

vated, and that the old time-worn barn-order of church architecture is rapidly giving way to graceful and appropriate designs after the early English Gothic styles. For this visible improvement in the form of new churches we are indebted to the following congregations in the Province of Ontario:—to Nelson, Dunwich (Glencoe), Kippen, Chatham, Stratford, Derby, Uxbridge, Mono, Erin, Nottawasaga, Gwillimbury, Fcaelon, Seymour, Williamsburgh, Lochiel, Dalhousie Mills, Carleton Place, Bishop's Mills, Mainsville and Hawkesbury. In the Province of Quebec:—to St. Paul's and St. Mark's, Montreal; Dundee and Ormstown. That of St. Paul's, Montreal, is worthy of special mention, not only because it is the largest and most beautiful of our new churches, but because of the influence which the erection of such an edifice has upon the architectural taste of the whole community. This church which cost about \$80,000 was opened for worship in 1868, and has already served as a model in the designing of several other smaller and less costly ones. Those at Stratford, Dundee and Ormstown are also beautiful structures, and cost about \$10,000 each. Among the churches enlarged and renovated are those at Dundas, London, Owen Sound, Peterboro', Whitby, Cornwall, Lachine, and St. Andrew's, Montreal.

Congregations that in 1866 were oppressed by a load of debt have since then rid themselves of the incubus and assumed a respectable position on the roll of Synod. Others that were then weak—depending chiefly upon external aid for the maintenance of religious ordinances—have become strong; not only self-supporting congregations, but also liberal contributors to the Schemes of the Church.

Your Committee are thus led to the conclusion that, from whatever point of view the statistics of 1869 are regarded, they afford evidence of a healthy tone pervading the Church, and of satisfactory progress being made.

All which is respectfully submitted,

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Convener.

Montreal, 1st October, 1870.

N.B.—The number attending the Quebec Sabbath School should appear as 200.