

together with six Ministers licensed and ordained by the Synod, making a total of twenty-three, presents only an actual increase of nine members on the Roll of 1851 over that of 1845,—an increase bearing no adequate proportion to the spiritual destitution which prevails among the members of our Church in this Province, enlarging, as it does, by emigration and the natural increase of population; THEREFORE it is respectfully over- tured that this Synod do take some effectual means to enforce the duty that is laid upon us to perpetuate and extend our Church, and to diffuse its blessed influence among all, who shall ask for the benefit of its ministrations, by training up young men for the Ministry; and that for the attainment of this object the Synod do ordain that Presbyteries shall use effectual means to secure at least one student, on an average, from every four congregations, and, if need be, assist to maintain him at Queen's College during the whole course of his studies; and that, for the carrying out of this scheme, the Synod shall organize itself into Educational Boards, of four congregations each, on such a plan as shall best insure cordial and effective co-operation in this measure."

If the Synod can be induced to agree on any scheme of this nature, it will be deemed highly satisfactory, that the Trustees of Queen's College, at a general meeting of the Board in October last, with the view of rendering that Institution more efficient, resolved to appoint, as soon as practicable, a Principal and two Professors in addition to the two who are now employed. When these appointments are completed, the means of education may be deemed adequate to our present necessities. To extend the usefulness of the College, and to increase, as far as lay in their power, the number of Theological Students, the Board of Trustees farther resolved that it should be the duty of the officers to be appointed to devote three months during the College recess to visiting the principal congregations of the Synod, to promote the interests of the collegiate education, and to awaken the desire in pious young men to consecrate themselves to the work of the Ministry in this land. When this measure shall be fully carried out by the Professors of Queen's College, it will fall in harmoniously with such a scheme as that suggested in the preceding overture; and, through the Divine blessing, we may look forward to an era of greater prosperity for the Church of Scotland in Canada.

With a full knowledge of the difficulties and discouragements by which we have been surrounded, and which still in a deplorable degree encumber us, permit me to state frankly my opinion that our Church has not faithfully discharged its duty to Queen's College. That In-

stitution is peculiarly our own in its origin and design. Its funds were collected mainly from our own people. The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has continued annually a liberal donation to its funds—a donation originally intended to assist in educating a native Ministry. Yet, after the lapse of nine years, and a large expenditure, the result has been, as appears from the Roll of 1851, only six Ministers to the Church, some of whom received part of their education in Scotland. What great disadvantages Queen's College has laboured under is known to us; immensely aggravated they have been by the negligence and apathy of those whose duty it was to have relieved them, and who had in their own hands the power of placing it on a more efficient footing. Whether a free and candid statement of the evils that threaten us will arouse our Ministers and people from their apathy remains to be seen.

To present more distinctly the condition of our Church, I subjoin the following TABULAR VIEW:—

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Presbyteries, 1851	Ministers of the Church of Scotland on the Roll, September, 1844.	Other Ministers of the Church of Scotland on the Roll of 1851.	Ministers received from other bodies on the Roll September, 1844.	Other Ministers received from various Presbyterian bodies on the Roll educated chiefly in Canada: Roll, 1851.	Licensed by the Synod, Canada: Roll, 1851.
Hamilton, 12	1	2	4	9	9
Bathurst, 10	2	1	4	3	1
Kingston, 10	2	1	4	3	1
Toronto, 12	2	1	4	3	1
Montreal, 14	3	1	5	3	1
Glasgory, 7	4	2	1	0	0
Total, 69	22	8	15	9	6

The Synod as now constituted is made up of—
 Ministers of the Church of Scotland, 30
 Ministers from other Presbyterian bodies, 24
 Its own Licentiate, 5

Two Professors and two Missionaries on the Roll of the Presbytery of Kingston.
 One French Missionary on the Roll of the Presbytery of Montreal.
 One Missionary and a Catechist on the Roll of the Presbytery of Toronto. †

It may further be stated, in order to exhibit our true strength and position, that several of the Ministers, whose names are included in the preceding numbers, are wholly laid aside from their work by age and infirmity; while several more are verging on that advanced stage of life which forbids us to hope for many years of that incessant and exhausting toil which the exigencies of our Colonial Church demand of a faithful Minister.

In bringing your attention to this question in all its bearings, you will not forget that in addition to the general obligations under which we are laid as Ministers, to perpetuate and extend our own Church, there are other obligations of a special kind laid upon us. We enjoy a very considerable assistance from the Clergy Reserve-Fund—a boon from Providence to enable us to extend our usefulness in that wide field which is spread before us. The census as belonging to our Church, is 67,900.* The Divine Head of the Church requires, and the State too is entitled to require of us, that we should care for the spiritual well-being of these thousands. If we fail in our duty, if we are constrained to testify, as we have too long testified, that, notwithstanding all the advantages which the State affords us, we cannot find Ministers to supply our vacant congregations and missionary fields, there will be found among our

* I have not the means of knowing at present our numbers in C. E.

† Note.—In 1844, at the second meeting of the Synod in that year, 63 names are found upon the Synod Roll; but shortly after, and previous to the meeting of the Synod in 1845, 2 Ministers retired from the Presbytery of Montreal, 2 from the Presbytery of Glasgory, 3 from the Presbytery of Hamilton, and 4 from the Presbytery of Quebec; total 14.

In 1845 the Synod Roll contains 61 Ministers and 3 Professors—64 names.
 " 1846 " " " 51 " " 2 " " 53 "
 " 1847 " " " 56 " " 1 " " 57 "
 " 1848. No minutes published.
 " 1849 the Synod Roll contains 53 " " 2 " " 60 "
 " 1850 " " " 61 " " 1 " " 62 "
 " 1851 " " " 60 " " 2 " " 63 "
 The Synod, which originated by descent from ours in 1844, has now upon its Roll 74 Ministers with pastoral charges, and 6 without pastoral charges.
 The United Presbyterian Synod, whose origin is not long anterior to 1844, has now on its Roll 42 Ministers with pastoral charges, and 3 without pastoral charge.