

CHURCHES.

The total number of Churches is 166: of these nine are built of "logs," 79 are frame buildings, 25 brick, 53 stone. Together, they are seated for 46,344 persons. Two of these—St. Andrew's Churches in Montreal and Hamilton—may be called splendid specimens of Christian architecture. They cost respectively, \$64,000, and \$56,000. About a dozen are entitled to rank as fine Churches, 60 are good, comfortable and substantial, 57 are passable—without any pretension to architectural beauty, 35 belong to the "Barn" order of architecture. Of those now building that of St. Paul's in Montreal, will equal, if it does not surpass, any of the existing ones. There is great room for improvement in the style of our Church building. Such edifices should not only be decent, commodious and comfortable, but they should also be beautiful and attractive. This could be attained without extravagance. A book of designs for Churches and manses, placed in the keeping of the Synod clerk, or other public officer—and to which parties intending to build should have access—might be of great service in promoting correct taste in this important matter.

And here a question naturally arises: is our Church accommodation sufficient? The statistical facts embodied in the returns of the several congregations bear concurrent testimony that it is not. The want in this respect is most apparent in the cities and towns. In Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa and Montreal, there is not only room, but pressing need, for Church extension. From this cause, many warm friends of our Church have connected themselves—some of them temporarily—with other denominations, and others will, doubtless, soon follow their example, if adequate provision is not made for them by their own.

MANSES, GLEBES, AND DEBT.

Of the 126 congregations enumerated, 77 only are possessed of Manses, and 67 of Glebes; 49 have no Manse; 59 no Glebe. It has been mentioned that most of the older congregations have received assistance to procure Manses and Glebes. There is no source from which the more recently formed congregations can