

than the Mahomedan Koran, or the Hindoo Shasters; and Jesus Christ and redemption, heaven and hell, are delusions and lies. But if it is, its revelations and doctrines are true, and infinitely important. We believe it is—we know it is. And we, who preach its doctrines, should preach them confidently, boldly, aggressively. It is to be feared that in some of our pulpits this is not done. It is to be feared that some of our preachers ignore the bone and sinew, the marrow and fatness of the Gospel, and preach only or chiefly the glittering generalities of a sentimental religion that makes a mockery of the cross of Christ. And it is to be feared that some of our people have lost their love for and their faith in the glorious old saving doctrines of the Gospel, as they are embodied in our Confession and Catechisms; and so have lost all relish for them themselves, and all desire to teach them to their children. We call attention to this, and do most earnestly urge upon the whole Church, ministers and people, to stand fast by the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS.

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Synods	35	35	36	36	37	37
Presbyteries . . .	172	174	173	172	175	178
Candidates	770	767	676	705	672	636
Licentiates	348	309	304	324	321	331
Ministers	4,534	4,597	4,706	4,744	4,801	4,901
Licensures	156	140	167	159	152	178
Ordinations	135	159	157	137	133	157
Installations . . .	414	354	336	255	240	239
Pas. Dissolut'ns.	260	278	278	253	224	201
Min. received . . .	75	55	49	53	59	49
Min. dismissed . .	23	26	23	27	32	21
Min. deceased . . .	91	85	76	85	97	79
Churches	4,802	4,946	4,999	5,077	5,153	5,269
" organ'd.	170	174	128	113	106	164
" diss'l'd.	56	63	54	58	53	47
" received	6	11	7	3	2	6
" dismis'd	8	8	9	6	2	2
Added exam.	26,698	36,971	32,059	48,240	43,068	32,277
" certi	20,266	23,096	20,385	22,493	20,702	21,683
Communc'ns.	472,023	495,634	506,034	535,210	557,674	567,955
Baptisms ad.	8,456	11,682	10,646	15,753	15,263	11,610
" in.	16,698	18,838	17,694	18,987	18,092	19,226
S. S. mem.	482,762	516,971	520,452	555,347	581,606	599,282

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Home Miss.	\$433,522	\$416,067	\$501,608	\$314,693	\$393,294	\$383,434
Foreign "	392,996	508,520	412,716	399,767	418,379	370,772
Education	253,583	243,952	381,424	81,182	185,656	95,847