

1871, they had advanced to more than one-sixth.

The Presbyterian family, in all its branches, is given as numbering 544,998, rather less than one sixth of the whole population. In Ontario, they are more than one-fifth.

The Church of England counts 494,049 adherents. In Quebec, it is the strongest Protestant body. In Ontario, it has lost ground a little, relatively.

The Baptists have multiplied considerably, though not absolutely numerous. Their whole number is 239,343, of whom 165,238 are of the "Regular" (Calvinistic and Close Communion) type, 11,445 Tunkers, and 60,507 of "Free Will." The latter body is comparatively strong in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. In Ontario, the whole number of Baptists, of all kinds, was, in 1851, 45,353; in 1861, 61,559; and in 1871, 80,000, of whom 62,945 were "Regulars."

The Congregationalists are given as 21,329 in all, distributed as follows,—12,858 in Ontario, 5,240 in Quebec, 1,193 in New Brunswick, and 2,538 in Nova Scotia. These figures are small, it is true. They do not indicate the real position of the body, or the influence exercised by it. It *weighs* more than it *numbers*. Still, the numbers ought to be far greater than they are. We lose hundreds yearly by their removal to places where there is no Congregational Church; and hundreds more by that overstrained liberality which leads them to attach too little value to our distinctive principles, a liberality that is reciprocated in scarcely any other quarter.

ONTARIO SABBATH SCHOOL MISSIONARY UNION.—This Society, organized for the purpose of forming new Sabbath Schools in destitute places, west of Kingston, has recently appointed Mr. Christopher Crassweller, of Ashdown P. O., Rosseau, Muskoka District, as its Agent. He has entered on his duties, and in his first report returned *ten* schools as organized in the Muskoka region. He finds the names of "McKillican" and "Maiguire" held in loving remembrance by the settlers. Mr. Crassweller has had much experience of S. S. work in Eng-

land. He is a member of the Bond Street Congregational Church, Toronto, and is believed to be "the right man in the right place" for the arduous work in which he is now engaged. The Treasury of the Union needs replenishing. Contributions from schools or individuals will be gladly received by Rev. W. Milard, Secretary, Toronto. Used library books and periodicals, sent to the same address, will be very acceptable.

Y. M. C. A.—The "Grand Union Bazaar," held by the ladies of Toronto, for the furnishing of the Young Men's Christian Association Building, opened on Wednesday, March 5th, and closed on Saturday. It was, in every sense, a splendid success. In the first place, the ladies of the various Protestant churches, almost without exception, and including some who rarely take part in such movements, entered into this undertaking, many of them earnestly from the beginning, and others being swept into the rising tide of general enthusiasm. Then, the meetings of the general committee, consisting of three representatives from each church, (held in the Bond Street Congregational lecture-room,) were largely attended, and characterised by an excellent spirit of Christian co-operation, together with no small share of executive ability. Next, the committee was very fortunate in its officers, who were women of business and earnest in the cause, being ably supported also by the President, Vice-presidents and Secretary of the Association. Moreover, the work of the Association itself has been so well done, that it has touched young men throughout the whole community, and awakened the liveliest sympathy on the part of their mothers, sisters and other lady friends. The hall, during the days of sale, was the general resort of the citizens, and at night crowded to excess. The arrangements were excellently conceived and carried out, and the best spirit pervaded the band of workers in the cause. The pecuniary result, from admissions, sales and refreshments was fully \$7,000, enough to furnish the building handsomely, and leave a liberal margin for the debt.