

Thursday, 9th.—Prayer for Christian ministers, and all engaged in Christ's service ; for God's ancient Israel, and for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, 10th.—Prayer for the sick and afflicted ; for widows and orphans ; and for the persecuted for righteousness' sake.

Saturday, 11th.—Prayer for the Christian Church ; for increase of holiness and activity, fidelity and love ; and for grace equal to the duties and dangers of the times.

Sunday, 12th.—Sermons. Subject : Christian Charity —1 Cor. 13.

STATISTICS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IN SCOTLAND, COMPARED WITH OURS.

A carefully prepared abstract of the statistical reports of this mother church, has been published in the July number of their Missionary Record, which deserves attention, and from which the following items and results have been called :—

The number of Ministers in the U. P. Church, in 1865, was 620 ; in 1866, it was 623, being an increase of 3, or about .50 per cent.

Our increase for the same period was 5, or about 2.10 per cent.

The number of Elders in the U. P. Church, in 1865, was 4,466 ; in 1866, it was 4,595 ; an increase of 29, or about .65 per cent. This allows 7.37 on an average to each minister.

For the same period the increase in our Eldership was 73 or 5.60 per cent, and we had an average of 5.62 Elders to each Minister.

The number of Members in the U. P. Church, for 1865, was 172,752, and for 1866, it was 174,920 ; an increase of 2,178, or of 1.25 per cent. This allows an average of 280 Members to each Minister and of 38 to each Elder.

For the same period our increase was 1,427 Members, or of 4.15 per cent. ; and our average of Members to each Minister was 151, and 26 to each Elder.

The number of Congregations in the U. P. Church in 1865, was 592 ; and in 1866, it was 596 ; an increase of 4, or of .65 per cent. The increase for the seven years preceding 1866, was 56 ; an average of 8 per annum, or 1.48 per cent. The largest increase was in the years 1862 and 1863, the number being 21, and, probably, may be accounted for by the Union of the Irish branch of the Old Secession Church.

For the same period our increase of regular Congregations was 41, or 9.55 per cent.

The stipend account of the U. P. Church for 1865, (including travelling expenses and supplements amounting to \$26,575,) was \$520,130 ; being an average of \$879 for each Congregation, or of \$833 to each Minister, or of \$3 per Member. For 1866, the stipend was \$542,823 ; an increase of \$22,605, or of 4.40 per cent., affording an average for each Congregation of \$910, or to each Minister of \$871, or of \$3.10 per Member, being an increase, respectively, of \$31, \$38, and 10 cents.

Our stipend account for 1865, was \$113,940, being an average of \$485 to each Minister having a charge, or of \$3.25 per Member. For 1866, the amount was \$129,711 ; an increase of \$15,771, or of 1.4 per cent., affording an average to each Minister of \$540, or of \$3.55 per Member, being an increase respectively of \$55 and 30 cents.

Finally, the total contributions of the U. P. Church for all purposes, Congregational, Missionary, and Benevolent, in 1865, were \$1,323,975, being an average of \$7.66 per Member. For 1866, the amount was \$1,-