

REPORT

OF

THE COMMITTEE

ON MINISTERS' STIPENDS.

Ordered by the Synod to be printed for the use of the Members,

THE Committee on Ministers' Stipends regret that they have not been able to come to any very satisfactory termination of their labours. Shortly after the last meeting of the Synod, the Committee met at Quebec, and prepared and issued circulars requesting every minister to give such information as appeared necessary to a correct view of the state of the Church in respect of the support of Ministers, and also to offer such suggestions as seemed likely to remedy existing evils in this matter. To these circulars only about twenty answers have yet been returned—so few that the Committee have judged it unnecessary, in the meantime, to arrange or detail the information they contain. The most important of them are those from Mr. M'Killican, Mr. M'Alister, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Gale; and the suggestions contained in them will be afterwards adverted to in this Report. It is to be regretted that so few answers have been received. It would be comfortable