

although in not so marked a degree. These returns show that, in 1881, the adherents of the Church of England in the Diocese of Toronto numbered 107,553; the Presbyterians, 95,323, and the Methodists, 155,553; in 1891, the numbers were: Church of England, 129,893; the Presbyterians, 116,796, and the Methodists, 193,290.

A BRIEF RETROSPECT—THE FUTURE.

In summing up, by way of retrospect, it will be seen that, while we have an excess of machinery, it is never kept in continuous and effective motion. There is also much overlapping of subjects by Synods, and, therefore, an unnecessary conflict of jurisdiction.

What we want is a careful and thoughtful revision of our work and a simpler mode of doing it. Especially should the laity be given some real and continuing part in Church work and government. The organization of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood should have a duly recognized and distinctive share in our Church system and work.

Our present stereotyped rule of holding our Diocesan Synod in only one place, year after year, should be changed, and thus many more laymen in various places in the Diocese might become personally interested in Church work and progress. We should meet as a Synod (as this Conference has wisely done), in Barrie; and we should also meet in Cobourg and Peterboro, at intervals. If that change in our system were made, numbers of laymen, in these localities, who never attend the Synod, and only have a very vague idea of what is being done, would get to know and to be familiarized with all the "activities," so-called, of the Church. Our Woman's Auxiliary