

in a printed form. They have simply to state that the Returns came in so tardily, that it was impossible to draw up and present any thing like a satisfactory Report at the opening of the Synod; and they have preferred to crave the indulgence of the Synod for a little delay, to laying before it an imperfect Report. The Committee believe that the result has justified the course which they have pursued.

There are now on the Synod Roll 124 ministers, of whom *four* are connected with the College and Agency, and *two* are without charge. There are thus 118 settled in pastoral charges. Reports have been received from 99 of these charges, and also from a few vacant congregations and mission stations. It thus appears that there is a more full representation this year than on any former occasion. It is hoped that next year's Returns will be still more satisfactory, so that a full synopsis of the Church's affairs may be presented to the Synod and the Church at large.

No reports have been received from the following settled congregations, viz:—

Presbytery of Montreal, 5.—English River, Osnabrock, Winslow, Vankleekhill, Indian Lands.
Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa, 1.—*Pembroke*.

Presbytery of Kingston, 1.—*Madoc*.

Presbytery of Toronto, 4.—Chinguacousy, Acton, Markham, Ashburn.

Presbytery of Hamilton, 4.—Galt, Guelph, W. Puslinch, Berlin.

Presbytery of London, 6.—North Easthope, Woodstock, (Knox's Church), Blandford, *St. Mary's*, Beachville, Mitchell.

In all, 21 congregations. Of this number, *eight*, marked in italics, have been recently settled; and there remain, therefore, only 13 that have not given in Returns. There were last year 16 unrepresented; and the Committee believe that, considering the increase in the number of settled charges, there has been a most encouraging improvement.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

There is herewith presented, in a Tabular form, a view of the most important items brought under the notice of the Committee under the first heading in the printed schedules. There is not so great an increase in the membership as might be anticipated from the large increase in the number of settled congregations. This, apparently unsatisfactory, result may be accounted for, probably, on the ground that some large congregations that gave in returns last year have failed to do so this year. The additions to the various Communion Rolls are

considerable, and in some instances of a most encouraging nature. A glance at the table will give every information on this interesting point:—

PRESBYTERIES.		No. of Ministers.		No. of Members.		Increase in 1857		Congregational Libraries.		No. of Volumes in Cong'l Lib.		No. of Mansees and Glebes.		Value of Mansees and Glebes.		Value of Churches.	
Montreal.....	17	1914	157	5	1035	5	1428	19715	8150	1320	6800	3	1750	2800	14138	19591	9312
Brockville and Ottawa...	14	2145	96	5	790	5	1320	8150	6800	3200	14138	5	2800	11067	77312	77312	77312
Kingston.....	7	661	51	2	290	2	1750	1750	1750	1750	1750	3	2850	11067	77312	77312	77312
Cobourg.....	9	1988	143	1	100	1	1750	1750	1750	1750	1750	3	2850	11067	77312	77312	77312
Toronto.....	23	2068	203	8	1987	8	2800	14138	14138	14138	14138	5	2800	11067	77312	77312	77312
Hamilton.....	25	3693	428	6	1144	6	2850	19591	19591	19591	19591	3	2850	11067	77312	77312	77312
London.....	30	2452	148	2	430	2	6225	9312	9312	9312	9312	10	6225	5316	3594	3594	3594
Total.....	124	14901	1247	29	5776	29	16373	80906	80906	80906	80906	31	16373	5316	3594	3594	3594
Last year.....	110	13722	1373	27	5743	27	11067	77312	77312	77312	77312	27	11067	5316	3594	3594	3594
Difference	14	1179	126	2	33	2	5316	3594	3594	3594	3594	4	5316	3594	3594	3594	3594

It will be observed from the above table that there has been an increase of *fourteen* ministers; the greatest increase having been in the Presbytery of London where *ten* have been added to the roll during the past year. There are present at this meeting of Synod 85 ministers and 44 elders, making a *Sederunt* of 129.

The number of libraries has not increased, although several sums have been expended in adding to the volumes previously reported. It were well, both for the people and their pastors, that each congregation had a well-filled library. It is to be hoped that this subject will engage the serious consideration of Presbyteries and Sessions.

The material property of the Church in Mansees Glebes and Churches has been largely augmented during the past year. The committee believe that our Church will not be

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