

of Scotland in Lower Provinces, 6; Total are taken from the most recent Church
46. The following congregational figures Statistics.

	No. of Ministers.	Average Stipend.	No. of Congrega- tions.	No. of Vacant Charges.	No. of Elders.	No. of Communi- cants.	Sabbath School	
							Teachers.	Scholars.
C. P. Church	329	700	645	78	1,987	49,315	4,094	43,536
Ch. of S. in Canada	122	842	179	17	609	17,247	1,193	11,487
Ch. of Lower Provinces	124	947	138	17	832	18,082	1,710	13,401
Ch. of S. in L. P.	31	*874	41	9	228	4,622	474	4,970
	606	*840	1,003	121	3,656	89,266	7,471	73,394

* Stipend in No. 4 includes Manse and Glebe.

There are thus over one thousand congregations,—many of course being “double charges”—and one hundred and twenty-one openings for additional ministers in “vacant charges.” The average stipend is \$840. There are six colleges, in all of which, save one, divinity classes are taught—Queen’s College at Kingston, being endowed with University powers.

Each of the churches in question has a fund for the benefit of Ministers’ widows and orphans. That of the first named in the Schedule, has a capital of \$77,089 and an annual revenue of \$16,234. The second has capital, \$73,153; revenue, \$9,018. The third has \$20,000 invested, and the fourth, has just commenced to create a fund, for which purpose \$3,661 have been collected. The aggregate of these funds is \$162,921.

THE JOY SET BEFORE US.

Our Divine and suffering Lord in the deepest anguish of Gethsemane and Calvary, had a “joy set before Him.” Perhaps a multitude of joys; but there was one that we are perfectly sure of. He foresaw the fruit of his sorrow in the redemption of precious souls.

He foresaw a child of sin fleeing from under the just wrath of God. He hears that penitent’s cry for mercy. He sees that contrite soul confessing sin, and

coming to be washed in the cleansing blood that purifies and saves. Faith has saved him. He rises up from before the Cross a new man, and leads a new and a noble and a holy life. He triumphs over temptation, and after the victory over death, is translated to glory. If there was but one solitary soul saved from hell, and exalted to such an “exceeding weight of glory,” the anticipation of it would have brought a joy before the dying eye of our dear Lord when He endured the Cross and despised the shame.

But we must multiply this one by myriads of millions. We must take into the estimate all the happy hours of all the holy lives that were born at Calvary’s Cross; we must reckon all the tears that have been dried, and all the deeds of love that have been kindled, and all the endless procession of blessings that have streamed from that Cross clear on to heaven’s harp of praise and hallelujahs! Then we must multiply all these glorious results by the word *eternity*. Do we wonder then that for “the joy set before Him,” the Man of Sorrows endured the stripes, the agonies, and the shame of Golgotha?

With what bitter price bought He our ransom! But He shall be repaid when He beholds heaven thronged with the trophies of His sufferings. If even an earthly mother hushes her sobs and sufferings amid the anguish of the birth-