

Presbyterian Churches in the British Colonies.

I.—AUSTRALIA.

I. THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA.

The following statistics will give an approximate view of the present numerical and financial state of the Church:—

Presbyterian population: 180,000	Sittings in Churches: 88,000
Pastoral charges: 145	Sabbath-schools: 264
Ministers settled in do.: 122	Teachers: 2,100
Unattached Ministers supplying vacancies and new stations: 19	Scholars: 23,000
Elders: 400	Bible classes: 78
Attending divine service: 60,000	Scholars: 1,800
Communicants: 15,000	Income for all purposes, 1875-76: £80,000
Churches (besides Halls and Schoolhouses): 234	Capital Funds held in Trust for various schemes: 60,632

The Schemes of the Church embrace two departments—Ministerial and Missionary.

II. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Church now consists of 7 Presbyteries, 68 Ministers, 70 Charges, and 108 Church-buildings. It has schemes for Church Extension, Foreign Missions, Sabbath-schools, Sustentation Fund, and Church and Manse Fund; its Foreign Missions are to the New Hebrides and the Chinese; it has three Theological tutors, and its estimated total income for 1875 was £15,000.

III. SYNOD OF EASTERN AUSTRALIA.

This Synod is formed of those who stood aloof from the general union of 1865, on the ground that Free Church principles were not sufficiently maintained. It consists of two Presbyteries, having nine ministers and charges.