

professors—two of theology and two to aid in providing a proper collegiate course for our young men. We have six foreign missionaries—three in the New Hebrides and three in Trinidad (two there and one about to sail); and then we have thirty weak congregations drawing supplement from a total of 120 congregations having pastors—in other words, nearly every fourth charge requires aid.”

The question of union with the ministers and congregations representing the Established Church of Scotland has for some time past been under consideration. Its speedy consummation appears to be much and generally desired, and the importance of the time cannot be over-estimated when every Presbyterian minister of every name in Canada shall form one great united Church not only for the maintenance and defence of the Gospel, but for its diffusion over the vast territories of the Dominion.

Within the Dominion is also situate the French Canadian Mission—a Mission to which for several years aid has been extended. Its operations are directed to the Scriptural instruction and spiritual well-being of the French inhabitants of Upper Canada, who are in general firm adherents of the Church of Rome. Its success in their conversion has been very marked. No assistance having been given in 1873, £100 were remitted to the Treasurer during the year that has closed.

Irish Presbyterian Church.

The following Statistics of the Irish Presbyterian Church will be read with interest:—

The total income of our Church for the past year is £138,149 7s. 11d. This is an increase £10,729 upon the income of last year, and of nearly £19,000 on that of the previous year. Almost a half of this increase has been in the sum raised for erecting, or paying debt on, Church buildings. The congregational debts have increased by more than £10,000 during the year, and now amount to £44,381; but the sum raised for paying off debt has also increased to a large extent, and amounts to £28,058. This is £5,000 more than last year, and £10,000 more than was raised the previous year. During the past year twelve new mansees have been built. The total number of mansees now in the Church is 309, so that considerably more than one half of our congregations have a free residence for their minister. Ten or twelve mansees in the year—this seems to be the regular rate of progress, and at this rate it will be a quarter of a century before we shall have one attached to every church.

After seeing how the Church buildings are paid for, the next thing is to see how the ministers are paid who live or labour in them. The Sustentation Fund has not cut down the Seat Rents, and it is a curious fact that in these two items the increase this year has been almost the same. The falling off in the number of families, communicants, and stipend payers still to some extent continues. Last year our communicants were 1,500 less than in the previous year, and we had 1,000 fewer families. This year, though our returns are more numerous, the families have again decreased by 250, the communicants by 1,000, and the stipend payers by something over 100. The total number of families returned is 88,427 communicants 109,385, and stipend payers 66,238. Though our numbers have thus somewhat fallen, the seat rents have increased about £1,700, and amount in all to £41,483, while the increase in the contributions to the Sustentation Fund has been £1,500. Our statistical returns cannot show the full sum raised any year for sustentation, as a considerable amount is always received by the Treasurer after they are made up and forwarded; but this year the sum returned to us is £24,944. This sum has been contributed by about 39,030 persons, so that 2,587 new contributors have been obtained during the year. The Sabbath Collections have risen £1,200, and amount to £15,733, and there is an increase of £500 on the sum raised for Various Charities, making the total amount £10,863. Thus our growth, though slow, is uniform; all parts of our income are rising together.

WHAT THE COOLIES SAY TO THE MISSIONARY.

Previous to leaving for Nova Scotia, Rev. John Morton received the following address:—

Sanfermando, 20th, 1874

To the Rev. John Morton.

DEAR SIR,—As you are about to leave us for a season, we wish to express the feelings of our hearts before you go.

We thank you for ourselves and our country people, who cannot bless you yet. We look with pleasure on the brightening spiritual prospects of the Asiatics here.

A few years ago when there was no one to care for their souls, you kindly left the comforts of home, and espoused our cause. You bestowed unremitting labour in the study of the Hindi language, and have been the instrument in God's hand in preaching the Gospel unto many. You have also been the means of arousing an interest in