

The Synod's Committee on Statistics, &c., beg leave to report, that they have received and examined Presbyterial returns from all the Presbyteries, in regard to which, severally, they offer the following remarks:—

- I. HAMILTON. The report seems to be carefully and accurately compiled. Contributions to all the schemes of the Church seem to be made by the congregations generally. In the congregations of Wellington Square and Ferguson, the average attendance on worship is less than the number of Church members. In the case of Saltfleet, the minister's stipend is inadequate (£59). In the case of four others the amount of stipend paid does not reach the minimum fixed by Synod.
- II. LONDON. Contributions to all the schemes not quite so general among the congregations of this Presbytery. Five congregations have failed to report, viz: Buxton, Chatham, St. Thomas, N. Easthope, Stratford and Blenheim. The last, however, has only been settled five months. In case of four congregations reported, the stipend falls below the minimum. Bayfield calls for notice, £22, so also Ingersoll, £60, Williams, £87.
- III. TORONTO. Contributions as in last. No report from four congregations, viz: Barrie and Innisfil, Chinguacousy, Brock, Union and Norval. Stipend under the minimum in the congregations of Caledon, (£60) Acton, (£90) Markham, (£71). In Markham the report says, members, 102, families, 60, average attendance, 30.
- IV. COBourg. Full and accurate report. Contributions as in last. In case of the congregation of Baltimore, &c., the minister's stipend is marked only £89.
- V. KINGSTON. Reports accurate and careful. No return from Gananoque congregation. In case of Huntingdon and Tyendinaga, the stipend is below the minimum, £65.
- VI. BROCKVILLE. Full and accurate report. The contributions to the schemes of the Church are not so generally attended to (only one for the College, viz: from Prescott) by this Presbytery. In two congregations the stipend is less than the minimum, viz: Prescott, (£75) South Gower (£80).
- VII. PERTH. Full and accurate report. Contributions to all the schemes general. No returns presented from the congregation of Osgoode, &c., and from the vacant charges of Dalhousie and Bristol. In four congregations the stipend is less than the minimum, viz:—Wakefield, (£75) McNab, (£79) Pembroke, (£69) Goulburn (£91).
- VIII. MONTREAL. The return is incomplete. So far as can be ascertained the contributions to all the schemes are general. Five congregations, viz: Indian Lands, Cornwall, &c., Lingwick, Quebec, Inverness, seem to have made no report at all. From others the reports are imperfect. Every stipend reported but one, is less than the minimum fixed by Synod. The whole report requires investigation and explanation.

Your Committee would beg leave to suggest to the Synod the propriety of changing the designation of one of the columns "*Heads of Families*" into "*Families*," and to add one column to contain the number of cases of Discipline.

The following motion, in regard to the report, was adopted, viz:

The Report of the Committee on Statistics having been read, and it being very apparent that many irregularities have been committed by congregations, in the way of not contributing, or not contributing sufficiently, to the Schemes of the Church; and it being evident also that many ministers have received stipends much below the minimum recognised by the Synod—Presbyteries are hereby instructed to deal with defaulting congregations as they may deem fit; and it is