

are reported as attending prayer meetings; in all 1,384, or 123 in advance of last year. But why not the other half, or at least a fair proportion of them? Four thousand two hundred and twelve attend Sabbath School and Bible Class instruction. The number of teachers reported is 414. These schools are furnished with 1,262 more volumes of religious literature than was reported for previous years. As the subject of missions is now engrossing the attention of Christian nations in an unwonted measure, it will be gratifying to learn that our own Presbytery has caught something of the flame, as there are no less than 32 Societies within our bounds devoting their efforts more or less intently to that cause—16 of these are Missionary Associations and 24 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies. If only animated by love to Christ, such multiplied agencies must exert a powerful influence for good.

FINANCES.

There was raised in all for stipend \$22,769, making an average of \$8.42 per family, and \$4.48 per member. In this important department we stand .10 per family below the general average of the whole Church, and .8 per member above it. The total raised for congregational purposes was \$50,003, some \$946 in excess of previous year; leaving an average of \$18.50 per family, and \$9.84 per member. In both these items also we are below the general average \$1.02 per family, and 39 cents per member. The aggregate contribution for schemes of the Church was \$9,567, making an average of \$3.54 per family, and \$1.88 per member. In these we rise above the general average 12 cents per family, and 8 cents per member. Of this total sum distribution was made in the following proportion: To College Fund (ordinary and special), \$812; Home Missions, \$1,977; Augmentation, \$934; French Evangelization, \$903; Foreign Missions, \$3,919; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$560; Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$264; Assembly Fund, \$198. These numbers indicate an advance of \$681 over previous year. For all purposes \$63,984 was raised, as against \$62,451 for year ending 1887, or an excess of \$1,533. The average per family of this aggregate is \$23.31, and per member, \$12.59. In this total also we are \$1.09 per family, and 27 cents per member, below the general average.

As will appear from the appended table, 21 congregations in our Presbytery rise above the general average in stipend, while 12 are below it. For congregational purposes, schemes and all purposes, 10 only are above, while 23 are below. Such is