

nant and painful proof of its falsity. We have been deceived, to the crippling of our strength, and the injury of the families committed to our care. Let us, while making full proof of the pastoral opportunities given us in the classes on the Sabbath, return also to the good old way of systematic, searching, family visitation, and with the divine blessing upon our labors, future reports will have a brighter page in answer to the question, "How is Family instruction observed?"

CONDENSED STATISTICS.

Synods.....	9
Presbyteries.....	56
<i>Ministers.</i>	
Pastors and Stated Supplies	471
Without charge.....	177
Not Reported.....	9

Total Ministers.....	657
Ministers deceased.....	7
Ministers received.....	3
Ministers dismissed.....	7
Ministers ordained.....	24
Ministers installed.....	66
Ministers released.....	53
Licentiate.....	56
Licenses reported.....	16
Students of Theology.....	70

Congregations.

Congregations with Pastors and Stated Supplies.....	593
Congregations Vacant.....	198

Total Congregations.....	791
Congregations organized..	9
Congregations dissolved..	6
Mission Stations.....	67
New Stations during year	21
Houses of worship erected.	21
Total cost of houses reported.....	\$149,733
Average cost.....	\$7,130
Congregations having no house.....	103
Parsonages.....	96
Parsonages built.....	3
Average cost.....	\$2,167

Membership.

Members received on profession.....	3,928
Members received on certificate.....	3,031
Deaths and removals....	4,924

Total Members reported	78,748
Adults baptized.....	559
Infants baptized.....	3,725

Sabbath Schools.

Schools open the whole year	515
Schools open part of year	194

Total schools reported..	709
Average months open....	10.7
Officers and teachers.....	6,973
Number scholars reported	59,243
Contributed by S. Schools.	\$23,210

Contributions.

Salaries of Ministers.....	\$438,748
Congregational expenses..	198,338
To the Boards.....	95,587
General contributions....	50,933

Total.....	783,666
Average per member.....	10.75
Average salary of pastors..	928
Legacies.....	10,813

Contributors.

Congregations contributing to all the funds.....	183
Congregations not contributing to any of the funds	57
Congregations not reporting	101
Membership in 1877 of congregations not reporting in 1878.....	5,831