a statement of the progress and condition of this Church since the union in 1861. They will thus be able to see what God has been doing for them in their efforts for the glory of His name.

In the month of July, 1832, Mr. Thomas Christie, who had been for some years minister of Holme, in Orkney, Mr. William Proudfoot, minister at Pitrodie, in the Carse of Gowrie, and Mr. William Robertson, minister at Cupar, in Fifeshire, were sent out by the United Associate Synod in Scotland to Canada, as their first missionaries to the foreign field. Mr. Robertson was cut down about a month after his arrival—God thus taking one to himself from among those standard-bearers in his cause. In the early part of 1833 they were followed by Mr., now Dr. William Taylor, who is still among us, and who has taken an active and prayerful interest in the Union so soon to be consummated, as he did in that which took place fourteen years ago, who had been settled for some time in Peebles; and by Mr. Geo. Murray; and by Mr., afterwards Dr. Robert Thornton, who has lately been called home, who were ordained with a special view to the Canadian Mission. In the following year Mr. James Skinner and Mr. John Cassie were added to the number. By the action of the Synod of