

REMARKS.

On the face of the return there appear 93 Congregations, of which 81 have settled Pastors and 12 are vacant. Of the 81 Congregations having settled pastors 71 have sent returns and 10 have not. Of the vacancies, 9½ have sent returns and 2½ have not. The total returns therefore represent 80 Congregations and one section. There are 12 Congregations and 1 Section which have sent no returns. The absence of so many returns defeats the object of obtaining reliable statistics of the body. The imperfect nature of some of the returns tends to the same result. Some of the blanks are of such a nature that it has been deemed advisable to fill them up approximately. Thus when the number of families is given, but not the number of adherents, we have filled up the latter column by multiplying the number of families by 5½, the usual average in each, otherwise large congregations would count as nothing in the summing up of the adhering population. Again in a number of congregations the returns do not specify the number in attendance upon public ordinances. In those cases we have counted the attendance at 60 per cent. of the population, which in places where the people generally attend may be considered as a fair average. If something of this kind had not been done, such large congregations as those of Dr. Smith and Dr. McLeod would have appeared as having no person whatever attending the ministrations of these respected fathers. In some other columns, such as that for attendance on prayer meetings, the answers were often in such a form that it was scarcely possible to put them in a shape to be added at all, and the result cannot be regarded as reliable. We observe too that some of our brethren have not yet studied the Decimal System very carefully. What number of dollars are represented by such figures as 46.8 or 8.4 or the still more mysterious numbers 75.274 or 1214.908?

The * denotes congregations where the Ministers have not been a year settled, explaining deficiencies of payment.

It should be remembered that the number of Returns for 1862 were 74 against 80 this year.

SUMMARY.

	1862.	1863.
No. of Adherents, - - - - -	45,462	53,662
“ Families, - - - - -	888,2	9,151
“ Churches, - - - - -	146½	154
General attendance of hearers, - - - - -	49,705	509,35
Preaching Stations, - - - - -		149
No. of Baptisms in year, - - - - -	1,440	1,419
“ Communicants, - - - - -	9,988	10,651
“ Accessions in year, - - - - -	714	794
“ Removals, - - - - -	284	410
“ Elders, - - - - -	485	525
“ Sabbath Schools, - - - - -	232	237
“ Teachers, - - - - -	785	868
“ Pupils, - - - - -	6,720	6,810
“ Volumes in Library, - - - - -		14,037
“ Prayer Meetings, - - - - -		235
Average Attendance, - - - - -	4,576	5,043
Bible Classes, - - - - -	99	106
Attendance, - - - - -	1,965	2,186
Stipend Promised, - - - - -	\$36,504 00	\$38,929 62
Stipend Paid, - - - - -	36,008 00	35,040 80
Balance due Pastors, - - - - -		4,752 24
Debt on Congregational Property, - - - - -	11,608	3,288 00
Synod Fund, - - - - -	606 85	573 59
Ministerial Education, - - - - -	1,225 60	1,124 80
Home Missions, - - - - -	1,582 52	1,614 06
Foreign Missions in Cash, - - - - -	3,508 47	3,378 75
“ in Goods, - - - - -		346 89
Church Building, - - - - -		5327 02
Miscellaneous, - - - - -	15,988 87	10,085 64
Mission Schooner, - - - - -		1,742 78
Total raised for all purposes,	\$53,760 90	\$62,530 93