

Your Committee regret to have to say that out of the seventy Parishes to which the questions were sent, twenty have failed to make any return, although especially directed to do so by the Canon. And they would most respectfully submit that unless all the Parishes do make a return the Annual Statistical Report of the Committee must lose much of its value.

The Parishes from which no returns have been received are the following, viz :

Deanery of Chatham—Bathurst, Chatham, Richibucto, Restigouche.
Deanery of Fredericton—Burton, New Maryland, St. Mary's, Stanley.
Deanery of Kingston—Cambridge, Hampton, Rothesay, Upham, Waterford, Westfield.

Deanery of St. Andrews—St. Andrews, St. George.

Deanery of St. John—Petersville.

Deanery of Woodstock—Canterbury, Gordon and Lorne, Prince William.

The absence of Reports from some of these Parishes may be owing to the change of Clergymen, or through a vacancy.

Fifty Parishes have reported to your Committee, and the Tabulated Statement of the Returns is appended to this report.

Your Committee have compiled the following summary from the reports, which will no doubt be of interest to the members of the Synod :

The number of Parishes to which the questions were sent was seventy.

The number of returns received was fifty.

The number from which no return has been received is twenty.

Of the Parishes which have reported,

Twelve give no report of contributions.

Two give no report of the number of Scholars.

Three report Schools open in summer only.

Twenty-seven Parishes use Bishop Doane's Manuals.

Five use Dr. Shinn's Leaflets.

Three the International.

Two the Evangelical Churchman Series, and two those adopted by the Provincial Synod.

Two Parishes report weekly Catechizing.

Twelve Parishes report Monthly Children's Services, and seventeen report services less frequently than monthly, while seven report no services in connection with the Sunday Schools.

Thirty-five Parishes report in favor of holding a Convention of Sunday School Workers, while three are doubtful of the advisability of such a Convention.

The number of Schools reported is eighty-nine.

The number of Teachers, male, 155; female, 352; total, 507.