

is also your Committee on Statistics, it has been thought part of their duty to embody such an outline in this report.

The names of 69 congregations occur in the papers that have come to hand, but three of these give no statistics, while in the case of several others these are incomplete. 44 "stations within bounds," are returned, being an increase of 4 upon last year. The "average attendance" throughout the Church, amounts to 12,845, shewing an increase upon the returns of the preceding year of 2,287; 930 members have been added, and 374 removed, while the numbers in the previous return were, respectively, 719, and 276, showing a total increase of 556, and an increase over the foregoing year of 113. The total membership is 6,409; baptism has been dispensed to 613, and 2,988 are in religious classes; 959 attend prayer meetings. "Volumes in Libraries," amount to 12,424, and the number of "Churches" is 76. Congregational debt, according to the reports, is £2,947 7s. 4½d. The "Total Income" has been £6,425 15s. 5d., and there have been expended upon stipend, £4050 12s. 10d., and on Church Property, £1,930 8s. 8½d. On these items severally, there has been a great increase; on that of "Income," for example, upwards of £1,050; on that of "Stipend," upwards of £1200; on that of "Church Property," more than £717. For the Theological Fund, there have been raised £76 6s. 6½d.; for the Synod and Presbytery Funds, £54 2s. 1½d.; for Synod's Missions, £197 4s. 10d., and for General Missions, £225 7s. 0½d. On the two last items there has been a falling off for the past year. While the total income, in the returns for the year ending December, 1851, gave an average of less than £1 to each member; this year it is just about that sum.

It will be observed that these general results do not present the actual state of the Church, for, in several cases, full returns have not been made—a circumstance which is much to be regretted, and which, it is highly desirable that Presbyteries should remedy in future, and again we are able to compare the present only with a year, the returns for which are imperfect. Sufficient evidence, however, is afforded that the United Presbyterian Church in Canada is prospering, and while we breathe the prayer, upon taking this retrospect, "Establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it," let the success with which God has blessed, and is still blessing the labours of his servants, stimulate them to renewed zeal and activity, in unfolding and bearing forward the banner which God has given them to display in the cause of truth.