

committee, and Rev. Mr. Chase is the only member of the first Augmentation Committee who is still in charge of that important part of our Church's work.

In 1876 there were *eleven* Presbyteries in the synod. In 1892 the name of the Presbytery of "Victoria and Richmond" was changed to "Inverness." In June, 1882, the name of the Presbytery of "Lunenburg and Yarmouth," was changed to "Lunenburg and Shelburne" owing to the transference of the congregations of Yarmouth and Carleton and Chebogne to the Presbytery of Halifax. In 1889 "the Presbytery of Trinidad" was formed; and on August 7th, 1895, the Presbytery of Newfoundland was united with that of Halifax, so that the number of Presbyteries remains the same as at the Union. Some changes have been made in the boundaries of several of the Presbyteries, but most remain very much the same in extent as in 1875.

On the Synod roll in 1875 there were the names of 157 ministers. On 1st May, 1896, there were 216, and at last Synod 236. Of the 157 on the roll in 1876, there are only 61 on the roll now; 42 in charge of congregations and 19 others, retired ministers, professors and the agent of the church. Only *seven* have remained in the same congregations since the Union, viz.: Donald Sutherland, in Gabarus; David Drummond, in Boulardarie; Dr. T. Sedgwick, in Tatamagouche; J. H. Chase, in Onslow; Allan Simpson, in Park St., Halifax; T. G. Johnston, in Blackville and Derby, and James Rosborough, in Musquodoboit Harbor. It should be noted, however, that Mr. Rosborough left Musquodoboit Harbor in 1883, and then, after pastorates in Shelburne and Tabusintac returned to his first love in 1892.

The number of licensures reported since the Union is 138 and of ordinations 182. The explanation of the extraordinary difference seems to be two-fold. First, a number of licensures and ordinations took place at the same meeting of Presbytery, but only the ordinations were reported. Secondly, many of the ministers ordained by our Presbyteries received licensure from Presbyteries outside of our Synod.

In order to get a better idea of the progress, the statistics for the years 1876, 1896 and 1896 should be tabulated and carefully compared.